



# EUCHALET

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10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## WE BELIEVE IN THE GOD OF LIFE

**T**oday we resume the celebration of Sundays in Ordinary Time, and we do so by proclaiming that our God is the God of Life. Although death is very much a part of our existence, such was not the Creator's original plan. As the Book of Wisdom teaches us, death came into the picture only through the devil's action and deception. From that moment on, the entire history of humankind became a struggle between life and death, with death appearing to have the upper hand, until Christ destroyed its power through the resuscitations that he worked, as in today's Gospel, but especially through his own resurrection.

The Eucharist that we celebrate by listening to the Word of Life and by breaking the Bread of Life is a constant reminder that our God is a God of Life and that life eternal is the final destiny of all those who believe.



### INTRODUCTORY RITES



#### Entrance Antiphon

*(To be recited only when no Entrance Hymn is sung.)*

**The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.**

#### Greeting

**P** – Blessed be the God of Life who sent His Son Jesus that we might have life to the full. May His grace and peace be with you all!

**All**—**And with your spirit!**

#### Penitential Act

**P** –Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins and ask God's forgiveness, so as to prepare ourselves to celebrate the Sacred Mysteries. *(Pause)*

**P** –You were sent to heal the

contrite of heart, Lord, have mercy!

**All**—**Lord, have mercy!**

**P** –You came to call sinners, Christ, have mercy!

**All**—**Christ, have mercy!**

**P** –You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us, Lord, have mercy!

**All**—**Lord, have mercy!**

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

**All**—**Amen!**

#### Gloria

**All**—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 (Opening Prayer)

**P** –O God, from whom all good things come, grant that we, who call on you in our need, may at your prompting discern what is right, and by your guidance do it.

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



**1st Reading** *1 Kgs 17:17-24*  
*The resuscitation of the widow's son is a manifestation*

of the life-giving power of God. It foreshadows the even greater miracle that will be performed by Jesus in today's Gospel.

**R** –A proclamation from the First Book of Kings

Elijah went to Zarephath of Sidon to the house of a widow. The son of the mistress of the house fell sick, and his sickness grew more severe until he stopped breathing. So she said to Elijah, "Why have you done this to me, O man of God? Have you come to me to call attention to my guilt and to kill my son?" Elijah said to her, "Give me your son." Taking him from her lap, he carried the son to the upper room where he was staying, and put him on his bed. Elijah called out to the Lord: "O Lord, my God, will you afflict even the widow with whom I am staying by killing her son?" Then he stretched himself out upon the child three times and called out to the Lord: "O Lord, my God, let the life breath return to the body of this child." The Lord heard the prayer of Elijah; the life breath returned to the child's body and he revived. Taking the child, Elijah brought him down into the house from the upper room and gave him to his mother. Elijah said to her, "See! Your son is alive." The woman replied to Elijah, "Now indeed I know that you are a man of God. The word of the Lord comes truly from your mouth."

The Word of the Lord!  
**All**—Thanks be to God!

Responsorial Psalm Ps 30

**R** –I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me!

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I will praise you, Lord for  
you have res-cued me.

\* I will extol you, O Lord, for you drew me clear and did not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you brought me up from the nether world; you preserved me from among those going down into the pit.  
**R.**

\* Sing praise to the Lord, you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger lasts but a moment; a lifetime, his good will. At nightfall, weeping enters in, but with the dawn, rejoicing.  
**R.**

\* Hear, O Lord, and have pity on me; O Lord, be my helper. You changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord, my God, forever will I give you thanks.  
**R.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Gal 1:11-19

*The faithful of Galatia were wavering in their faithfulness to Jesus Christ. Writing to them with fatherly concern, the Apostle Paul reveals the decisive importance that Jesus has had in his conversion and in his life.*

**R** –A proclamation from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians

I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel preached by me is not of human origin. For I did not receive it from a human being, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

For you heard of my former way of life in Judaism, how I persecuted the Church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it, and progressed in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my race, since I was even more a zealot for my ancestral traditions. But when God, who from my mother's womb had set me apart and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him to the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; rather, I went into Arabia and then re-

turned to Damascus.

Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to confer with Cephas and remained with him for fifteen days. But I did not see any other of the apostles, only James the brother of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord!  
**All**—Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation Lk 7:16

**All**—Alleluia! Alleluia!  
A great prophet has risen in our midst, God has visited his people.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 7:11-17

*Today we witness Jesus' compassion as he calls back to life a widow's dead son. This miracle is a clear statement that Jesus is the Lord of Life—a truth that will find its clearest manifestation in his own resurrection.*

**P** –The Lord be with you!  
**All**—And with your spirit!

**P** –A proclamation from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
**All**—Glory to you, O Lord!

Jesus journeyed to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd accompanied him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. A large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, he was moved with pity for her and said to her, "Do not weep." He stepped forward and touched the coffin; at this the bearers halted, and he said, "Young man, I tell you, arise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, exclaiming, "A great prophet has arisen in our midst," and "God has visited his people." This report about him spread through the whole of Judea and in all the surrounding region.

The Gospel of the Lord!  
**All**—Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## Homily

### Profession of Faith

(*Nicene Creed*)

**All**—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, (bow)\* 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.

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!

