

# Mass for Mission Sunday

## 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

[29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A]

Mass for the Evangelisation of Peoples [Roman Missal, pp 1182 ff]

This is for guidance  
only - please refer to the  
Missal for full texts.

### Entrance Antiphon PS 95 (96) 3-4

Tell among the nations his glory,  
And all his wonders among the peoples,  
For the Lord is great and highly to be  
praised.

### Penitential Act

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations  
into the peace of God's kingdom.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you came in word and  
sacrament to strengthen us in holiness.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you came in glory with  
salvation for your people.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us.

Forgive us our sins and bring us to  
everlasting life.

### Gloria ...

### Collect

O God, you have willed that your Church  
Be the sacrament of salvation for all  
nations,  
So that Christ's saving work may continue  
to the ends of the ages;  
Stir up, we pray, the hearts of your faithful  
And grant that they may feel a more urgent  
call  
To work for the salvation of every creature,  
So that from all the peoples on earth  
One family and one people of your own  
may arise and increase.  
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.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### First Reading

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**  
45:1.4-6

Thus says Yahweh to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whom he has taken by his right hand to  
subdue nations before him and strip the loins  
of kings, to force gateways before him that  
their gates be closed no more: It is for the  
sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen  
one, that I have called you by your name,  
conferring a title though you do not know me.  
I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other  
God besides me. Though you do not know me,  
I arm you that men may know from the rising  
to the setting of the sun that, apart from me,  
all is nothing.

**The Word of the Lord.**

#### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R/. V 7

**R/.** Give the Lord glory and power  
O sing a new song to the Lord,  
Sing to the Lord all the earth,  
Tell among the nations his glory  
And his wonders among all the peoples. **R/.**

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,  
To be feared above all gods;  
The gods of the heathens are naught.  
It was the Lord who made the heavens. **R/.**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,  
Give the Lord glory and power,

Give the Lord the glory of his name.  
Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R/.**

Worship the Lord in his temple,  
O earth, tremble before him,  
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is King.'  
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R/.**

## **Second Reading**

### **A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 1:1-5**

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

### **The word of the Lord**

### **Gospel Acclamation** John 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your word is truth, O Lord:  
Consecrate us in the truth.  
Alleluia!

## **Gospel**

### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 22:15-21**

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because

a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's,' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.'

### **The Gospel of the Lord**

## **Prayer of the Faithful**

**Priest celebrant:** The love of Christ gathers us together in communion this World Mission Sunday so that we might be renewed through this celebration of our faith and in our commitment to bring the Gospel to the ends of the earth and so, we make our prayer to our loving Father.

1. For our Holy Father, Pope Francis. That he may continue to shepherd, steward, and renew the flock committed to his care. We pray to the Lord.  
**Lord hear our prayer.**
2. For missionaries; men and women of faith who have left their homeland to witness to the Gospel in all areas of the world. That their example of love and mercy will guide the Universal Church in examples of missionary discipleship. We pray to the Lord.  
**Lord hear our prayer.**
3. For the whole Church on mission in the world. That our faith in Jesus Christ sends all Christians forth to generously give of ourselves to build life-giving relationships. We pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**
4. For young people and all who are considering their role in life. That many will answer the call to be missionaries. We pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

5. For this community gathered here. That the support we give to the spread of the Gospel today may bring us all closer into communion with our brothers and sisters throughout the world.

We pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

6. For faith communities in the farthest frontiers, especially those suffering persecution. That they may have their human rights, equality, and religious freedom recognised.

We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

7. For deceased missionaries and for all our dead. That they may be welcomed into the light of God's Kingdom.

We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

**Priest celebrant:** God our loving Father, on this World Mission Sunday send us out as heralds of Gospel joy to all we meet. We make this and all our prayers through Christ our Lord.

## **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **Prayer over the Offerings**

May the offerings and prayers of your Church, O Lord,  
Rise up in the sight of your majesty and gain acceptance,  
Just as the glorious Passion of your Son was pleasing to you  
For the salvation of the whole world.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### **Eucharistic Prayer for Various Needs III** (Roman Missal pp. 671 ff)

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
Always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Holy Father, Lord of heaven and earth,  
Through Christ our Lord.

For by your Word you created the world  
And you govern all things in harmony.  
You gave us the same Word made flesh as Mediator,

And he has spoken your words to us  
And called us to follow him.

He is the way that leads us to you,

The truth that sets us free,

The life that fills us with gladness.

Through your Son

You gather men and women,

Whom you made for the glory of your name,

Into one family,

Redeemed by the Blood of his Cross

And signed with the seal of the Spirit.

Therefore, now and for ages unending,

With all the Angels,

We proclaim your glory,

As in joyful celebration we acclaim:

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts ....***

### **Communion Antiphon** Psalm 116: 1-2

O praise the Lord, all you nations;

Acclaim him, all you peoples!

For his merciful love has prevailed over us,

And the Lord's faithfulness endures for ever.

### **Prayer after Communion**

May our participation at your table sanctify us, O Lord, we pray,

And grant that through the Sacrament of your Church

All nations may receive in rejoicing the

salvation accomplished on the Cross

By your Only Begotten Son. Who lives and

reigns for ever and ever.