

# Text of the Mass for Sunday XXVIII (12<sup>th</sup> October) 2025

As the priest enters the church, the following is sung:

Father of mercy, God of consolation, Look on Your people, gathered here to praise You, Pity our weakness, come in power and aid us, Source of all blessing.

Son of the Father, Lord of all creation, Come as our Saviour, Jesus, Friend of sinners, Grant us forgiveness, lift our downcast spirit, Heal us and save us.

Life-giving Spirit, be our light in darkness, Come to befriend us, help us bear our burdens, Give us true courage, breathe Your peace around us, Stay with us always.

God in Three Persons, Father Son and Spirit, Come to renew us, fill Your Church with glory, Grant us Your healing, pledge of Resurrection, Foretaste of Heaven.

> Words: James Quinn SJ b1919 Music: Coelities plaudant From the Rouen Antiphoner 1728 Harmony by R Vaughan Williams

+ Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

We have sinned through our thoughts and through our thoughtlessness: Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

We have sinned through our words and through our silence: Christe eleison.

Christe eleison.

We have sinned through our deeds and through our inaction: Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison

Thou shalt purge me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be clean: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. *Ps.* Have mercy upon me, O God: after thy great goodness. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son; and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. Thou shalt purge me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be clean: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

If You, O Lord, laid bare our guilt, who could endure it; but You are forgiving, God of Israel. Out of the depths have I called to You, O Lord: Lord, hear my prayer. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

If You, O Lord &c

During the Gloria in excelsis, the Altar, the symbol of God's Presence, may be honoured with incense.

## Glory be to God on high.

And in earth peace, goodwill towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father. that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy, Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high, + in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Let us pray:

O God, our Life, our Health our Salvation, look with mercy on Your people. Stir up in us a saving Faith, that believing, we may be healed and being healed, we may worthily give You thanks; in and through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, Who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God, throughout all ages world without end.

Amen.

A Reading from the latter Book of the Kings.

Naaman went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him; and he said, "Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant." But he said, "As the LORD lives, whom I serve, I will receive none." And he urged him to take it, but he refused. Then Na'aman said, "If not, I pray you, let there be given to your servant two mules' burden of earth; for henceforth your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the LORD.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sing to the Lord a new song, ◆ for he has done marvellous things. His own right hand and his holy arm ◆ have won for him the victory.

The Lord has made known his salvation; ♦ his deliverance has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness towards the house of Israel, ♦ and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth; ◆ break into singing and make music.

A Reading from the latter Letter to Timothy.

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we shall also live with him; if we endure, we shall also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful -- for he cannot deny himself.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Gospel book is carried to the Lectern:

Alleluia, alleluia! For all things give thanks, because this what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus. Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ's Presence in the words of the Gospel may be honoured with incense.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was passing along between Sama'ria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

A homily may follow.

We believe in one God,

the Father almighty,

Maker of Heaven and earth,

and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds.

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,

begotten not made;

being of one substance with the Father,

by Whom all things were made;

Who for us men and for our salvation

came down from Heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost

of the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried,

and the third day He rose again

according to the Scriptures,

and ascended into Heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.

And He shall come again in glory

to judge both the quick and the dead;

Whose Kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Ghost,

the Lord, the Giver of life,

Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,

Who with the Father and the Son together

is worshipped and glorified,

Who spake by the prophets.

And we believe

one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church,

We acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.

And we look for the resurrection of the dead,

+ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

God has called us in Christ and gathered us here today; in response to His call, let us lay before Him the needs of the Church and the world:

Let us call to God for the Church:

[Petitions]

Lord God of Israel, grant that Your Church may ever remain faithful that as we have died with Christ we may live in Him and see Him as He is: Lord, hear us ... Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us call to God for the world:

[Petitions]

Lord, God of Israel, show Your justice to the nations that all the ends of the earth may know the power of Your Truth and Love: Lord, hear us ... Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us call to God for the people we meet:

[Petitions]

Lord God of Israel, teach us all to value the good from which we benefit and lead us to for those who suffer want and go hungry: Lord, hear us ... Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us call to God for all who suffer:

[Petitions]

Lord, God of Israel, take pity on those who call to You in their hardships that knowing Your love and compassion, their burdens may be lifted: Lord, hear us ... Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us call to God for those who have died:

### [Petitions]

Lord God of Israel, may those who have died have the Salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal Glory that comes with it: Lord, hear us ... Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us call to God for those concerns, which weigh privately on us: ... Lord, hear us ... Lord, graciously hear us.

In union with our Lady, Saint Matthew, Saint Luke, Saint Philip, Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Saint Edward the Confessor, Saint Augustine and all the saints, we make our prayers not of any merit of our own, but trusting in the love and compassion of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let the Peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one Body, you are called to peace.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy spirit.

