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PRO-LIFE SUNDAY

FAITHFUL TO THE END, COME WHAT MAY

To be chosen by God for a challenging mission is surely a great sign of honor. But in most cases, this sign of distinction becomes also a burden as the chosen “missionary” or prophet has to face difficulties, oppositions, and even persecution in the fulfillment of his/her mission. In such circumstances, faithfulness to the God-given mission carries a heavy price.

Such was the experience of the prophet Jeremiah and of Jesus himself, the greatest of all prophets who was rejected by his own townsfolk in Nazareth. But he remained faithful to the end, in spite of all opposition and disappointments, simply because he knew that the salvation of all human beings depended on his perseverance. Faithfulness at all costs to our mission is the message of God’s Word to us today.

In this Eucharist, let us place our hope in Jesus and get our strength from him as we work for the coming of his Kingdom.



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)*
All–**I confess to almighty**

God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (strike your breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault.

Therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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

All–**Amen!**

P –Lord, have mercy!
All–**Lord, have mercy!**

P –Christ, have mercy!
All–**Christ, have mercy!**

P –Lord, have mercy!
All–**Lord, have mercy!**

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!



* In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice rescue me, and deliver me. Incline your ear to me, and save me.

R.

* Be my rock of refuge, a stronghold to give me safety, for you are my rock and my fortress. O my God, rescue me from the hand of the wicked.

R.

* For you are my hope, O Lord; my trust, O God, from my youth. On you I depend from birth; from my mother’s womb you are my strength.

R.

* My mouth shall declare your justice, day by day your salvation. O God, you have taught me from my youth, and till the present I proclaim your wondrous deeds.

R.

2nd Reading 1 Cor 12:31-13:13

Today’s Second Reading is the famous passage that has been dubbed “A HYMN TO LOVE.” These fourteen verses are the most beautiful and challenging commentary to Christ’s commandment to love our neighbor as he did.

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

Brothers and sisters:

Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts. But I shall show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in human and angelic tongues, but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal.

And if I have the gift of prophecy, and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not

rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing. For we know partially and we prophesy partially, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I used to talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I put aside childish things. At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known.

So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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

Gospel Acclamation Lk 4:18

All–Alleluia! Alleluia!

“The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives.”

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 4:21-30

This is a sad moment in the life of Jesus. Today’s episode foreshadows the final rejection which Jesus will suffer in Jerusalem, as well as the innumerable rejections he will suffer through the centuries.

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 began speaking in the synagogue, saying: “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.” And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, “Isn’t this the son of Joseph?”

LITURGY OF THE WORD



1st Reading Jer 1:4-5.17-19

Today’s passage contains the call of the prophet Jeremiah. Of particular importance is the warning about the stiff opposition which he will meet among the Israelites.

This feature of Jeremiah’s fate foreshadows that of Jesus, who was also rejected by his own people.

R –A proclamation from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

The word of the Lord came to me, saying: “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you. A prophet to the nations I appointed you.

But do you gird your loins: stand up and tell them all that I command you. Be not crushed on their account, as though I would leave you crushed before them; for it is I this day who have made you a fortified city, a pillar of iron, a wall of brass, against the whole land: against Judah’s kings and princes, against its priests and people. They will fight against you, but not prevail over you, for I am with you to deliver you,” says the Lord.

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

Responsorial Psalm Ps 71

R –I will sing of your salvation!

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He said to them, "Surely you will quote me this proverb, 'Physician, cure yourself,' and say, 'Do here in your native place the things that we heard were done in Capernaum.'" And he said, "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place.

Indeed, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe famine spread over the entire land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon. Again, there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian."

When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong.

But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away.

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 —At Baptism, we have come to share in the prophetic mission of Jesus. This call has become clearer at our confirmation. Aware of the difficulty of being faithful prophets in our society, we pray:

All—Lord, grant us courage!

C —That the whole Church, under the guidance of her leaders, may fulfill her mission of proclaiming the Word of God to all peoples, let us pray! **R.**

C —That all believers may faithfully fulfill their task of being prophets of God in the places where they live, let us pray! **R.**

C —That those who are persecuted on account of their commitment to promote justice may bravely persevere in their mission, let us pray! **R.**

C —That those who are promoting dialogue and peace between warring factions may succeed in their praiseworthy efforts, let us pray! **R.**

C —That those who find it hard to love as Christ did may persevere in their effort, remembering that love is all that matters most in our aspiration to attain eternal life. let us pray! **R.**

C —That all Catholics may

ever more firmly believe in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, the sacrament of love, let us pray! **R.**

C —That the observance of Pro-Life Sunday may reawaken in all Catholics a greater appreciation of the preciousness of human life, and of their duty to promote and defend it in all its aspects, let us pray! **R.**

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

P —Lord, grant us courage and wisdom, faithfulness and consistency in living out our prophetic mission in spite of mockery and persecutions. You who live and reign for ever and ever.

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 Lord, God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Memorial Acclamation

P –The mystery of faith!
All—When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, 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 –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 merciful 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!



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

P –Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.
(Pause)

P –May the Lord make you kind and compassionate that you may become instruments of His love.

All—Amen!

P –May He give you a deeper appreciation for His gift of life.

All—Amen!

P –May He make you strong in the moments of trial and wise in your judgment.

All—Amen!

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

All—Amen!

P –Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life!

All—Thanks be to God!

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