

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of
your name.**

GREETING

In the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us
to one another and to the Father:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy**
Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin
and division:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your
Father:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life. **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

O God, who teach us that you abide in
hearts that are just and true, grant that
we may be so fashioned by your grace
as to become a dwelling pleasing to you.
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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD**FIRST READING** *Leviticus 13 :1-2. 44-46*

A reading from the book of Leviticus
The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a
swelling or scab or shiny spot appears
on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the
skin is to be suspected. The man must
be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of
the priests who are his sons. 'The man is
leprosy: he is unclean. The priest must
declare him unclean; he is suffering from
leprosy of the head.

A man infected with leprosy must wear
his clothing torn and his hair disordered;
he must shield his upper lip and cry,
"Unclean, unclean". As long as the
disease lasts he must be unclean; and
therefore he must live apart; he must live
outside the camp.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps. 31:1-2.5.11*

**R. You are my refuge, O Lord;
you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

- Happy the man whose offence is
forgiven, whose sin is remitted.
O happy the man to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile. **(R)**
- But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.
I said: 'I will confess
my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven
the guilt of my sin. **(R)**
- Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart. **(R)**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1

**A reading from the first letter of St
Paul to the Corinthians**

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink,
whatever you do at all, do it for the glory
of God. Never do anything offensive to
anyone - to Jews or Greeks or to the
Church of God; just as I try to be helpful
to everyone at all times, not anxious for
my own advantage but for the advantage
of everybody else, so that they may be
saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared
among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL *Mark 1:40-45*

**A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Mark**

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on
his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can
cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus
stretched out his hand and touched him.
'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!'
And the leprosy left him at once and he
was cured. Jesus immediately sent him
away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind
you say nothing to anyone, but go and
show yourself to the priest, and make
the offering for your healing prescribed
by Moses as evidence of your recovery.'
The man went away, but then started
talking about it freely and telling the
story everywhere, so that Jesus could no
longer go openly into any town, but had
to stay outside in places where nobody
lived. Even so, people from all around
would come to him.

**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.
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

May this oblation, O Lord, we pray,
cleanse and renew us and may it become
for those who do your will the source of
eternal reward. 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.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you
come again.

THE SIGN OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And with your spirit.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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

**God so loved the world
that he gave his Only Begotten Son,
so that all who believe in him may
not perish, but may have eternal life.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having fed upon these heavenly delights,
we pray, O Lord, that we may always long
for that food by which we truly live.
Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠
and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain
with you for ever. **Amen.**

Go in peace.
Thanks be to God.

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**focus on sunday**

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 11th February 2024

World Day of the Sick

Day of Prayer for Temperance

When Jesus cured the leper he was restored back to health and to his
family and friends. By being renewed with the body and blood of Christ
at this Mass we are strengthened and restored to God's family.



The mention of leprosy in scripture awakens thoughts of illness and
isolation and the hope of healing and "re-belonging". The mention of
TB in our own recent history produces similar thoughts. Sanatorium
campuses were developed at Peamount and Blanchardstown on

the outskirts of Dublin and Merlin Park on the outskirts of Galway city. These hospitals
offered respiratory care in airy wards to patients who had to spend time away from
their families.

What a coincidence that we are hearing these themes of healing and "re-belonging"
on this Temperance Sunday and also on this World Day of the Sick. A Sunday for
Temperance is marked every year on the weekend just before Lent while a day of
Prayer for the Sick is observed every year on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes! These
two events merge today and blend beautifully with our scripture texts.

For 125 years, Pioneers have been praying every day for people who have been
impacted and isolated by addiction. The need is still great as we see the amount of
people who are waiting on a place in a Treatment centre. These people from all walks
of life need our prayers as they entrust themselves to the Lord for His healing or to a
Higher Power.

If you would like to learn more about spiritual support which Pioneers offer, visit www.pioneerassociation.org

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Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Today is a special day to pray for your friends that may be sick or a member of your
family that is sick. Ask God to heal them just like he healed the leper and always
remember to say thank you. Look out for anyone you think might be feeling lonely or
sad and include them in your games. We are all God's children and He loves us with
an everlasting love.

