



16 AUGUST 2026 ❖ 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ❖ YEAR A



“O WOMAN, GREAT IS YOUR FAITH!”

Today is the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Gospel highlights the universality of God’s grace, the power of persistent prayer, and the inclusiveness of salvation. A Canaanite woman cries out to Jesus, pleading for her daughter’s healing. Though considered an outsider, she recognizes Jesus as the “Son of David,” showing a remarkable faith even ahead of many within Israel. Like her, we too may feel unworthy or distant, yet we are assured that Jesus came for all. May we recognize Him present among us, especially in the Eucharist.



INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(To be recited only when no entrance hymn is sung.)

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

(Ps 84 (83): 10-11)

GREETING

P – May the love and peace of God our Father,
the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit be with
you all.

All – And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P – As we prepare to celebrate the Eucharist,
let us call to mind what makes us unworthy to

participate in it, especially our failure to live the
commandment of universal love preached by
Christ. (Pause)

P – You have revealed the love of God for all
human beings. Lord, have mercy.

All – Lord, have mercy.

P – You came to call all peoples to conversion.
Christ, have mercy.

All – Christ, have mercy.

P – You plead for us at the right hand of the
Father. Lord, have mercy.

All – Lord, have mercy.

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

All – Amen.

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GLORIA

All – 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 (OPENING PRAYER)

P –O God, who have prepared for those who
love you
good things which no eye can see,
fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your
love,
so that, loving you in all things and above all
things,
we may attain your promises,
which surpass every human desire.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
All–Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading

Is 56:1, 6-7

R –A reading from the Book of the Prophet
Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

“Observe what is right, do what is just;
for my salvation is about to come,
my justice, about to be revealed.

The foreigners who join themselves to the
Lord, ministering to him,
loving the name of the Lord,
and becoming his servants—

all who keep the sabbath free from
profanation
and hold to my covenant,
them I will bring to my holy mountain
and make joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and sacrifices
will be acceptable on my altar,
for my house shall be called
a house of prayer for all peoples.”

The word of the Lord.

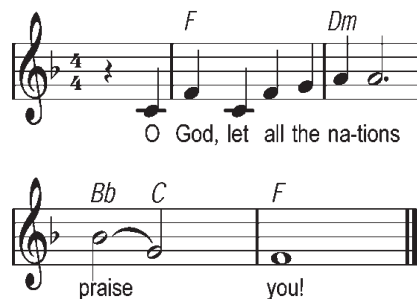
All –Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

R –O God, let all the nations praise you.

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- * May God have pity on us and bless us;
may he let his face shine upon us.
So may your way be known upon earth;
among all nations, your salvation. **R.**
- * May the nations be glad and exult
because you rule the peoples in equity;
the nations on the earth you guide. **R.**
- * May the peoples praise you, O God;
may all the peoples praise you!
May God bless us,
and may all the ends of the earth fear
him! **R.**

2nd Reading

Rom 11:13-15, 29-32

R –A reading from the Letter of Paul to the
Romans

Brothers and sisters:

I am speaking to you Gentiles.

Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles,
I glory in my ministry in order to make
my race jealous
and thus save some of them.

For if their rejection is the reconciliation of
the world,
what will their acceptance be but life
from the dead?

For the gifts and the call of God are
irrevocable.
Just as you once disobeyed God
but have now received mercy because of
their disobedience,
so they have now disobeyed in order that,
by virtue of the mercy shown to you,
they too may now receive mercy.
For God delivered all to disobedience,
that he might have mercy upon all.

The word of the Lord.
All –Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 4:23

All– Alleluia, alleluia.
Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the
Kingdom
and cured every disease among
the people.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mt 15:21-28

P –The Lord be with you.
All –And with your spirit.
P –A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Matthew
All –Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region
of Tyre and Sidon.
And behold, a Canaanite woman of that
district came and called out,
“Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David!
My daughter is tormented by a demon.”
But Jesus did not say a word in answer to
her.
Jesus’ disciples came and asked him,
“Send her away, for she keeps calling
out after us.”
He said in reply,
“I was sent only to the lost sheep of the
house of Israel.”
But the woman came and did Jesus
homage, saying, “Lord, help me!”
He said in reply,
“It is not right to take the food of the
children
and throw it to the dogs.”
She said, “Please, Lord, for even the dogs
eat the scraps
that fall from the table of their
masters.” Then Jesus said to her in reply,
“O woman, great is your faith!

Let it be done for you as you wish.”
And the woman’s daughter was healed from
that hour.

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

HOMILY

Profession of Faith

(Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed)

All – 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, *(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.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

P –God desires the salvation of all and shows mercy to those who trust in Him. With confidence, like the Canaanite woman, we call upon Him and say: God our Father, hear our prayer.

All –God our Father, hear our prayer.

C –For the Catholic Church: may she be a true sign of hope for all pilgrims of faith, boldly welcoming the stranger, the marginalized, and those who feel excluded. Let us pray to the Lord. **R.**

C –For leaders of nations: may they overcome indifference and prejudice, and work for unity, solidarity, and peaceful coexistence among all peoples. Let us pray to the Lord. **R.**

C –For leaders of different religious traditions: may differences in belief become opportunities for dialogue, cooperation, and the promotion of peace. Let us pray to the Lord. **R.**

C –For our families and our parish community: may we grow in love and respect for one another, ensuring that no one feels like an outsider. Let us pray to the Lord. **R.**

P –Heavenly Father, fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we may receive His gifts and be strengthened to love without limits and without hesitation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **All–Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

P –Pray, brethren . . .

All –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

P –Receive our oblation, O Lord, by which is brought about a glorious exchange, that, by offering what you have given, we may merit to receive your very self. Through Christ our Lord.

All–Amen.

PREFACE IV

P –The Lord be with you.

All–And with your spirit.

P –Lift up your hearts.

All–We lift them up to the Lord.

P –Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All– It is right and just.

P – It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,

always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For by his birth he brought renewal

to humanity's fallen state,

and by his suffering, canceled out our sins; by his rising from the dead

he has opened the way to eternal life,

and by ascending to you, O Father,

he has unlocked the gates of heaven.

And so, with the company of Angels and

Saints, we sing the hymn of your praise,

as without end we acclaim:

All – 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.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P –The mystery of faith.

All–Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION RITE

All–Our Father . . .

P– Deliver us, Lord . . .



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