

# Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26, 2020

St Henry and St Stephen Catholic Churches

## Introductory Rites

**Entrance Antiphon [Introit]**      Psalm 68: 6-7, 36

God is in his holy place,  
God who unites those who dwell in his house;  
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

### **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.

## Collect

O God, protector of those who hope in you,  
without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy,  
bestow in abundance your mercy upon us,  
and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide,  
we may use the good things that pass  
in such a way as to hold fast even now  
to those that ever endure.

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. Amen.

## Liturgy of the Word

**First Reading** I Kings 3:5,7-12

*A reading from the First Book of Kings:*

The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night.

God said, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you."

Solomon answered:

"O LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant, king  
to succeed my father David;

but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act.

I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen,  
a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted.

Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart  
to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong.

For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?"

The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request.

So God said to him:

"Because you have asked for this—

not for a long life for yourself,

nor for riches,

nor for the life of your enemies,

but for understanding so that you may know what is right—

I do as you requested.

I give you a heart so wise and understanding  
that there has never been anyone like you up to now,  
and after you there will come no one to equal you.”

The Word of the Lord

*All: Thanks be to God.*

**Responsorial Psalm**    Psalm 119: 57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

**R. Lord, I love your commands.**

I have said, O LORD, that my part  
is to keep your words.  
The law of your mouth is to me more precious  
than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

Let your kindness comfort me  
according to your promise to your servants.  
Let your compassion come to me that I may live,  
for your law is my delight.

For I love your command  
more than gold, however fine.  
For in all your precepts I go forward;  
every false way I hate.

Wonderful are your decrees;  
therefore I observe them.  
The revelation of your words sheds light,  
giving understanding to the simple.

**R. Lord, I love your commands.**

**Second Reading** Romans 8: 28-30

*A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans*

Brothers and sisters:

We know that all things work for good for those who love God,  
who are called according to his purpose.

For those he foreknew he also predestined  
to be conformed to the image of his Son,  
so that he might be the firstborn  
among many brothers and sisters.

And those he predestined he also called;  
and those he called he also justified;  
and those he justified he also glorified.

The Word of the Lord

*All: Thanks be to God.*

**Gospel Verse** Matthew 11:25

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Gospel** Matthew 13: 44-46

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew *All: Glory to you, O Lord.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field,  
which a person finds and hides again,  
and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.  
Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant  
searching for fine pearls.

When he finds a pearl of great price,  
he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.”

The Gospel of the Lord

*All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

## Homily

### Profession of Faith - The Apostles' Creed

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.

### Prayers of the Faithful

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

### Offertory Antiphon Psalm 30:2-3

I will extol you, O Lord, for you drew me clear and did not let my enemies rejoice  
over me. O Lord, my God, I cried out to you and you healed me.

### Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings  
which we bring from the abundance of your gifts,  
that through the powerful working of your grace  
these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present way of life  
and lead us to eternal gladness.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Preface**

*Priest:* Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

*All:* 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.

## **Preface Dialogue**

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.      *All:* And with your spirit.

*Priest:* Lift up your hearts.      *All:* We lift them up to the Lord.

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. *All:* It is right and just.

## **Holy, Holy, Holy**

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.

## **The Mystery of Faith**

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

## **The Lord's Prayer**

### **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.

### **Communion Antiphon**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and never forget all his benefits. Psalm 103:2

— or —

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Matthew 5:7-8

## **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

*“My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar. 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.”*

## **Prayer after Communion**

We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament,  
the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son;  
grant, we pray, that this gift,  
which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling,  
may profit us for salvation.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Prayer of Pope Francis during the COVID-19 Pandemic**

O Mary,  
you always shine on our path  
as a sign of salvation and of hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.  
You, Salvation of all people,  
know what we need,  
and we are sure you will provide  
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,  
we may return to joy and to feasting  
after this time of trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform to the will of the Father  
and to do as we are told by Jesus,  
who has taken upon himself our sufferings  
and carried our sorrows  
to lead us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God.  
Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial,  
but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

# Concluding Rites

## **Solemn Blessing**

May almighty God always keep every adversity far from you  
and in his kindness pour out upon you the gifts of his blessing.

Amen.

May God keep your hearts attentive to his words,  
that they may be filled with everlasting gladness.

Amen.

And so, may you always understand what is good and right,  
and be found ever hastening along  
in the path of God's commands,  
and coheirs with the citizens of heaven.

Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,  
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.