

At Home Liturgy of the Word
Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

+In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER, leader

O God, draw near to your servants,
and answer our prayers with unceasing kindness, that,
for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide,
you may restore what you have created
and keep safe what you have restored,
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

- I. A. **Jeremiah 20:7-9** (*Old Testament*) *Find this scripture passage in your Bible and have someone read it.*
- B. *Spend a few moments reflecting on this reading. Then all who wish can share what thought comes to mind, like a reference to another scripture passage, a memory from one's life, a song, a dream, a statement, or the word or phrase from this passage that you remember or like the most; or draw the picture that stayed in your mind. This is to be short and simple with no discussion at this time.*

II. PSALM RESPONSE, *read together*

Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

Antiphon:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (cf. 2b)

O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines
and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary to see your power and your glory,
For your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you.

Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.
As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied,
and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.

My soul clings fast to you; your right hand upholds me.

Repeat the Antiphon

- III. A. **Romans 12:1-2** (*New Testament*); *Find this scripture passage in your Bible and have someone read it.*
- B. *Spend a few moments reflecting on this reading. Then all who wish can share what thought comes to mind as before.*
- IV. A. **Matthew 16:21-27** (*New Testament*); *Find this scripture passage in your Bible and have someone read it.*
- B. *Spend a few moments reflecting on this reading. Then all who wish can share what thought comes to mind as before.*

V. *Now spend some time discussing how these readings relate to your lives. These discussion questions* may be helpful:*

1. What does it mean to you to deny yourself? To take up your cross? To follow Christ?
2. Describe an experience when what seemed to be bad news turned out to be good news.
3. Relate an experience when God's way did not meet your expectations.

VI. PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Leader: With our petitions, let us turn to God, our only hope.

Reader:

1. For those Christians who do not recognize the face of Jesus in people of all ages, colors, nationalities and lifestyles,
we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
2. For those nations that continue to wage war and those people who terrorize others, we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
3. For those people in positions of influence who do not teach tolerance and love to the world by their example,
we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
4. For victims of serious lies or unfair decisions,
we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
5. For youth and catechists, students and teachers who grow in the knowledge of this world and in the wisdom of God,
we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Other intercessions may be added. If praying for an individual or a certain group of people, conclude the intercession with praying for all in that specific situation.

LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Let us hold each other in spiritual communion with all members of the Church, as we dare to say:

**Our Father who art in heaven...For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

CONCLUDING PRAYER, leader

All powerful and eternal God,
you who sent us Jesus to show us how to be church,
listen to the prayers that this assembly directs to you.
We ask this in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord.

Please write down any questions or comments and pass them on to your pastor.

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