

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

(Lk 14:25-33)

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

 A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**Profession of Faith** (Nicene Creed)

I believe in one God, / the Father almighty, / maker of heaven and earth, / of all things visible and invisible. / I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, / the Only Begotten Son of God, / born of the Father before all ages. / God from God, / Light from Light, / true God from true God, / begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; / through him all things were made. / For us men and for our salvation / he came down from heaven,

*At the words that follow, up to and including
and became man, all bow.*

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary, / and became man. / For our sake
he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, / he

suffered death and was buried, / and rose again
on the third day / in accordance with the
Scriptures. / He ascended into heaven / and is
seated at the right hand of the Father. / He will
come again in glory / to judge the living and the
dead / and his kingdom will have no end. / I
believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of
life, / who proceeds from the Father and the
Son, / who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified, / who has spoken through the
prophets. / I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church. / I confess one Baptism for
the forgiveness of sins / and I look forward to
the resurrection of the dead / and the life of the
world to come. Amen.

The priest introduces the Prayer of the Faithful.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), ...

**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.**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

Sanctus

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and
earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the
highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

After the Consecration

The mystery of faith.

**Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross
and Resurrection you have set us free.**

THE COMMUNION RITE

At the Saviour's command ...

Our Father, who art in heaven, ...

Showing the Eucharist to the people, the priest says:

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes
away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called
to the supper of the Lamb.

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

Communion Antiphon (Cf. Ps 41:2-3)

**Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.**

The People's Mass

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon (Ps 118:137.124)

**You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is
right; treat your servant in accord with your
merciful love.**

In the name of the Father, ... **Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, ...

And with your spirit.**Penitential Act**

Brethren (brothers and sisters), ...

A brief pause for silence follows.

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

For we have sinned against you.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

And grant us your salvation.May almighty God have mercy on us, ... **Amen.****Gloria**

**Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace
to people of good will. / We praise you, / we
bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we
give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God,
heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord
Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away
the sins of the world, have mercy on us; / you
take away the sins of the world, receive our
prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the
Father, have mercy on us. / 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.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING (WIS 9:13-18)

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

What man can know the intentions of God? Who
can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of
mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for
a perishable body presses down the soul, and this
tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is
hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,
laborious to know what lies within our reach; who,
then, can discover what is in the heavens?

As for your intention, who could have learnt it,
had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit
from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth

been straightened and men been taught what
pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Ps 89:3-6.12-14.17)

**℟ O Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to the next.**

1. You turn men back into dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. **℟**
2. You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. **℟**
3. Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. **℟**
4. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. **℟**

SECOND READING (Phm 9-10.12-17)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon.

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is
more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing
to you for a child of mine, whose father I became
while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am
sending him back to you, and with him — I could
say — a part of my own self. I should have liked to
keep him with me; he could have been a substitute
for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the
Good News has brought me. However, I did not
want to do anything without your consent; it would
have been forcing your act of kindness, which
should be spontaneous. I know you have been
deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so
that you could have him back for ever, not as a
slave any more, but something much better than a
slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but
how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well
as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in
common means anything to you, welcome him as
you would me.

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