



# EUCHALETTE

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Year B

## NATIONAL BIBLE SUNDAY

### JESUS, THE PROPHET IN WORDS AND DEEDS



Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of God with unique power and urgency. His words touched the hearts of his audience and changed their lives. His deeds matched those of his words.

The power of Jesus' words and deeds has not abated after two thousand years. It is perfectly effective today, in the era of information technology and space exploration. Jesus' words can still set our hearts on fire. His actions in the sacraments can still set us free from the slavery of Satan and make the Kingdom of God present in the lives of individuals and society. So can His Word! Happy are those who listen to God's word and let the power of His grace bear fruit in their lives!

Today is National Bible Sunday. This celebration reminds us of the importance of God's written Word not only in the life of the Church, but also of every believer. It is our duty to know them well, to put their message into practice, and to share their richness with all. Let this be our commitment today and one of the main intentions for which we are offering this Eucharist.

#### **INTRODUCTORY RITES**



##### **Entrance Antiphon**

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

**Save us, O Lord our God!  
And gather us from the nations,  
to give thanks to your holy name,  
and make it our glory to praise you.**

##### **Greeting**

**P** –The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**All** –**And with your spirit!**

##### **Penitential Act**

**P** –Coming together as God's family, with confidence let us ask the Lord's forgiveness, that we may offer this Eucharist with a purified heart. *(Pause)*

**P** –Lord Jesus, you taught us

that all that really matters in life is to love as you did.  
Lord, have mercy!

**All** –**Lord, have mercy!**

**P** – Lord Jesus, you were rejected by your own people.  
Christ, have mercy!

**All** –**Christ, have mercy!**

**P** –Lord Jesus, you are the fulfillment of the prophecies of old. 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** – Grant us, Lord our God, that we may honor you with all our mind, and love everyone in truth of heart.

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 Dt 18:15-20

*In today's passage, Moses reveals that, after his death, God will raise up from among His people someone who will fulfill his role as prophet and mediator. Such a promise will be fulfilled in Jesus Christ.*

**R** – A proclamation from the Book of Deuteronomy

Moses spoke to the people, saying: “A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen. This is exactly what you requested of the Lord, your God, at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let us not again hear the voice of the Lord, our God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die.’

And the Lord said to me, ‘This was well said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him.

Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it. But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an oracle that I have not commanded him to speak, or speaks in the name of other gods, he shall die.’ ”

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

Responsorial Psalm Ps 95

**R** – *If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts!*

R. M. Velez

If to-day you hear his voice,  
har-den not your hearts!

\* Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us acclaim the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him. **R.**

\* Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the Lord who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides. **R.**

\* Oh, that today you would hear his voice: “Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works.” **R.**

2nd Reading 1 Cor 7:32-35

*Here is a simple presentation of St. Paul's reflection on the proper attitude of a Christian concerning the two basic states of life: married life and virginity.*

**R** – A proclamation from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

I should like you to be free of anxieties. An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided. An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. A married woman, on the other hand, is anxious about the things of the world, how she may please her husband.

I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction.

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

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:16

**All** – Alleluia! Alleluia!

The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light; on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 1:21-28

*Today's Gospel passage portrays Jesus in action in the village of Capernaum. He teaches with authority and acts with power by setting a man free from the devil's influence.*

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

**P** – A proclamation from the holy Gospel according to Mark

**All** – Glory to you, O Lord!

They came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.

In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit. He cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are – the Holy One of God!” Jesus rebuked him and said, “Quiet! Come out of him!” The unclean spirit convulsed the man and with a loud cry came out of him.

All were amazed and asked one another, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.” Jesus' fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

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.

**GLOSSARY:** • **Sabbath:** The day of the week when the Jews are forbidden to do any type of work, and are expected to attend the worship service held in the synagogue. • **Synagogue:** A building where a Jewish community assembles for worship and instruction. • **Galilee:** A region in the northern part of Palestine. One of its towns was Nazareth, where Jesus was reared and lived for about thirty years.

