

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

27th September 2020



OPENING HYMN

At the name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bow,
Ev'ry tongue confess Him King of glory now.
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call Him Lord,
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season to receive a name
From the lips of sinners unto whom He came,
Faithfully He bore it spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious, when from death He passed.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:25-28

When the sinner renounces sin, he shall certainly live.

PSALM RESPONSE:

Remember Your mercy, Lord.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-11

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia. If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:28-32

He thought better of it and went. Tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you.

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, (*as we say the words in italics, we 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.

OFFERTORY

O Purest of creatures, sweet Mother, sweet maid,
The one spotless womb wherein Jesus was laid!
Dark night hath come down on us, Mother! and we
Look out for thy shining, sweet Star of the Sea!

Deep night hath come down on this rough-spoken world,
And the banners of darkness are boldly unfurled;
And the tempest-tossed Church,---all her eyes are on thee;

They look to thy shining, sweet Star of the Sea!

He gazed on thy soul, it was spotless and fair,
For the empire of sin---it had never been there;
None ever had owned thee, dear Mother, but He.
And He blest thy clear shining, sweet Star of the Sea!

Earth gave Him one lodging; t'was deep in thy breast,
And God found a home where the sinner finds rest;
His home and His hiding-place both were in thee,
He was won by thy shining, sweet Star of the Sea!

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

As the congregation are unable to receive Holy Communion at this time, we are invited to pray a prayer of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

O Bread of Heaven, beneath this veil, Thou dost my very God conceal:
My Jesus, dearest treasure, hail! I love Thee and, adoring, kneel;
Each loving soul by Thee is fed with Thine own self in form of Bread.

O Food of Life, Thou who dost give the pledge of immortality;
I live, no 'tis not I that live; God gives me life, God lives in me:
He feeds my soul, He guides my ways, and every grief with joy repays.

O Bond of Love that dost unite the servant to his living Lord;
Could I dare live and not requite such love - then death were meet reward:
I cannot live unless to prove some love for such unmeasured love.

Belovèd Lord, in Heaven above, there, Jesus, Thou awaitest me,
To gaze on Thee with changeless love; yes, thus I hope, thus shall it be:
For how can He deny me Heaven, who here on earth Himself hath given?

RECESSIONAL HYMN

In your hearts enthrone Him; there let Him subdue
All that is not holy, all that is not true;
Crown Him as your captain in temptation's hour:
Let His will enfold you in its light and pow'r.

Truly this Lord Jesus shall return again,
With His Father's glory, with His angel train;
For all wreaths of empire meet upon His brow,
And our hearts confess Him King of glory now.