

Mass at Home

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2021

Year B

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Introduction

Today's gospel explores the theme of generosity. With gratitude, we remember all those who have made sacrifices for us. Above all, we come together in this Mass to celebrate the self-giving love of our Lord Jesus.

Penitential Rite

Let us confess our sins, confident in God's mercy

Lord, You took the faults of many upon yourself. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, You care for us in our human struggles. Christ have mercy

Lord, You gave your life that others might live. Lord have mercy

Opening Prayer:

Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours. 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

1 Kgs 17:10-16

The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah.

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

“Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth.””

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah .

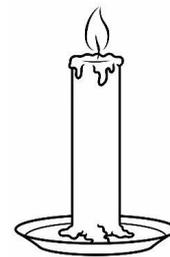
The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord who protects the stranger.

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion’s God, from age to age



Second Reading

Heb 9:24-28

Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him .

The word of God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Alleluia!

Gospel *Mk 12:38-44*

This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed .

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.' This is the Word of God

Homily



Prayers of intercession

Presider

Acknowledging our needs, we humbly bring our petitions before our generous God.

Reader:

We pray for our Pope, for bishops and priests, and for all who minister to God's people, that in the giving of themselves they will be richly blessed. Lord hear us

We pray for the government officials, especially those entrusted with public finances, that they may always serve the public good and never give way to self-interest. Lord hear us

We pray for charities who work tirelessly to support the most vulnerable people, that they may receive all the donations and volunteers they need. Lord hear us.

We pray for all families who struggle to survive, may they find the strength and support they need. Lord hear us

We pray for all who are impoverished spiritually or morally, that we may be generous in sharing our faith with others and have courage to speak out against exploitation and injustice. 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:

Merciful God, whose loving gaze is drawn to all who turn to you, we ask you to accept our prayers through Jesus 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:

Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord,
we give you thanks and beseech your mercy,
that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit,
the grace of integrity may endure in those your heavenly power has entered.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

CONCLUSION

May you be enriched with every spiritual gift; and may almighty God bless you,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen

