

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.**

**GREETING**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
The Lord be with you.  
And with your spirit.

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
May almighty God have mercy on us....  
**Amen.**

**THE 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.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,  
the constant gladness of being  
devoted to you,  
for it is full and lasting happiness  
to serve with constancy  
the author of all that is good.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD****FIRST READING**

**Proverbs 31: 10-13.19-20. 30-31.**

**A reading from the Book of Proverbs.**

A perfect wife - who can find her?  
She is far beyond the price of pearls.  
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,  
from her he will derive no little profit.  
Advantage and not hurt she brings him  
all the days of her life.  
She is always busy with wool and with flax  
she does her work with eager hands.  
She sets her hands to the distaff,  
her fingers grasp the spindle.  
She holds out her hand to the poor,  
she opens her arms to the needy.

Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;  
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.  
Give her a share in what her hands  
have worked for,  
and let her works tell her praises at the  
city gates.

**The word of the Lord.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 127: 1 - 5**

**R. O blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

- O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper. **[R]**
- Your wife like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table. **[R]**
- Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
in a happy Jerusalem  
all the days of your life. **[R]**

**SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6**

**A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.**

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

**The word of the Lord.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL Matthew 25: 14 - 30**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. (\*Shorter from in italics)**

*\*Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.\* The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who*

had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. *\*Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made.\* His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."*

**The Gospel of the Lord.**  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**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,

*All bow for following 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.



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19th November 2023

**World Day of the Poor**

**We find today an invitation from the gospel to put all our talents at the service of God and of his kingdom.**

"Do not turn  
your face away  
from anyone  
who is poor"  
(Tob 4:7)



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.**

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Pray brothers and sisters, .....  
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**

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that what we offer  
in the sight of your majesty may obtain for  
us the grace of being devoted to you and  
gain us the prize of everlasting happiness.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

The Lord be with you.  
And with your spirit.  
Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them up to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right and just.

**SANCTUS**

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.

**AFTER THE CONSECRATION**

*The mystery of faith.*  
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and  
profess your Resurrection until you come  
again.

**INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION**

Behold the Lamb of God, .....  
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 near God is my happiness,  
to place my hope in God the Lord.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We have partaken of the gifts of this  
sacred mystery, humbly imploring, O Lord,  
that what your Son commanded us to do  
in memory of him may bring us growth in  
charity. Through Christ our Lord.



The context for today's gospel is the Last Judgement scene which immediately follows, "I was hungry and you gave me to eat, welcome into the Kingdom." We have all been given talents, in varying degrees, our intelligence, the skills we have acquired, our health, our limited time on earth. Some may have ten talents, some five, some one. Those talents were not given to us to bury in the ground, to possess just for our own personal advantage. We are asked to use whatever gifts we have been given in the service of those in need, those who are poor and unwanted. The greater the gifts we have been given, the more responsibility we have to use them.

Unfortunately, our culture often blames the poor for being poor. They are often considered to be lazy, untrustworthy, or irresponsible and therefore undeserving. But we can hardly blame the 89,000 children who are living in poverty in Ireland today for being poor!

Gratitude is the only solid foundation for our relationship with God. How can we repay God for all that God has given to us? God needs nothing from us. But God's children do. We express our gratitude to God by sharing our talents and gifts in the service of God's children who are in need, the poor, lonely, homeless, or unwanted. We are only stewards of the gifts we have been given, called to use them responsibly in the light of the needs of others.

*Fr. Peter McVerry*

**Jesus' Story**

*Fr. Liam Hickey*



I liked the colours in The Church Window. All were different and held together in light, like a happy family. Every person is a colour of God, and is like a talent, to let the light of God's Love shine through us. We let the love of God shine through us when we smile, offer to help, say please and thanks and respect our mother Nature.



