

21 October 2018 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Called to Serve with Selfless Love

Today we observe World Mission Sunday – a day devoted to prayer and generous solidarity in favor of our brave brothers and sisters who are preaching the Gospel and witnessing to Christ’s love in the foreign missions. They are doing this in response to a special call from the Lord. In their apostolic labor they have become the “servants of all,” especially of those who are poor, sick, or neglected in whatever way. That is why their mission is not only to preach the Gospel, but also to make it come alive through hospitals, schools, and other forms of help to development. For the success of their mission they trust not only in God’s grace but also in our prayers and generosity.



INTRODUCTORY RITES



Entrance Antiphon

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

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Greeting

P –Blessed be Jesus, the missionary of the Father! May his grace and peace be with you all! All – And with your spirit!

Penitential Act

P –As we are about to celebrate the Sacred Mysteries let us call to mind our sins, especially our lukewarmness in supporting our missionaries. (Pause)

P –For the times we have not shown interest in the work of our missionaries and have failed to pray for them, Lord, have mercy! All – Lord, have mercy!

P –For the times we have not supported our missionaries in their financial needs, Christ, have mercy!

All – Christ, have mercy!

P –For the times we have not given witness to the Gospel in our lives. 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 –Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity 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 Is 53:10-11 The conclusion of the fourth “Song of the Servant” underlines the complete freedom of Jesus’ self-offering and the twofold fruit of his sacrificial death. This is all part of God’s plan for the salvation of all mankind.

R –A proclamation from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

The Lord was pleased to crush him in infirmity. If he gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life, and the will of the Lord shall be accomplished through him.

Because of his affliction he shall see the light in fullness of days.

Through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear.

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

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33

R –Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you!

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Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you!

* Upright is the word of the Lord, and all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the Lord the earth is full. **R.**

* See, the eyes of the Lord are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness, to deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine. **R.**

* Our soul waits for the Lord, who is our help and our shield. May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us who have put our hope in you. **R.**

2nd Reading Heb 4:14-16

Jesus Christ is the only high priest who has “passed through the heavens” and yet understands us perfectly because he is like us in everything, except in sin.

R –A proclamation from the Letter to the Hebrews

Brothers and sisters:
Since we have a great high

priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our profession of faith.

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin.

So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.

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

Gospel Acclamation

All–Alleluia! Alleluia!
The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 10:35-45

Like most of the Jews of their time, Jesus’ special disciples, too, were expecting a conquering Messiah who would re-establish the kingdom of David. This caused in them a misunderstanding of the mission of Jesus and the unpleasant event recorded in today’s Gospel passage.

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!

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” He replied, “What do you wish me to do for you?” They answered him, “Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left.” Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” They said to him, “We can!” Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is

for those for whom it has been prepared.”

When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John.

Jesus summoned the Twelve and said to them, “You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

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

Homily

Profession of Faith

(Nicene-Constantinopolitan 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 –As we celebrate World Mission Sunday, let us turn our thoughts to all our brothers and sisters working in the missions, and express our solidarity with them through our sincere petitions. Let our response be:

All—**Lord, graciously hear us!**

C –For the Catholic Church and its leaders: May they never lose sight of their vocation to preach the Gospel to all nations. Let us pray!
R.

C –For all religious and lay people called by the Lord to work in the missions: May they respond to their vocation with joyful generosity. Let us pray!
R.

C –For all missionaries: May the Lord reward their dedication to bring the light of the Gospel to all through numerous conversions and perseverance in good work. Let us pray!
R.

C –For all government officials: May they realize that with power comes the responsibility to serve the people with all honesty, integrity, and dedication. Let us pray!
R.

C –For our parish: May we truly be a caring community that witnesses to the love of God by sharing our faith to others and helping our neighbor. Let us pray!
R.

C –For all of us: May we never aspire for positions of authority in order to gain prestige, but only to serve our brothers and sisters in all humility and generosity. Let us pray!
R.

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

P –Lord God, strengthen with Your grace our missionaries, console them in their afflictions and make their labors bear fruits of salvation for all. We ask this 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 –Grant us, Lord, we pray, a sincere respect for your gifts, that, through the purifying action of your grace, we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve.

Through Christ our Lord.

