

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, who show the light of your truth
to those who go astray,
so that they may return to the right path,
give all who for the faith they profess
are accounted Christians
the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the
name of Christ
and to strive after all that does it honour.
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 Deuteronomy 30:10-14

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.
Moses said to the people: "Obey the
voice of the Lord your God, keeping those
commandments and laws of his that are
written in the Book of this Law, and you shall
return to the Lord your God with all your
heart and soul.

"For this Law that I enjoin on you today
is not beyond your strength or beyond your
reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need
to wonder, 'Who will go up to heaven for us
and bring it down to us, so that we may hear
it and keep it?' Nor is it beyond the seas, so
that you need to wonder, 'Who will cross the
seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we
may hear it and keep it?' No, the Word is very
near to you, it is in your mouth and in your
heart for your observance."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 68

Response:

Seek the Lord, you who are poor,
and your hearts will revive.

1. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me.
(R.)

2. As for me in my poverty and pain
let your help, O God, lift me up.
I will praise God's name with a song;
I will glorify him with thanksgiving. (R.)

3. The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their
chains. (R.)

4. For God will bring help to Zion
and rebuild the cities of Judah.
The sons of his servants shall inherit it;
those who love his name shall dwell
there. (R.)

SECOND READING Colossians 1:15-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Colossians.

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God
and the first-born of all creation,
for in him were created
all things in heaven and on earth:
everything visible and everything invisible,
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers –
all things were created through him and for
him.

Before anything was created, he existed,
and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body,
he is its head.

As he is the Beginning,
he was first to be born from the dead,
so that he should be first in every way;
because God wanted all perfection
to be found in him
and all things to be reconciled through him
and for him,
everything in heaven and everything on
earth,
when he made peace
by his death on the cross.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The sheep that belong to me listen to my
voice,
says the Lord,
I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 10:25-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke.

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus,
stood up and said to him, "Master, what must
I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him,
"What is written in the law? What do you
read there?" He replied, "You must love the
Lord your God with all your heart, with all
your soul, with all your strength, and with all
your mind, and your neighbour as yourself."
"You have answered right," said Jesus, "do
this and life is yours."

But the man was anxious to justify
himself and said to Jesus, "And who is my
neighbour?" Jesus replied, "A man was
once on his way down from Jerusalem to
Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands;
they took all he had, beat him and then made
off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest
happened to be travelling down the same
road, but when he saw the man, he passed
by on the other side. In the same way a
Levite who came to the place saw him, and
passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan
traveller who came upon him was moved
with compassion when he saw him. He went
up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil
and wine on them. He then lifted him on to

his own mount, carried him to the inn and
looked after him. Next day, he took out two
denarii and handed them to the innkeeper.
'Look after him,' he said 'and on my way
back I will make good any extra expense you
have.' Which of these three, do you think,
proved himself a neighbour to the man who
fell into the brigands' hands?" "The one who
took pity on him" he replied. Jesus said to
him, "Go, and do the same yourself."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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,

(all bow during the next three lines)

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 upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord,
as she makes her prayer to you,
and grant that, when consumed by those who
believe,
they may bring ever greater holiness.
Through Christ our Lord Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and
my God.

Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having consumed these gifts, we pray,
O Lord,
that, by our participation in this mystery,
its saving effects upon us may grow.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



The Gospel begins with the burning question, “What must I do to inherit eternal life?” Religious debates about the law of Moses were common in everyday gatherings and Jesus is the focus of their questioning today.

The questioner is an expert in the law and answers Jesus with conviction: loving your neighbour as yourself is the obvious way to inherit eternal life. Thinking perhaps that this line of questioning was finished, Jesus has to deal with further probing with the infamous question of Luke’s Gospel, “Who is my neighbour?” Jesus never refuses an opportunity to tell a parable in order to make a point and it will be very clear by the end of the story who our neighbour really is.

The parable focuses on a stretch of road between Jericho to Jerusalem, almost 30 miles long, with most of it desert and isolated. The road was infamous for robberies and attacks on lone travellers and indeed the traveller in this parable is attacked and robbed of everything he has. Now the burning question a lot of people might have is why did the priest pass by the man and not help him? Scripture scholars would state that this priest was on his way to the temple, and the law forbade priests to touch dead bodies. If they did, then they had to undergo a rite of purification and would not be admitted to the temple until this was done. So he passes by and another temple worker, the Levite, is not far behind him. You can see how Jesus is using the parable to point towards the strictness of interpretation in the law of Moses and the lack of compassion that can often prevail.

However, when the Samaritan passes, he has another version of the law. Samaritans were regarded as dangerous by the Jews and Jesus places him into the heart of this lesson on neighbourliness. The Samaritan bandages the man’s wounds, pours cleansing wine and soothing oil on them and gives an inn-keeper two days’ pay to provide for the injured man. A powerful moment in Luke’s Gospel and a wonderful example of using the law of love, mercy and compassion for the good of others. ■

REFLECT

Sea Sunday is a global celebration of the enduring and vital work of the Mission to Seafarers. The theme this year is ‘Quietly saving lives,’ which focuses on the amazing work chaplains do each day with hundreds and thousands of seafarers around the world. We remember seafarers today and people who work on our oceans, sailing ships across the seas, often in difficult circumstances, bringing us the goods we need and the material for industry. Life at sea is often lonely, difficult and dangerous. Seafarers find themselves far away from home, often sailing to countries where they don’t speak the language. Pope Francis gives special consideration today for those who work to free the sea from pollution and also acknowledges those who live in unworthy work situations at sea, forced to endure several months in the confined space of a vessel.

Sea Sunday is a celebration and a day of reflection where the whole Church is called to recognise seafarers as their neighbours and their Global family.

For further information on the work of the Mission to Seafarers and Sea Sunday - www.missiontoseafarers.org and www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk ■

DO

Organise a meeting of your parish pastoral council and reflect on how your faith community responds to the needs of people on the margins of society.



LEARN

“The first question which the priest and the Levite asked was: ‘If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?’ But the good Samaritan reversed the question: ‘If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?’”

(Martin Luther King Jr.)

SAY

“Blessed Mother, Star of the Sea, extend your maternal protection to the people of the sea and guide them from the dangers of the sea to a secure port.”

(Cardinal Peter Turkson)