

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Tell among the nations his glory,
and his wonders among all the peoples,
for the Lord is great and highly to be praised.

GLORIA

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

O God, whose will it is that all should be
saved
and come to the knowledge of the truth,
look upon your abundant harvest
and be pleased to send workers to gather it,
that the Gospel may be preached to all
creation
and that your people, gathered by the word
of life
and sustained by the power of the
Sacraments,
may advance in the path of salvation and
love.
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.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Is 53:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.
The Lord has been pleased to crush his
servant with suffering.
If he offers his life in atonement,
he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life
and through him what the Lord wishes will
be done.
His soul's anguish over
he shall see the light and be content.
By his sufferings shall my servant justify
many,
taking their faults on himself.
The word of the Lord.

RESP. PSALM

Psalm 32

Response:

May your love be upon us, O Lord
as we place all our hope in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. (R.)

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

SECOND READING

Heb 4:14-16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.
Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the
supreme high priest who has gone through
to the highest heaven, we must never let
go of the faith that we have professed. For
it is not as if we had a high priest who was
incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us;
but we have one who has been tempted in
every way that we are, though he is without
sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching
the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy
from him and find grace when we are in need
of help.
The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL

Mk 10:35-45

(For shorter form, read between > <)

>A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Mark.<

James and John, the sons of Zebedee,
approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him,
'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to
them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?'
They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your
right hand and the other at your left in your
glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking'
Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup
that I must drink, or be baptised with the
baptism with which I must be baptised?' They
replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The
cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with
the baptism with which I must be baptised
you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my
right hand or my left, these are not mine to
grant; they belong to those to whom they
have been allotted.'
When the other ten heard this they began
to feel indignant with James and John, so
>Jesus called them to him and said to them,
'You know that among the pagans their so-
called rulers lord it over them, and their great
men make their authority felt. This is not to
happen among you. No; anyone who wants
to become great among you must be your
servant, and anyone who wants to be first
among you must be slave to all. For the Son
of Man himself did not come to be served but
to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for
many.

The Gospel of the Lord.<

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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,
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 OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look, O Lord, upon the face of your Christ,
who handed himself over as a ransom for all,
so that through him,
from the rising of the sun to its setting,
your name may be exalted among the nations
and in every place a single offering
may be presented to your majesty.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

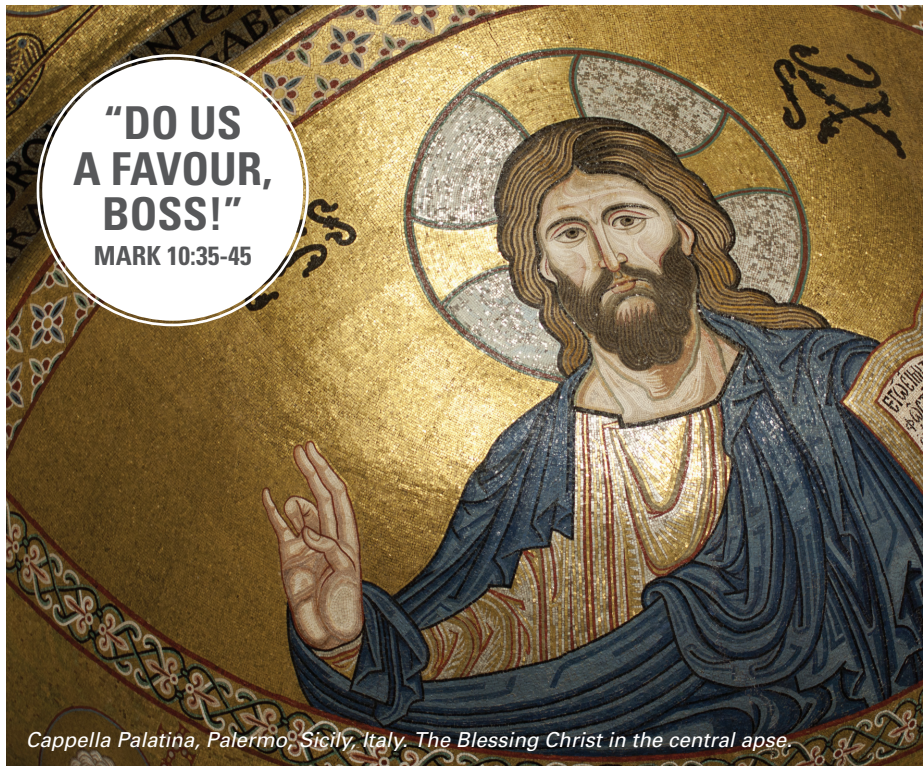
Go into all the world, and proclaim the
Gospel, says the Lord.
I am with you always.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.
Amen.

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous;
Teach me to serve thee as thou deservest;
To give and not to count the cost,
To fight and not to seek for rest,
To labour and not to seek reward,
Save that of knowing that I do thy will.



The sons of Zebedee seem to have belonged to a better off family than Peter and his brother Andrew, their neighbours. Their father was able to employ hired hands in his small fishing fleet.

Like young men of ambitious family, they probably assumed they had a better claim than their poorer neighbours to positions of influence when the Kingdom Jesus was proclaiming would soon be set in place. They will leave nothing to chance. Drawing him aside, they ask for a favour – the two best jobs in the kingdom. Matthew seems so unable to believe their brazenness that when he tells the story, he passes the blame on to their mother's ambition.

Jesus replies that they do not realise what they are asking for. If they want to belong to his inner circle, then they must drain the cup of suffering he will drink or be baptised in his baptism. Baptism here does not mean pouring a little water, but drenching, soaking or submerging in the deep waters of death that will leave them gasping for air.

When the other disciples realise that the brothers are trying to take advantage of them, a row breaks out. Jesus calls them and gives them a lesson on the meaning of discipleship. Following him is not about being in control. It is not about having power or influence. They need to learn from him what it means to be servant, to take the last place. ■

REFLECT

Catherine de Hueck Doherty was born into a Russian aristocratic family. When the First World War broke out, she went to serve as a nurse at the front. The Russian revolution rendered her homeless. With a young husband, she wandered through much of Europe in search of a home, eventually settling in Canada where her marriage broke down. Deeply dissatisfied, Catherine was in search of spiritual roots. Eventually, she gave up everything she had to work with the poorest of the poor, establishing a series of Friendship Houses for their care.

Catherine knew that not everyone might be called to such radical service. She realised that every moment brought its own call to service. "The duty of the moment is what you should be doing at any given time, in whatever place God has put you. You may not have Christ in a homeless person at your door, but you may have a little child. If you have a child, your duty of the moment may be to change a dirty diaper. So you do it. But you don't just change that diaper, you change it to the best of your ability, with great love for both God and that child.... There are all kinds of good Catholic things you can do, but whatever they are, you have to realize that there is always the duty of the moment to be done. And it must be done, because the duty of the moment is the duty of God."

On this Mission Sunday, think about how you can help in the mission of the church, especially in regions where poverty and hunger reign. ■

PRAY

Pray this week for missionaries – laypeople, religious and priests – especially those who are natives of your local parish.

SAY

Send labourers, Lord, into your harvest.

LEARN

The 'sacrament of the present moment' means that God offers us grace and love at every moment of our life.

For followers of Jesus, service is not something grudging but a joy.

In the Eucharist, Jesus serves us. Our best thanksgiving is to serve others in return.

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Irish Catholics contribute more €1m annually to the Mission Sunday collection. All the money is made available to as many as 1,000 young Churches. Give as generously as you can to today's collection.