

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

22nd August 2021



OPENING HYMN

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the Word:
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with the God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

FIRST READING: Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

We will serve the Lord, for He is our God.

PSALM RESPONSE: **Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:21-32

This mystery has many implications for Christ and His Church.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.
You have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 6:60-69

To whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life.

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

Sweet Sacrament divine, hid in Thine earthly home,
Lo, round Thy lowly shrine, with suppliant hearts we come;
Jesus, to Thee our voice we raise in songs of love and heartfelt praise:
Sweet Sacrament divine.

Sweet Sacrament of peace, dear home of every heart,
Where restless yearnings cease and sorrows all depart;
There in Thine ear all trustfully we tell our tale of misery:
Sweet Sacrament of peace.

Sweet Sacrament of rest, ark from the ocean's roar,
Within Thy shelter blest soon may we reach the shore;
Save us, for still the tempest raves, save, lest we sink beneath the waves:
Sweet Sacrament of rest.

Sweet Sacrament divine, earth's light and jubilee,
In Thy far depths doth shine Thy Godhead's majesty;
Sweet light, so shine on us, we pray, that earthly joys may fade away:
Sweet Sacrament divine.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Those who are unable to attend Mass, and those physically present who are not receiving Holy Communion, are invited to pray this 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.

RECESSIONAL 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.

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.