

# SUNDAY LITURGY AT HOME

## *Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

*Lauds (Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours) combined with the readings of Mass and an Act of Spiritual Communion, for praying in our homes either as a family or by ourselves. If you are praying as a family one person leads, the others say the words in bold.*

### INTRODUCTORY RITES

#### Introduction

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✠ O God, ✠ come to our aid  
✠ O Lord, make haste to help us

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Alleluia!

#### Hymn

*St John Henry Newman*

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Holy God, we praise thy name;  
Lord of all, we bow before thee!  
All on earth thy sceptre own,  
All in heaven above adore thee.  
Infinite thy vast domain,  
Everlasting is thy reign.

Hark! the loud celestial hymn,  
Angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and seraphim,  
In unceasing chorus praising,  
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:  
Holy, holy, holy, Lord.

Holy Father, holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, three we name thee.  
While in essence only one  
Undivided God we claim thee;  
And adoring bend the knee,  
While we own the mystery.

Spare thy people, Lord, we pray,  
By a thousand snares surrounded;  
Keep us without sin today;  
Never let us be confounded.  
Lo, I put my trust in thee;  
Never, Lord, abandon me.

### PSALMODY

#### Song of rejoicing in salvation

*Ps 117(118)*

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*This is the stone which was rejected by you builders, but which has become the cornerstone (Acts 4:11)*

*Ant 1:* Blessed is he \* who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love endures for ever.

Let the sons of Israel say:  
**'His love endures for ever.'**  
Let the sons of Aaron say:  
**'His love endures for ever.'**  
Let those who fear the Lord say:  
**'His love endures for ever.'**

I called to the Lord in my distress;  
he answered and freed me.  
The Lord is at my side; I do not fear.  
What can man do against me?  
The Lord is at my side as my helper;  
I shall look down on my foes.

**It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in men;  
it is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in princes.**

The nations all encompassed me;  
in the Lord's name I crushed them.  
They compassed me, compassed me about;  
in the Lord's name I crushed them.  
They compassed me about like bees;  
they blazed like a fire among thorns.  
In the Lord's name I crushed them.

**I was hard-pressed and was falling,  
but the Lord came to help me.  
The Lord is my strength and my song;  
he is my saviour.  
There are shouts of joy and victory  
in the tents of the just.**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me.  
The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.  
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,  
but not doomed to die.

**Open to me the gates of holiness:  
I will enter and give thanks.  
This is the Lord's own gate  
where the just may enter.  
I will thank you for you have answered  
and you are my saviour.**

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad.

**O Lord, grant us salvation;  
O Lord, grant success.  
Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is he who comes.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
the Lord God is our light.**

*Ant 1:* **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!**

*Let every creature praise the Lord*

*Dan 3:52-57*

*The Creator is blessed for ever (Rom 1:25)*

*Ant 2:* Let us sing a hymn to our God. \* **Alleluia!**

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.  
To you glory and praise for evermore.

**Blest your glorious holy name.  
To you glory and praise for evermore.**

You are blest in the temple of your glory.  
To you glory and praise for evermore.

**You are blest who gaze into the depths.  
To you glory and praise for evermore.**

You are blest in the firmament of heaven.  
To you glory and praise for evermore.

**You who walk on the wings of the wind.  
To you glory and praise for evermore.**

*Ant 2:* Let us sing a hymn to our God. **Alleluia!**

*Praise the Lord*

*Ps 150*

*Sing praise in your spirit, sing praise with your soul, that is: give glory to God in both your soul and your body (Hesychius)*

*Ant 3:* Praise the Lord \* **for his surpassing greatness. Alleluia!**

Praise God in his holy place,  
praise him in his mighty heavens.  
Praise him for his powerful deeds,  
praise his surpassing greatness.

**O praise him with sound of trumpet,  
praise him with lute and harp.  
Praise him with timbral and dance,  
praise him with strings and pipes.**

*Ant 3:* Praise the Lord for his surpassing greatness. **Alleluia!**

Go forward in procession with branches  
even to the altar.