As the bread and wine are brought to the Altar and prepared for the Mass, the following is sung:

Remember me, O Lord, You Who dominate all authority; put right words on my lips so that my speech may be convincing in the Presence of the King.

Here, while the Cherubim within the veil, adore the blest, life-giving Trinity, we in earth's worship echoing their part, hymn the thrice-holy in their company. So let all earthly cares be laid aside, that we may welcome Him Who draweth nigh, the King of Glory entering His courts, girt by the hidden armies of the sky. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The preparation of the Altar continues; incense may be used to honour the place where Christ will become present.

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, Forgive our foolish ways! Re-clothe us in our rightful minds, In purer lives our service find, In deeper reverence praise. In deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard, Beside the Syrian sea, The gracious calling of the Lord, Let us, like them, without a word Rise up and follow Thee. Rise up and follow Thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with Thee
The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love!
Interpreted by love!

Drop Thy still dews of quietness, Till all our strivings cease; Take from our souls the strain and stress, And let our ordered lives confess The beauty of Thy peace. The beauty of Thy peace.

Breath through the heats of our desire Thy coolness and Thy balm; Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; Speak through the earthquake, wind and fire, O still small voice of calm. O still small voice of calm.

Words: John Whittier 1807 - 92

Music: Repton

C Hubert H Parry 1848 - 1918

#### At the end:

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty. All that is in Heaven and earth is Thine:

All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own do we give Thee.

God of constant love, in this Eucharist You renew the covenant made once with us in Baptism. As You are faithful in all things, may we, in our offering, be faithful to our calling; in and through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## The priest begins the great prayer of thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts;

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. From sunrise to sunset this day is holy, for Christ has risen from the tomb and scattered the darkness of death with light that will not fade. This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people, unfolds for us your word, and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread. And though the night will overtake this day you summon us to live in endless light, the never-ceasing Sabbath of the Lord. And so, with choirs of angels and with all the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory and join their unending song of praise:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high.

+ Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his Apostles and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

## The priest holds up the consecrated Host for the people to see.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:

Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

The priest holds up the chalice of consecrated wine for the people to see.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with [N and] all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
By Whom and with Whom and in Whom,
Amen,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
Amen,
all honour and glory are Yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Instructed by saving precepts and taught by divine example, we are bold to say:

Our Father,

Who art in Heaven,
hallowed by Thy Name;
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom,
the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ. Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace.

The priest holds up the consecrated elements and invites people to receive Holy Communion:

+ Behold the Lamb of God; behold Him, Who takes away the sin of the world; happy are they who are called to His Supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive You; but only say the Word and my soul will be healed.

The rich suffer want and go hungry; but nothing shall be lacking to those who fear the Lord.

## Holy Communion follows.

My spirit longs for thee Within my troubled breast Though I unworthy be Of so divine a guest:

Of so divine a guest Unworthy though I be, Yet has my heart no rest, Unless it come from Thee:

Unless it come from Thee, In vain I look around: In all that I can see No rest is to be found:

No rest is to be found, But in thy blessed love: O let my wish be crowned, And send it from above!

> Words: John Byrom 1692 - 1763 Music: Maria jung und zart Psalteriolum Harmonicum 1642

## After Holy Communion:

When the Lord is revealed, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He really is.

Let us pray:

God our Father, Whose Son, the Light unfailing, has come from Heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the Way of Life and walk in it without stumbling; in and through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

### Notices may follow.

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the + blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

The Mass is ended. Go in the Peace of Christ. Thanks be to God.

The Angel of Lord brought the tidings to Mary; and she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee:

Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord;

be it unto my according to Thy Word.

Hail Mary &c

The Word was made flesh;

and dwelt among us.

Hail Mary &c

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God;

that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

Pour forth Your Grace into our hearts, we beseech You O Lord, that as we have known the Incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, by the message of an angel, so by His + Cross and Passion, we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection; in and through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old was strong to heal and save; it triumphed o'er disease and death, o'er darkness and the grave.

To thee they went, the blind, the dumb, the palsied, and the lame, the leper with his tainted life, the sick with fevered frame.

And lo! thy touch brought life and health, gave hearing, strength, and sight; and youth renewed and frenzy calmed owned thee, the Lord of light: and now, O Lord, be near to bless, almighty as of yore, in crowded street, by restless couch, as by Gennesaret's shore.

Be thou our great deliverer still, thou Lord of life and death; restore and quicken, soothe and bless, with thine almighty breath: to hands that work and eyes that see, give wisdom's heavenly lore, that whole and sick, and weak and strong, may praise thee evermore.

> Words: Edward Plumptre 1821 - 91 Music: S Matthew William Croft 1878 - 1727

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