



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

St. Jude's Shrine, 24th Aug. 2025.

COMMENTARY *Brothers and sisters, the Lord God invites all of us to his table, where he offers his Word and his Body and Blood for our sustenance and our salvation. Praise be to God for his infinite love! May we proclaim the love we celebrate here wherever we are, fulfilling our vocation as pilgrims of hope in this world. Let us stand and begin our holy Eucharistic Celebration with the entrance hymn, and welcome Father Maximiliano.*

INTRODUCTORY RITES

1. ENTRANCE SONG

He is exalted
The King is exalted on high
and I will praise Him
He is exalted
Forever exalted
and I will praise His Name

**He is the Lord
Forever His truth shall Reign
Heaven and Earth
Rejoice in His Holy Name
He is exalted the King is exalted on high (2x)**

2. GREETINGS

Celebrant: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **All: Amen.**

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you All.

All: And with your spirit.

3. PENITENTIAL ACT

Celebrant: My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (And, striking the breast, say) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord, our God.

(Silence)

1. Lord Jesus, You came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father, **Lord, have mercy (2x)**
2. Lord Jesus, You heal the wounds of sin and division, **Christ, have mercy (2x)**

3. Lord Jesus, You intercede for us with Your Father, **Lord, have mercy (2x)**

Celebrant: May almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **All: Amen.**

4. GLORY

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on Earth! (2x)

1. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory!
Refrain
2. Lord, Jesus Christ, only son of the Father
Lord God, Lamb of God you take away the sins of the World,
Have mercy on us, have mercy on us
You are seated at the right hand of the Father
receive our pray'r, receive our pray'r.
Refrain
3. For you alone are the Holy One
You alone are the Lord
You alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, the Father...
Amen
Refrain (2x)

5. LET US PRAY

Celebrant: O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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. **All: Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

6. FIRST READING (Is 66:18-21)

A Reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah:

Thus says the LORD: I know their works and their thoughts, and I come to gather nations of every language; they shall come and see my glory. I will set a sign among them; from them I will send fugitives to the nations: to Tarshish, Put and Lud, Mosoch, Tubal and Javan, to the distant coastlands that have never heard of my fame, or seen my glory; and they shall proclaim my glory among the nations. They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations as an

offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots, in carts, upon mules and dromedaries, to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their offering to the house of the LORD in clean vessels.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

7. RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 117:1, 2)

(Mk 16:15)R. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News. or: R. Alleluia.

¹Praise the LORD all you nations;
glorify him, all you peoples!

Response

²For steadfast is his kindness toward us,
and the fidelity of the LORD endures forever.

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or: R. Alleluia.**

8. SECOND READING (HEB 12:5-7, 11-13)

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews:

Brothers and sisters, You have forgotten the exhortation addressed to you as children: "My son, do not disdain the discipline of the Lord or lose heart when reproved by him; for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines; he scourges every son he acknowledges." Endure your trials as "discipline"; God treats you as sons. For what "son" is there whom his father does not discipline? At the time, all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it. So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

9. GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Jn 14:6)

Alleluia (3x)

⁶I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia (3x)

10. GOSPEL READING (Lk 13:22-30)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you!

All: And with your Spirit.

Celebrant: A reading from the Holy Gospel, †
according to St. Luke:

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" He answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough. After the master of the house has arisen and locked the door, then will you stand outside knocking and saying, 'Lord, open the door for us.' He will say to you in reply, 'I do not know where you are from. And you will say, 'We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.' Then he

will say to you, 'I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!' And there will be wailing and grinding of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God and you yourselves cast out. And people will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You Lord, Jesus Christ.

Homily

**11. PROFESSION OF FAITH
(APOSTLE'S CREED)**

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and Earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. All: Amen.

12. PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Brothers and sisters, as a people of priests, let us raise our prayers to Christ, praying with faith: **Response: Send, Lord, heralds of your salvation!**

1. Lord, who came to offer salvation to the world;
grant your Church unity in the diversity of gifts and charisms.

Response

2. Lord, who came to help us in our weakness; grant the sick your consoling presence. **Response**

3. Lord, who were faithful to the call of the Father; grant our community joyful servants of your Word.

Response

4. Lord, who expect from us the practice of justice; grant that we may act in this world in accordance with the faith we now celebrate. **Response**

(other community prayers)

Celebrant: Father, your Son has the words of life; we have nowhere to go but to him. Our prayers are offered in his name, the Lord of the Church, who lives and reigns forever and ever. **All: Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

13. OFFERING SONG

1. Blest are you, Lord, God of all creation
thanks to your goodness this bread we offer

fruit of the Earth, work of our hands,
it will become the bread of life.

**Blessed be God! Blessed be God!
Blessed be God forever! Amen!**

2. Blest are you, Lord, God of all creation,
thanks to your goodness this wine we offer:
fruit of the earth, work of our hands
it will become the cup of joy.

Celebrant: Pray, brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

14. PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS **Let us Pray**

Celebrant: O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption through the one sacrifice offered once for all, bestow graciously on us, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace in your church. Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

15. EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

All: **It is right and just.**

Preface II:

It is truly right and just, our duty and salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father most holy, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, your Word through whom you made all things, whom you sent as our Savior and Redeemer, incarnate by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin. Fulfilling your will and gaining for you a holy people, he stretched out his hands as he endured his Passion, so as to break the bonds of death and manifest the resurrection. And so, with the Angels and all the Saints we declare your glory, as with one voice we acclaim: **Holy, Holy...**

Holy, Holy, Holy,
Lord God of host
Heaven and Earth,
Are full of your glory

Hosanna in the highest (2x)

Blessed is he who comes
In the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest (2x)

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness. Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body † and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT: FOR THIS IS MY BODY WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT: FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith.

All: **When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with **Leo our Pope and Odilo our Bishop** and all the clergy.

† Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face.

Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse, *with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be co-heirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Celebrant: **Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever. All: Amen.**

16. COMMUNION RITE

Celebrant: At the Savior's command, formed by divine teaching, we dare to say together:

All: **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.**

Celebrant: Deliver us, Lord; we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will, Who live and reign for ever and ever.
All: Amen.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.
All: Peace be with you!

17. **LAMB OF GOD**

**Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Prince of Peace
Emmanuel, Morning Star, King of Kings,
and Lord of Lords**

(Each verse has a CALL and the Choir repeats)

1. Lamb of God, You take away
The sins of all, the World,
Miserere nobis
2. Bread of life, You take away
The sins of all, the World,
Miserere nobis
3. Agnus Dei, You take away
The sins of all, the World,
Dona nobis Pacem

Celebrant: This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

18. **COMMUNION SONG**

1. As the deer pants for the water
So my soul longs after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee.

**You alone are my strength, my shield
To you alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee**

2. You're my friend and you are my brother
Even though you are king
I love you more than any other
So much more than anything.
Refrain
3. I want you more than gold or silver
only you can satisfy
You alone are the real joy giver
And the apple of my eye.
Refrain

19. **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:** **Let us pray**

Celebrant: Complete within us, O Lord, we pray, the healing work of your mercy and graciously perfect and sustain us, so that in all things we may please you. Through Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

CONCLUDING RITES

20. **FINAL BLESSING**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your Spirit.

Celebrant: And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son † and the Holy Spirit come down on you and remain with you forever. **All: Amen**

Celebrant: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life. **All: Thanks be to God.**

21. **FINAL SONG**

**(2x) Jesus Christ, you are my life
Halleluja, Halleluja
Jesus Christ, you are my life
You are my life, Halleluja**

1. Tu sei via, sei verità
Tu sei la nostra vita
Camminando insieme a te
Vivremo in te per sempre
(1x) Refrain

2. Ci accogli nell'unità
Riuniti nell'amore
Nella gioia dinanzi a te
Cantando la tua gloria
(1x) Refrain

3. Nella gioia camminerem
Portando il tuo Vangelo
Testimoni di carità
Figli di Dio nel mondo

**Jesus Christ, you are my life
Halleluja, Halleluja
Jesus Christ, you are my life
You are my life, Halleluja**

22. **ADDITIONAL PRAYERS**

**Hail Mary, Full of Grace, The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among 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.**



SAVE THE DATE
Next English mass at
St. Jude's shrine:
September 21 at 10am.