All—**Amen!**

Preface I

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 through his Paschal Mystery, he accomplished the marvelous deed, by which he has freed us from the yoke of sin and death, summoning us to the glory of being now called a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for your own possession, to proclaim everywhere your mighty works, for you have called us out of darkness into your own wonderful light.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end 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!



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 –This is the Lord Jesus, the missionary of the Father, who sent the Apostles to preach the Gospel to all nations. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to his supper.

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 Son of Man has come to give his life as a ransom for many.

Prayer after Communion

P –Grant, O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things, we may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal.

Through Christ our Lord.

All—**Amen!**



P –The Lord be with you.

All—**And with your spirit!**

P –Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing. (*Pause*)
May almighty God make you ever more aware of the preciousness of the Catholic faith and of your duty to support its missionaries.

All—**Amen!**

P –May the Lord make you ever more sensitive to the needs of the missionaries and generous in offering them your help.

All–Amen!

P –May the Lord make you share in the blessings prom-

ised to those who forsake everything for the Kingdom.

All–Amen!

P –And may almighty God bless you: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All–Amen!

P –Go in peace and be heralds of the Gospel in your daily lives.

All–Thanks be to God!



EAGER TO SERVE AS CHRIST DID

There was no doubt that the Twelve were sincere in their desire to follow Jesus. As Peter once pointed out, they had “put aside everything to follow him.” (See *Mk 10:28*.) Yet, **for quite a time, they all had failed to understand that to follow Jesus means to walk the thorny path of self-renunciation and of generous service to all, in imitation of their Teacher.**

Christ’s life can be described in several ways. One of the simplest and truest descriptions is “SERVICE.” The whole of his life was a “service.” This word includes everything that can be said about him. **His teaching was a service** enlightening the minds and enkindling the hearts of his listeners. His *healings* were a service to all those afflicted by the devil’s possession and by physical suffering or handicaps. **His self-offering on Calvary as a victim of atonement and reconciliation was his highest form of service** benefiting all mankind.

All the Apostles, after some initial difficulties (see *first part of today’s Gospel*), guided by the Spirit, **came to understand this demanding assignment.** They all served the Gospel and their Lord even unto death, the martyrs’ death. Paul, the latecomer, made himself “all things to all men” with a devouring zeal for their salvation.

The Church, as the community of disciples which continues the mission of Jesus throughout the centuries, must be characterized by the same attitude of its Founder and the Twelve: humble service to all; service unto death.

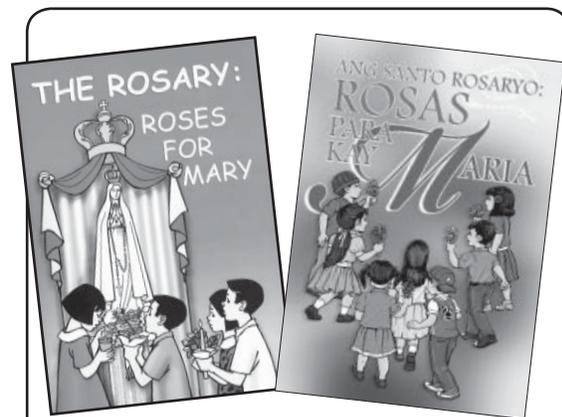
This leaves no room for unbecoming competitions with the powerful of this world. Just as Christ exercised his kingship through service, so must the Church, as a saving institution, exercise her God-given powers in a spirit of humble service and selfless stewardship. **The Church is meant to be the “servant of all mankind.”** She is called to serve all men through her *sacraments and prayer*, through her *detachment* from earthly possessions, and through her *commitment* to the promotion of superior values.

Such a fundamental orientation and line of action must involve all the members of the Church. It starts from the Leaders and stretches out to the youngest and

weakest of her members. Just as every Christian is “another Christ,” so is every Christian called to be another “servant” – servant of God and of all men, especially of one’s neighbors.

In the measure that the Church as a whole and every individual believer are faithful to their fundamental vocation to serve in imitation of Christ, they will be offering the most eloquent witness to their faith. Their presence and their life will be the most precious gift to the world – *handog ng mga Kristiyano sa mundo.*

The missionary activity of the Church – her effort to bring the Good News of Christ to all peoples – **is one of the most precious services she can render.** Through this service, she enables all human beings to know God’s immense love for them and to respond to that love through a life lived according to the teaching and example of Jesus Christ.



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