

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

GREETING

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit**

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You will come in glory with salvation for your people: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

THE 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.**

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 30:10-14
A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to

heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 68:14.17.30-31.33-34.36-37

R. Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.

1. This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. **(R)**
2. As for me in my poverty and pain let your help, O God, lift me up. I will praise God's name with a song; I will glorify him with thanksgiving. **(R)**
3. The poor when they see it will be glad and God - seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. **(R)**
4. For God will bring help to Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah. The sons of his servants shall inherit it; those who love his name shall dwell there. **(R)**

SECOND READING Colossians 1:15-20
A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians.

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers - all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord. I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!



GOSPEL Luke 10: 25-37
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

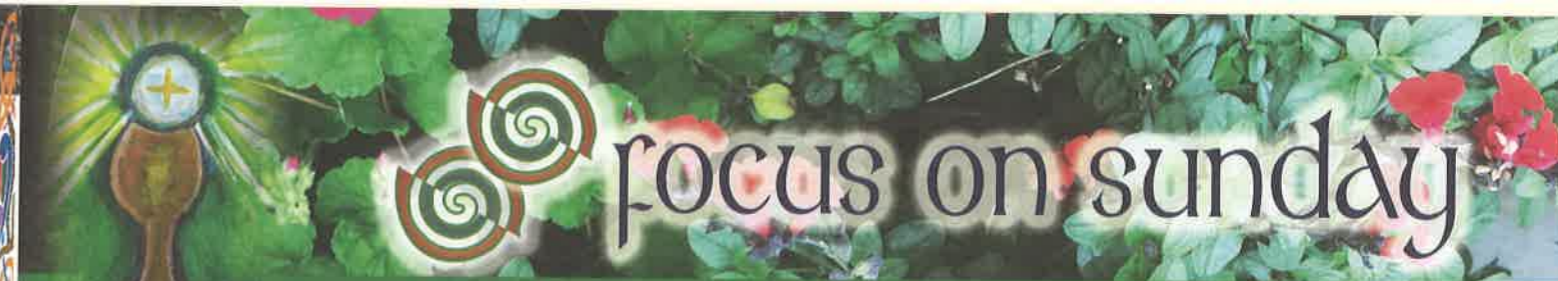
There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus. 'Do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself.'

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

NICENE CREED
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,

All bow for following three lines: 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.



Everyone is my neighbour; everyone is a brother and sister in Christ. And that makes a change in how we treat each other. Or does it?

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.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters,
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
Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord, as she makes her prayer to you, and grant that, when consumed by those who believe, they may bring ever greater holiness. Through Christ our Lord.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER
The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right and just.**

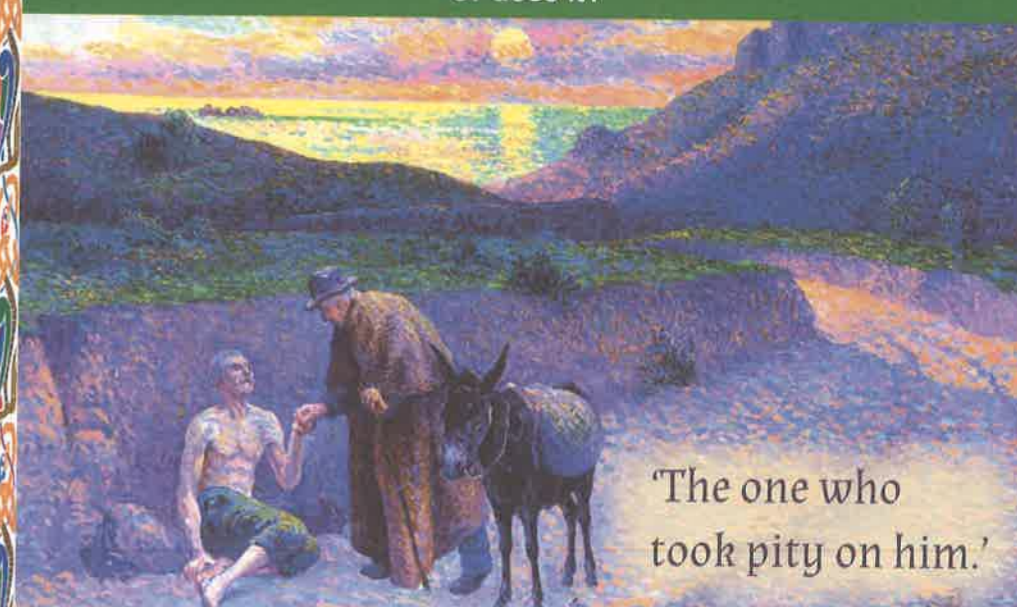
SANCTUS
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts....

AFTER THE CONSECRATION
The mystery of faith.
Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION
Behold the Lamb of God,
Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord, that, by our participation in this mystery, its saving effects upon us may grow. Through Christ our Lord.



'The one who took pity on him.'



The universally loved parable of the Good Samaritan teaches us that everyone without exception is our neighbour. When black people began to move in to a white neighbourhood in an American city and started frequenting the local parish church, some wealthy white families took their worship to a church

that was farther away and one hundred percent white. Those who moved were deemed to be good Catholics and generous with their time, talents and financial resources. They just didn't want to be in the same church building as black people. Prejudice runs deep.

Who is my neighbour? Anybody at all who is in need of help. My car battery died one evening in a lonely place on a country road and I was very anxious until someone with a battery pack came along and helped me. "My battery died one time," he said, "and ever since then I carry a battery pack so as to help others." When the Good Samaritan saw the man lying beaten and half dead on the roadside he felt a surge of compassion for him. Compassion for someone in need is a healthy reaction. It puts us in touch with our own humanity and reminds us of our own vulnerability. Time and again Jesus felt compassion for people who were in distress. When I see someone in distress I slow down and imagine myself in their shoes. That gets me up and running to help them.

The Good Samaritan felt compassion towards the person who had been beaten and left for dead. He was able to put himself in the victim's position and feel his pain. That's a healthy human reaction but it's not something that comes easily to everyone. We can choose to ignore someone in trouble, assume they are capable of dealing with their plight without our help. When we act like that we are not in touch with ourselves. St. Bernard of Clairvaux said that self-knowledge, awareness of one's own limitations, weakness and faintheartedness leads one to have compassion for another. Jesus was the great man of compassion. He was also the one who was beaten and left for dead.

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Jesus' Story *Liam Hickey*
Jesus tells a story about a man who was lying on the road. All his money was robbed, and he was hurt. Some people saw the man, but they pretended not to see him. They were afraid. Then a stranger came, who never went to church. He felt sorry for the man. He lifted him on to his horse, and brought him to have his wounds bandaged. He also gave him money for food. Then Jesus told the people that God Our Father is like that man who helped. God always wants to help us, whether we are sick or healthy, rich or poor, down and out.

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