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CHRIST'S PRICELESS TREASURE

Today is the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, also Fil-Mission Sunday and the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. In the Gospel, a man finds a treasure and gives up everything to have it. We are expected to be that man when we find Jesus and we let go of worldly things to follow Him. Yet more deeply, Christ is the one who finds us and gives everything—even His life on the Cross—showing how precious we are to Him. In this Eucharist we thank Jesus for His great love for us and let us as we renew our commitment to follow Him wholeheartedly.



INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his
house;
he himself gives might and strength to his
people.

GREETING

P –Blessed be God who offers us His Kingdom through Jesus, our Brother and Savior. May His love and peace be with you all.
All–**And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

P –Coming together as God's family, let us ask the Lord's forgiveness for he is full of gentleness and compassion. (Pause)

P –Lord, we often barter the preciousness of your grace for material pleasures and satisfactions. Lord, have mercy.
All–**Lord, have mercy.**

P –Lord, in our decisions we are often guided not by your wisdom but by the wrong priorities of a materialistic and hedonistic world. Christ, have mercy!
All–**Christ, have mercy.**

P –Lord, we often reduce our appreciation of your Kingdom to just praying for its coming, while neglecting to work for it. 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, protector of those who hope in you,
without whom nothing has firm foundation,
nothing is holy,
bestow in abundance your mercy upon us
and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide,
we may use the good things that pass
in such a way as to hold fast even now
to those that ever endure.
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

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12

R –A reading from the first Book of Kings

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream at night.

God said, “Ask something of me and I will give it to you.”

Solomon answered:

**“O Lord, my God, you have made me,
your servant, king
to succeed my father David;
but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all
how to act.**

**I serve you in the midst of the people whom
you have chosen,
a people so vast that it cannot be
numbered or counted.**

**Give your servant, therefore, an
understanding heart
to judge your people and to distinguish
right from wrong.**

**For who is able to govern this vast people of
yours?”**

**The Lord was pleased that Solomon made
this request.**

So God said to him:

**“Because you have asked for this—
not for a long life for yourself,
nor for riches,
nor for the life of your enemies,
but for understanding so that you may
know what is right—**

I do as you requested.

**I give you a heart so wise and understanding
that there has never been anyone like you
up to now,
and after you there will come no one to
equal you.”**

The word of the Lord.

All –Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77,
127-128, 129-130

R –Lord, I love your commands.

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Lord, I love your com-mands!

- * I have said, O Lord, that my part
is to keep your words.
The law of your mouth is to me
more precious
than thousands of gold and silver
pieces. **R.**
- * Let your kindness comfort me
according to your promise to your
servants.
Let your compassion come to me
that I may live,
for your law is my delight. **R.**
- * For I love your commands
more than gold, however fine.
For in all your precepts I go forward;
every false way I hate. **R.**

* Wonderful are your decrees;
therefore I observe them.
The revelation of your words sheds light,
giving understanding to the simple. **R.**

2nd Reading **Rom 8:28-30**

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

Brothers and sisters:

**We know that all things work for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to his purpose.
For those he foreknew he also predestined
to be conformed to the image of his Son,
so that he might be the firstborn
among many brothers and sisters.
And those he predestined he also called;
and those he called he also justified;
and those he justified he also glorified.**

The word of the Lord.

All –Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation **cf. Mt 11:25**

All– Alleluia, alleluia.
Blessed are you Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
for you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel **Mt 13:44-52**

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.**

Jesus said to his disciples:

**“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure
buried in a field,
which a person finds and hides again,
and out of joy goes and sells all that
he has and buys that field.
Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a
merchant
searching for fine pearls.
When he finds a pearl of great price,
he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.
Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net
thrown into the sea,
which collects fish of every kind.
When it is full, they haul it ashore
and sit down to put what is good into
buckets.**

What is bad they throw away.

Thus it will be at the end of the age.

**The angels will go out and separate the
wicked from the righteous
and throw them into the fiery furnace,
where there will be wailing and grinding
of teeth.**

Do you understand all these things?”

They answered, “Yes.”

And he replied,

**“Then every scribe who has been
instructed in the kingdom of heaven
is like the head of a household
who brings from his storeroom both the
new and the old.”**

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 –Brothers and sisters, God loves us so much that He gave His Son for us. Trusting in His love, let us bring our prayers to Him and say: Lord, hear our prayer.

All–Lord, hear our prayer.

C –For the Holy Father, the bishops, and priests, may they always find in Jesus the true treasure of their lives, and serve with humility, fidelity, fraternity and love. We pray. **R.**

C –For all civil servants, may they seek the good of all and serve with honesty, letting go of selfish ambition. We pray. **R.**

C –For our parish community, may we treat one another with patience and respect, and avoid judging others. We pray. **R.**

C –For those who do not yet believe or are searching for meaning, may they find Jesus and come to know His love. We pray. **R.**

P –Loving Father, You have given us Your Son as our greatest treasure, the pearl of great price. Hear our prayers and deepen our love for You each day, that we may faithfully follow Your Son, our Brother, Jesus 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 –Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings which we bring from the abundance of your gifts,
that through the powerful working of your grace these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present way of life
and lead us to eternal gladness.

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– We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**



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COMMUNION RITE

All—Our Father . . .

P— Deliver us, Lord . . .

All —For the kingdom,
the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.

SIGN OF PEACE

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

All—Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world:

have mercy on us. (2x)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world:

grant us peace.

COMMUNION

P —Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who
takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are
those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All — 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 recited only when no Communion hymn
is sung.)*

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

(Ps 103 (102): 2)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P — We have consumed, O Lord, this divine
Sacrament,
the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your
Son;

grant, we pray, that this gift,
which he himself gave us with love beyond all
telling,

may profit us for salvation.

Through Christ our Lord.

All— Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

P — The Lord be with you.

All— And with your spirit.

P — May almighty God bless you: the Father,
and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All— Amen.

P — Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

All— Thanks be to God.



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