



CHRIST

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# Mass

## Thursday of the Ninth Week in Ordinary Time

### **[Stand]**

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

**Leader:** Let us call to mind our sins.

### **Penitential Act**

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, 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.

**Leader:** Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

**Leader:** Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

**Leader:** Lord, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

### **Opening Prayer**

**Leader:** Let us pray

O God, whose providence never fails in its design,  
keep from us, we humbly beseech you,  
all that might harm us  
and grant all that works for our good.  
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

### *[Only Reader Stands]*

**Reader:** A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

Beloved: Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my Gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory. This saying is trustworthy: / If we have died with him / we shall also live with him; / if we persevere / we shall also reign with him. / But if we deny him / he will deny us. / If we are unfaithful / he remains faithful, / for he cannot deny himself.

Remind people of these things and charge them before God to stop disputing about words. This serves no useful purpose since it harms those who listen. Be eager to present yourself as acceptable to God, a workman who causes no disgrace, imparting the word of truth without deviation.  
*[Timothy 2:8-15]*

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Reader:** Teach me your ways, O Lord.

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**Reader:** Your ways, O Lord, make known to me;  
teach me your paths,  
Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my savior. **Response**

Good and upright is the Lord;  
thus he shows sinners the way.  
He guides the humble to justice,  
he teaches the humble his way. **Response**

All the paths of the Lord are kindness and constancy  
toward those who keep his covenant and his decrees.  
The friendship of the Lord is with those who fear him,  
and his covenant, for their instruction. **Response** *[Psalm 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14]*

### *[All Stand for Gospel]*

**Leader:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: *Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.* The second is this: *You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.*" The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, *He is One and there is no other than he. And to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.*" And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the Kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask him any more questions. *[Mark 12:28-34]*

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## Reflection/Discussion

## Universal Prayer

**Leader:** Let us pray.  
For the leaders of the Church... *[Pause for silent or spoken intentions.]*  
We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For the leaders of nations... *[Pause for silent or spoken intentions.]*  
We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For the sick and their caregivers, especially those sick with coronavirus,  
and for an end to this pandemic... *[Pause for silent or spoken intentions.]*  
We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For our St. Elizabeth parish family... *[Pause for silent or spoken intentions.]*  
We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For those who have died... *[Pause for silent or spoken intentions.]*  
We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader:** Let us gather all of our intentions into the prayer that Jesus taught us.

All: Our Father, who art in heaven...

**Leader:** 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.

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

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