

Mass at Home

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 2021

Year B

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Introduction

Love is the heart of our faith and the fulfilment of every law. We gather to give thanks for the love we have been given, and to pray for the courage to be witnesses and sharers of that love

Penitential Rite

Let us acknowledge our failures to live according to God's loving commandment:

Lord, You are our strength and our shield. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, You save us from all our foes. Christ have mercy

Lord, You have shown your love for your people. Lord have mercy

Opening Prayer:

Almighty and merciful God, by whose gift your faithful offer you right and praiseworthy service, grant, we pray, that we may hasten without stumbling to receive the things you have promised.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

First Reading

Dt 6:2-6

Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

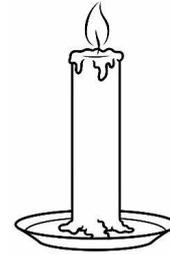
Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes



Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be to the God that saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown love for his anointed

Second Reading

Heb 7:23-28

This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

The word of God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 12:28-34

This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, ‘Which is the first of all the commandments?’ Jesus replied, ‘This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.’ The scribe said to him, ‘Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.’ Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, ‘You are not far from the kingdom of God.’ And after that no one dared to question him any more. This is the Word of God

Homily



Prayers of intercession

Presider

“God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved” and so it is with great assurance that we bring the world’s needs to the Lord.

Reader:

We pray for the whole Church, for all who bear the name of Christian: that the world will know who we are by the love that we show. Lord hear us

We pray for the nations of the earth: that all peoples may learn to live together in peace and love each other as sisters and brothers. Lord hear us

We pray for those who have not known much love in their lives, or who have been let down by those they love: that their wounds may be healed and their self-confidence renewed. Lord hear us.

We pray for those who find it hard to love or to look beyond their own needs: that their hearts may be melted by a genuine experience of human and divine love. Lord hear us

We pray for all who have died: that they may be brought into the fullness of God's love. Lord hear us

Parish prayer

God, Creator and Life-giver we thank you for the gift of one another in our Parish of St Paul Apostle. Bless us and our families with the power of your Spirit.

Inspired and motivated by St Paul's courage and commitment to the person of Christ, may we continue to be open to change and challenge!

Make us passionate and courageous in our mission of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Presider:

God, your love is the bedrock of all that we that are and all that we aspire to be. Hear our prayers and help us to grow in that love, through your Son, Christ our Lord Amen

Anima Christi Prayer (Spiritual Communion)

Soul of Christ, sanctify me; Body of Christ, save me;

Blood of Christ, inebriate me;

Water from the side of Christ, wash me;

Passion of Christ, strengthen me;

O good Jesus hear me; Within your wounds hide me;

From all harm protect me;

At the hour of my death, call me;

And close to you bid me; So that with your saints,

I may praise you forever and ever. Amen

Prayer after Communion:

May the working of your power, O Lord, increase in us, we pray, so that, renewed by these heavenly Sacraments, we may be prepared by your gift for receiving what they promise. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

CONCLUSION

May the Lord, the source of all love, make you channels of compassion and instruments of mercy; and may almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen