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** –Every Christian shares in the prophetic and liberating mission of Jesus. But every day we also experience the difficulty of being another Christ. Let us then ask for God’s help, saying:

**All**–**Lord, graciously hear us!**

**C** –That the whole Church may always be open to the message of the prophets as a manifestation of God’s will, let us pray! **R.**

**C** –That the prophets of today may be faithful to their mission and never be discouraged by misunderstandings and lack of immediate response, let us pray! **R.**

**C** –That those who have been enslaved by the devil through a life of sin and perversion may find in the Catholic community

a help to salvation, let us pray!**R.**

**C** –That the youth of today may reject without hesitation those attitudes and ways of life which are incompatible with the teaching of the Gospel, let us pray! **R.**

**C** –That the various Christian denominations’ common love for the Bible enable them to overcome all divisions and rebuild the unity for which Jesus prayed, let us pray! **R.**

**C** –That all Christian families, especially our own, may read the Bible daily and live according to God’s Word, let us pray! **R.**

**C** –That all of us may reject the devil’s ploys and become instruments of salvation to our brothers and sisters in need, let us pray! **R.**

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

**P** –Lord God, as we continually experience the difficulty of being prophets in word and deed, we humbly ask for the help of Your grace. May we become faithful heralds of the Gospel and brave witnesses to the truths we proclaim. Through Christ our Lord.

**All**–**Amen!**



### 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** –O Lord, we bring to your altar these offerings of our service: be pleased to receive them, we pray, and transform them into the Sacrament of our redemption.

Through Christ our Lord.

**All**–**Amen!**

### Preface IV

**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, through Christ our Lord.

For by his birth he brought renewal to humanity’s fallen state, and by his suffering, canceled out our sins; by his rising from the dead, he has opened the way to eternal life, and by ascending to you, O Father, he has unlocked the gates of heaven.

And so, with the company of Angels and Saints, we sing the hymn of your praise, as without end we acclaim:

**All**–**Holy, holy, holy . . .**

### Memorial Acclamation

**P** –The mystery of faith!

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



**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.*)

**Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merci-**

ful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

### Prayer after Communion

**P** –Nourished by these redeeming gifts, we pray, O Lord, that through this help to eternal salvation, true faith may ever increase.

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 God of all consolation bless you in every way and grant you peace all the days of your life.

**All – Amen!**

**P** –May He free you from all anxiety and strengthen your hearts in His love.

**All – Amen!**

**P** –May He enrich you with His gifts of faith, hope and love, and give you a sound appreciation of His Word.

**All – Amen!**

**P** –May almighty God bless you: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**All – Amen!**

**P** –Go in peace and live in the presence of the Lord.

**All – Thanks be to God!**



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## Jesus, the Conqueror of All Evil

Jesus had scarcely started his apostolic ministry and was already making quite an *impact* with *what he said* and the *way he said it*. He had real good news for the people, especially the poor, the sick, and the outcasts. **He spoke with all the authority that divine wisdom and truth possess.** He was not one of the many interpreters of the law, nor a “commentator” like so many teachers of the law who could be found throughout Palestine. He was showing himself to be a “Master,” actually “The Master.”

**Authority and majesty radiated from all over Jesus' person. In him was the moral power of the Holy One, God's Anointed. He**



commanded respect even of the devil. And with good reason. For the first time in human history, *Satan was afraid of man – of that Man.*

Things had been different up to that moment. **Men had been living in continuous dread of “evil spirits.”** Not a few had become their victims, “possessed” and tortured by them in frightful ways. Out of fear, entire nations had tried to keep demons quiet through sacrificial offerings . . . the tragedy of idolatry that had sadly marked the history of mankind.

**With Jesus, fear of Satan and compromise with him are over.** He comes to proclaim that the Reign of God is at hand and that the reign of Satan is done. **Jesus has come to wage a war of liberation against the devil and his allies.**

Today's account of the liberation of the possessed man spells out who is going to be the winner in this most “unconventional war.” Satan knows this very well. Powerful in his words, Jesus is also powerful in his deeds, unlike the people of his time; indeed, unlike the people of all time, unlike all of us. He is braver and more powerful than any simple man can be, for the saving power of God is at work in his words and in his actions.

**As followers of his, we share in his prophetic and liberating mission.** We also share in his strength if we cling to him in our struggle against Satan. Knowing who will be the winner, shall we still wonder on whose side to stand and fight?