You are my God, I thank you.

My God, I praise you.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;  
for his love endures for ever.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,**  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

May they bless you, the saints and the angels.  
To you glory and praise for evermore.

**From the heavens, the earth and the sea.  
To you glory and praise for evermore.**

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.  
To you glory and praise for evermore.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,**  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

O praise him with resounding cymbals,  
praise him with clashing of cymbals.  
Let everything that lives and that breathes  
give praise to the Lord.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,**  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

## COLLECT OF THE MASS

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Let us pray.

**D**raw near to your servants, O Lord,  
and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness,  
that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide,  
you may restore what you have created  
and keep safe what you have restored.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

*Isaiah 55:1-3*

*Come and eat.*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord: Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

The word of the Lord.

**℟️ Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 144(145):8-9, 15-18*

**℟️ You open wide your hand, O Lord; you grant our desires.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures.

The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts.

The eyes of all creatures look to you  
and you give them their food in due time.  
You open wide your hand,  
grant the desires of all who live.

### Second Reading

*Romans 8:35, 37-39*

*No created thing can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ.*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**℟️ Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Man does not live on bread alone,**  
**but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.**  
**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:13-21

*The feeding of the five thousand.*

A reading from the Holy Gospel ✠ according to Matthew.

✠ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**W**hen Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining; twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

✠ **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Reflection

*A time for either silent reflection by oneself, or sharing amongst the household*

## PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

## Intercessions

In real humility of heart let us pray to God who cares for everyone, saying:

✠ **Lord, have mercy on your people.**

Defend the church against all danger. ✠

Protect Francis our Pope. ✠

Be the strength of Patrick our Bishop. ✠

Keep our parish united in prayer. ✠

Save your people. ✠

Preserve the world in peace. ✠

Bring light to those who do not believe. ✠

Guide the rulers of all nations. ✠

Come to the aid of the poor. ✠

Comfort the afflicted. ✠

Guide and strengthen healthcare workers. ✠

Bring an end to the coronavirus. ✠

Have mercy on the dead. ✠

*We pause to make our own prayers.*

We ask Mary to place the whole world under her maternal protection, saying:

**Hail Mary, full of grace,**  
**the Lord is with thee.**

**Blessed art thou amongst women,**  
**and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.**

**Holy Mary, Mother of God,**  
**pray for us sinners,**

**now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

## Our Father

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Let us pray together in the words Jesus taught us, saying:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

## Spiritual Communion

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*Spend a few moments in silence, then pray asking Jesus to make his home in your heart:*

**My Jesus,  
I believe that you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.  
I love you above all things,  
and I desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace you as if you were already there  
and unite myself wholly to you.  
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING AND CONCLUSION

### The Benedictus

*Luke 1:68-79*

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*The Messiah and the one who was sent before him*

*Ant:* With the five loaves and the two fish \* **the Lord fed five thousand men.**

**B**lessed be the Lord, ✠ the God of Israel!  
He has visited his people and redeemed them.

**He has raised up for us a mighty saviour  
in the house of David his servant,  
as he promised by the lips of holy men,  
those who were his prophets from of old.**

A saviour who would free us from our foes,  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
So his love for our fathers is fulfilled  
and his holy covenant remembered.

**He swore to Abraham our father to grant us,  
that free from fear,  
and saved from the hands of our foes,  
we might serve him in holiness and justice  
all the days of our life in his presence.**

As for you, little child,  
you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High.  
You shall go ahead of the Lord  
to prepare his ways before him,

**To make known to his people their salvation  
through forgiveness of all their sins,  
the loving-kindness of the heart of our God  
who visits us like the dawn from on high.**

He will give light to those in darkness,  
those who dwell in the shadow of death,  
and guide us into the way of peace.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

*Ant:* With the five loaves and the two fish the Lord fed five thousand men.

## Blessing

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The Lord bless us, ✠ and keep us from all evil,  
and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**