

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Introductory Rite

Entrance Hymn – #521 God of Mercy

Refrain

*God of mercy, holy mys'try, ever faithful one,
You have pitched your tent among us reconciling love.
Heart and mind of Christ, live within our lives, form us into
people of mercy and grace.*

You have called us each by name in your great compassion,
encompassing our failings with mercy.

God of mercy, lead us.

Slow to anger, rich in love, you bestow forgiveness. May we, in
turn, forgive those who harm us.

God of mercy, lead us.

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Greeting

Penitential Act: Confiteor

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,

Christ have Mercy,

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.

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Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: SIR 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.

The Word of the Lord

R: Thanks be to God

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Responsorial Psalm: PS 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

He will not always chide, nor does he keep his wrath forever. Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

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Responsorial Psalm: PS 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

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Second Reading: ROM 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.

The Word of the Lord.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia: CF. EPH 1:17-18

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:
love one another as I have loved you.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

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Gospel: MT 18:15-20

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.

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.

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When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him 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.

The Gospel of the Lord

R: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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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.

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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.

Universal Prayer

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Offertory Hymn - #551 God of Might and God of Mercy

God of might and God of mercy, ever ancient, ever new, we have gathered as your people to declare our faith in you. Drawn by hope, yet still uncertain, we implore you to come near. Show your face; draw back the curtain to reveal your presence here.

God of pow'r and God of promise, we have sought you in your Word, so mysteriously spoken and so falteringly heard in the deeds of epic stories, in the dreams of prophets past, through the Christ who lives among us and his Spirit unsurpassed.

God of symbol, God of substance, by your sacramental signs, we encounter you among us in such power filled designs. Help us recognize your presence in the gifts of field and vine: broken bread, a Christic body; outpoured cup, his love divine.

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Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts

P. "...that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father,"

R. 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.

Prayer over the offerings

R. Amen

Preface

P. The Lord be with you **R. And with your spirit**

P. Lift up your hearts **R. We lift them up to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

R. It is right and just

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P. Eucharistic Prayer “.....as with one voice we acclaim:

R. 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.

P. Eucharistic Prayer continues “...The mystery of faith.”

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

The Eucharistic Prayer culminates and concludes when the Priest sings or says:

P. Through Him, and with Him and in Him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, forever and ever.

Great Amen

R. Amen

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The Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God Litany

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.

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

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Communion Hymn - #361 Our Blessing Cup

Refrain:

Our blessing cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ; and the bread we break, it is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.

How can we make a return for all the goodness God has shown?
We will take the Cup of Life, and call upon God's name.

Precious indeed in your sight, the life and death of those you love. We are your servants, for you have set us free.

Gracious and merciful God, we give you thanks and bless your name: with all your people, praise and glory to your name.

For you have heard my voice, for you have heard my pleading.
Though death surrounded me, you heard and answered me.

Concluding Rite

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Closing Hymn - #476 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty. There
is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed; There is
joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind,
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind, if our love
were but more simple we should take him at his word, and our
lives would be thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

Troubled souls, why will you scatter like a crowd of frightened
sheep? Foolish hearts, why will you wander from a love so true
and deep? There is welcome for the sinner and more graces for
the good; There is mercy with the Savior, there is healing in his
blood.

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