

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

6th September 2020



OPENING HYMN

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n to earth come down:
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find Thy promised rest:
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-9

If you do not speak to the wicked man, I will hold you responsible for his death.

PSALM RESPONSE:

O that today you would listen to His voice! Harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-10

Love is the answer to every one of the commandments.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia. Your word is truth, O Lord; consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.

NICENE CREED

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, (*as we say the words in italics, we 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.**

OFFERTORY

Mary of Walsingham, Mother of Jesus,
pray for thy Dowry, the land that we love:
England has need of thy powerful protection,
pour on thy children thy gifts from above.

So shall we praise thee with ceaseless thanksgiving.
So shall we sing of thy love and thy power,
So shall we feel thy protection and comfort;
All through our lives and in death's solemn hour.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

As the congregation are unable to receive Holy Communion at this time, we are invited to pray a prayer of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus! my Lord, my God, my all!
How can I love Thee as I ought?
And how revere this wondrous gift
So far surpassing hope or thought?

*Sweet Sacrament! we Thee adore!
Oh, make us love Thee more and more!
Oh, make us love Thee more and more!*

Had I but Mary's sinless heart
To love Thee with, my dearest King,
Oh, with what bursts of fervent praise
Thy goodness, Jesus, would I sing.

Oh, see! within a creature's hand
The vast Creator deigns to be,
Reposing infant-like, as though
On Joseph's arm, or Mary's knee.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation;
Pure and sinless let us be:
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
'Til in heav'n we take our place,
'Til we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.