

Sunday Prayer at Home

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B



Introduction and Act of Repentance

Presider:

Today's reading revolve around healing and belief. Jesus risks touching a diseased man in order to heal him, while Paul talks about challenges of conscience in a world of differing beliefs. The invitation here is to be open to the call to trust that God is at work amid our fear of difference and 'otherness' and our fear of the darkness within ourselves

Penitential Act:

The Lord calls us to bring our weakness and our failings to him, for he is full of mercy for all who turn to him

Lord Jesus, you come to meet us in the darkness of our deepest fears.
Lord, have mercy

Lord Jesus, you are always willing to heal us. Christ, have mercy

Lord Jesus, you call us to freedom of mind and heart. Lord have mercy

Opening Prayer

Let us pray

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. 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

All: Amen

Reader: A reading from the book of Leviticus (13:1-2. 44-46)

As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

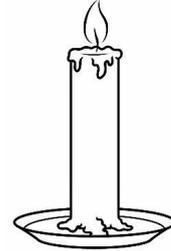
All:

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile.

But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.
I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart



***Reader: A reading from the first letter of St Paul
to the Corinthians (1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1)***

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people

Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark (1:40-45)

The leprosy left him and he was cured

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him. The gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Prayer of the Faithful

Presider: In a spirit of mercy and compassion we bring before God the needs of our suffering world

Reader:

We pray for our Holy Father, the Pope: that he may continue to lead us in building a Church of openness and compassion. Lord, hear us.

We pray for our world leaders: that their policies may be for the common good, remembering especially the needs of those who are poorest and most vulnerable . Lord, hear us

We pray for all parents: that they may raise their children in a spirit of wisdom, freedom and love. Lord hear us.

We pray for all prisoners: that God may help them to forgive and to seek forgiveness, knowing that there is room for them in the house of the loving Father of us all. Lord hear our prayer

We pray for all who are sick: That those who suffer the pain of sickness will be made whole by the touch of Christ. Lord hear us.

We pray for all who have died: that the dead who hungered for the bread of life will be filled with eternal joy. 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:

Loving Father, Jesus showed compassion to us through his healing touch. We ask you to accept our prayers, spoke and unspoken, in his name

All: 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

Having fed upon this heavenly food, we pray, O Lord, that we may always long for that food by which we truly live. Through Christ our Lord

CONCLUSION

Presider:

May the God of all consolation heal us from all that hurts us and free us from all that binds us. And may almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen

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