### Prayer of the Faithful

**P** —Encouraged by the message of today's Gospel passage, let us present our petitions to Jesus, the compassionate Lord. Let our response be:

**All**—**Lord of Life, hear our prayer!**

**C** —For the Universal Church, the home of all believers: May she always treasure and proclaim the sacredness of human life in the face of so many threats and attacks against it. Let us pray! **R.**

**C** —For the Holy Father and all other Church leaders: May they

be heralds and defenders of life's sacredness in a world choked by a culture of violence and death. Let us pray! **R.**

**C** —For our civil leaders and all those who have an influence in society: May they appreciate and promote life in all its forms and stages, but especially human life. Let us pray! **R.**

**C** —For all those involved in the teaching ministry: May they be instruments of the Holy Spirit as they fulfill their mission of forming the young generation by inculcating authentic human and Christian values. Let us pray! **R.**

**C** —For the students: May they value education and the many opportunities offered them to be formed into productive and honest citizens. Let us pray! **R.**

**C** —For all of us: May we ever more be appreciative of the gift of our life and have a compassionate heart toward those burdened with suffering and bereavement. Let us pray! **R.**

**C** —Let us pray in silence for our personal intentions. (*Pause*)  
Let us pray! **R.**

**P** —God of life and wholeness, we thank you for having created us and for the many signs of your love for us. Do make us instruments of your life-giving love to all, but especially the sick, the poor and the marginalized by society. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

**All**—**Amen!**

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST



#### Preparation of the Gifts

**P** —Pray, brethren . . .

**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.**

#### Prayer over the Offerings

**P** —Look kindly upon our service, O Lord, we pray, that what we offer may be an acceptable oblation to you and lead us to grow in charity.

Through Christ our Lord.  
**All**—**Amen!**

### Preface VI

**P** —The Lord be with you!

**All**—**And with your spirit!**

**P** —Lift up your hearts!

**All**—**We lift them up to the Lord!**

**P** —Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**All**—**It is right and just!**

**P** —It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For in you we live and move and have our being, and while in this body we not only experience the daily effects of your care, but even now possess the pledge of life eternal.

For having received the first fruits of the Spirit, through whom you raised up Jesus from the dead, we hope for an everlasting share in the Paschal Mystery.

And so, with all the Angels, we praise you, as in joyful celebration, we acclaim:

**All**—**Holy, holy, holy . . .**

### Memorial Acclamation

**P** —The mystery of faith!

**All**—**We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again!**

### COMMUNION RITE



**All**—Our Father . . .

**P** —Deliver us, Lord . . .

**All**—**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**

### Sign of Peace

### Breaking of the Bread

**All**—**Lamb of God . . .**

### Communion

**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.

**All—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**

*(To be recited only when no Communion Hymn is sung.)*

**The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my saving strength.**

**Prayer after Communion**

**P** —May your healing work, O Lord, free us, we pray, from doing evil and lead us to what is right.

Through Christ our Lord.

**All—Amen!**

**CONCLUDING RITES**



**P** —The Lord be with you!

**All—And with your spirit!**

**P** —Bow your heads and pray for God’s blessing.  
*(Pause)*

May the Lord, the Source of all life, protect you from physical harm, and give you and all your dear ones abundance of good health all the days of your life.

**All—Amen!**

**P** —May the Lord, the Source of all wisdom, guide you in your decisions and lead you always to choose what is right, fair and leading to the common good.

**All—Amen!**

**P** —May the Lord, the Source of all holiness, protect you from all moral evil, give you strength to live a virtuous life, and lead you in the way of peace.

**All—Amen!**

**P** —May almighty God bless you: the Father, and the

Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**All—Amen!**

**P** —Go in peace to serve the Lord with generous faithfulness.

**All—Thanks be to God!**



## GOD, THE SOURCE, PROMOTER AND GUARANTOR OF LIFE

Life is the richest reality on earth. It is what makes our planet the jewel of the universe. Life, with all its innumerable forms, beauty and potentials cannot have originated by itself. It has been created by God. That’s why He is rightly called “The Source of all Life.”

The opening chapters of the Book of Genesis and the Book of Wisdom tell us, in a symbolic and poetic way, how God communicated life to all that exists. He spoke His mighty Word and things came to be. He blew his breath into the nostrils of the first earthlings and man became a “living being”!

All forms of life, be they physical, intellectual, emotional, affective, moral, or spiritual are wonderful, even though they do not all have the same degree of preciousness. The most precious of all is our spiritual or supernatural life – the one that transcends all others because it enables us to share in the most intimate way in the very life of God.

But life, for all its preciousness and richness, has also its enemies. And the most terrible of them all is the Devil. He is the one that has injected into life the terrible virus of weakness, sickness and death. These different forms of viruses affect all human beings. And since the Devil is much more powerful than we are, mankind’s efforts in fighting him were doomed to be futile; our victories have remained partial and short-lived, for in the end, death strikes all.

Weakness and suffering in all their forms, and even physical death, did not spare even the very Son of God when he took human nature for our sake. But in God’s plan, that utter defeat became the beginning of an unprecedented REVIVAL. The power of divine life, hidden in the vulnerable human life of the God-made-man, slew death itself when Jesus Christ rose from death, thereby becoming also the firstborn of all the dead.

Jesus Christ’s victory over sickness had already been bannered through his innumerable healings. His victory over death was foreshadowed through the three resuscitations that he performed, and became definitive in his own resurrection. That momentous event was unparalleled in its occurrence and universal in its effects. Christ’s resurrection became also the spiritual resurrection of all those buried in the grave of their sins. It became also the “firstfruits” and the “prototype” and guarantee of the final resurrection of all human beings. (See 1 Cor 15.)



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