



THE LORD'S DAY AT HOME

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)
Sunday 11th July 2021

If you are housebound or self-isolating at this time, please use these prayers to unite yourself with the worship of the Universal Church, and your own Parish this Sunday. If alone, read or say these prayers quietly to yourself. If with another, or in a family, someone should read the "leader" parts, and others respond. It might be suitable to find a special, quiet place at home for your prayers.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 16:15

A: As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Sign of the Cross

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

Introduction

L: Today we hear Jesus sending his apostles on their first missionary journey, equipped with nothing more than what they have heard and seen of Him: we too receive the same gift, and the same mission! Let us pray today that we may use our meeting with Jesus to inspire us to share His message with those we meet. To begin we acknowledge our sins, and ask for mercy:

Penitential Act

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, 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.

Gloria

**A: 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.

Opening Prayer

L: Let us pray.

O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour. 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.

A: Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Gospel Reading

Mark 6:7-13

Jesus made a tour round the villages, teaching. Then he summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

A: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Reflection (from Pope Francis' Message for World Mission Day 2021)

"Our life of faith grows weak, loses its prophetic power and its ability to awaken amazement and gratitude when we become isolated and withdraw into little groups. By its very nature, the life of faith calls for a growing openness to embracing everyone, everywhere. The first Christians, far from yielding to the temptation to become an elite group, were inspired by the Lord and his offer of new life to go out among the nations and to bear witness to what they had seen and heard: the good news that the Kingdom of God is at hand. They did so with the generosity, gratitude and nobility typical of those who sow seeds in the knowledge that others will enjoy the fruit of their efforts and sacrifice. I like to think that "even those who are most frail, limited and troubled can be missionaries in their own way, for goodness can always be shared, even if it exists alongside many limitations" (*Christus Vivit*, 239). ... Always, but especially in these times of pandemic, it is important to grow in our daily ability to widen our circle, to reach out to others who, albeit physically close to us, are not immediately part of our "circle of interests" (cf. *Fratelli Tutti*, 97). To be on mission is to be willing to think as Christ does, to believe with him that those around us are also my brothers and sisters. May his compassionate love touch our hearts and make us all true missionary disciples."

For our Younger Friends

When you have a job to do, you want the right tools to use. So if you are drawing a picture, you need your pens and pencils and colours. If you are making a lego model, you need all the right pieces! Jesus gives his

friends a job to do today – to go out and tell people about him. But what “tools” do they have? Only one thing – that they know Jesus! That is the only tool we need today, if we are to help let the world know about Jesus. So how well do you know him?

Profession of Faith

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come 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 life everlasting. Amen.

Intercessions

L: Let us pray that all peoples will be filled with spiritual blessings which lead to praise of God’s glorious grace.

L: Let us pray for the blessing of a strong faith and a joyful spirit that all peoples may be loud in God’s praise. Lord, in your mercy...

A: Hear our prayer.

L: Let us pray for the blessing of good health and happiness that our days may be lived in the fullness of physical and emotional vitality. Rejoicing in God’s goodness, we ask: Lord, in your mercy...

A: Hear our prayer.

L: Let us pray for the blessing of vocation to the ordained ministries, religious life, or lay apostolates that the gospel’s joy and consolation may reach all peoples. Lord, in your mercy...

A: Hear our prayer.

L: On this Sea Sunday let us pray for the blessing of all who work on or under the sea, that we may not take their sacrifices for granted, that they may have safety and spiritual security. We pray also for the work of Stella Maris and all who support seafarers. Lord, in your mercy...

A: Hear our prayer.

Please add your own prayers for the needs of the Church, the world and your local community. You may wish to add particular prayers for family members, friends or neighbours in need at this time.

THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord’s Prayer

L: At the Saviour’s command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

A: 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. Amen.

L: Hear your Church, O Lord, as she makes her prayer to you, and grant that the marvellous gifts of your grace may bring ever greater holiness. Through Christ our Lord.

A: Amen.

Preparation for Spiritual Communion

L: Lord, holy Father, in you we live and move and have our being, and while in this body we not only experience the daily effects of your care, but even now possess the pledge of life eternal. For, having received the first fruits of the Spirit, through whom you raised up Jesus from the dead, we hope for an everlasting share in the Paschal Mystery. Jesus, your Son, taking bread and wine, the fruits of the earth, at the Last Supper, gave himself as a perfect offering to you, and to be with his friends always. Even though we are not in Church, and not able to receive communion today, we open our minds and hearts now to your generous love and the gift of Jesus your Son, welcoming him spiritually into our lives.

Pause for a moment of silent prayer and reflection.

Spiritual Communion

A: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already

there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Thanksgiving Psalm

L: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

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L: I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land.

A: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

L: Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven.

A: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

L: The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps.

A: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

THE CONCLUDING RITE

Final Prayer and Blessing

L: Let us pray.

We pray, O Lord, that, by our spiritual participation in this mystery, its saving effects upon us may grow. Through Christ our Lord.

A: Amen.

L: May the Lord ✠ bless us, protect us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

A: Amen.

L: Let us bless the Lord!

A: Thanks be to God!

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