



St. Mark
Catholic Church



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 13, 2020

Order of the Mass

Introductory Rites

Entrance Hymn: Gathered as One

1. Many faces, the young and the old,
gathered as in our God!
Throughout hist'ry the story's retold,
gathered as one in our God!
Like those come before us, we listen and learn.
We remember the promise and await your return.
So without hesitation a new generation
proclaims the salvation of God!

Refrain

Gathered as one in Jesus your Son,
lifting our voices in praise,
we know and believe and long to receive
the bread that is strength for our days, gathered as one!



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.

-or-

... Lord, have mercy

R: Lord, have mercy

... Christ, have mercy

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... Lord, have mercy

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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.



Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Sirach 27:30–28:7

Wrath and anger are hateful things,
yet the sinner hugs them tight.
The vengeful will suffer the Lord's vengeance,
for he remembers their sins in detail.
Forgive your neighbor's injustice;
then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.
Could anyone nourish anger against another
and expect healing from the Lord?
Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself,
can he seek pardon for his own sins?
If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath,
who will forgive his sins?
Remember your last days, set enmity aside;
remember death and decay, and cease from sin!
Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor;
remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

Psalm:

Psalm 103: The Lord Is Kind and Merciful

Refrain

The Lord is kind and mer-ci - ful, the
Lord is kind and mer - ci - ful.

Verses

1. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all my being bless God's name;
bless the Lord, and forget not God's benefits.
2. God pardons all your iniquities, and comforts your sorrows,
redeems your life from destruction and crowns you with kindness.
3. Merciful, merciful, and gracious is our God;
slow to anger, abounding in kindness.



Second Reading: **Romans 14:7-9**

Brothers and sisters: None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

GOSPEL ALLELUIA

Stephen Pishner

Al - le - lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia!



Gospel: **Matthew 18:21-35**

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, “Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus answered, “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.’ Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized one of his fellow servants and started to choke him, demanding, ‘Pay back what you owe.’ Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.’ But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?’ Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart.”



Homily

Profession of Faith

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, 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.

Prayer's of the Faithful



Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer Acclamations:

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.

Memorial Acclamation

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

– or –

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death O Lord, until you come again.

Amen

Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.



The communion procession will form by way of one, single-file line in each aisle. When coming forward, all must wear a mask and maintain 6ft distancing. For safety reasons, we ask that people receive on the hand, step aside, remove mask and consume host. Then put mask back on until back in pew. Those not receiving communion are to remain in pew. Please keep your hand flat when receiving the Eucharist to avoid contact with the minister. It is possible the priest or the ministers will need to sanitize our hands in between communicants.

Communion Hymn: Abundant Life

1. We cannot own the sunlit sky,
The moon, the wildflow'rs growing,
For we are part of all that is
Within life's river flowing.
With open hands receive and share
The gifts of God's creation,
That all may have abundant life
In ev'ry earthly nation.
2. When bodies shiver in the night
And weary, wait for morning,
When children have no bread but tears,
And warhorns sound their warning,
God calls humanity to wake,
To join in common labor,
That all may have abundant life
In oneness with their neighbor.
3. God calls humanity to join
As partners in creating
A future free from want or fear,
Life's goodness celebrating,
That new world beckons from afar,
Invites our shared endeavor,
That all may have abundant life
And peace endure forever.



Recessional Hymn: God of Day and God of Darkness

1. God of day and God of darkness,
Now we stand before the night;
As the shadows stretch and deepen,
Come and make our darkness bright.
All creation still is groaning
For the dawning of your might,
When the Sun of peace and justice
Fills the earth with radiant light.

2. Still the nations curse the darkness,
Still the rich oppress the poor;
Still the earth is bruised and broken
By the ones who still want more.
Come and wake us from our sleeping,
So our hearts cannot ignore
All your people lost and broken,
All your children at our door.

3. You shall be the path that guides us,
You the light that in us burns;
Shining deep within all people,
Yours the love that we must learn,
For our hearts shall wander restless
'Til they safe to you return;
Finding you in one another,
We shall all your face discern.