

MISSION SUNDAY MASS

23 OCTOBER 2022

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
Mass for the Evangelisation of Peoples [Missal, Page 1182ff]

Entrance Antiphon

[Ps. 95:3-4]

Tell among the nations his glory,
and his wonders among all 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, have mercy.**

You come in word and sacrament to
strengthen us in holiness. Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You will come in glory with salvation for your
people. Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

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

Glory to God in the highest...

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, one
God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14. 16-19
The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds. The Lord is a judge who is no
respector of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a
poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the
orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who
with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the
clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds; until it arrives, he is
inconsolable, nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the
virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be
dilatatory on their behalf.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 34:2-3,17-18,19, 23]

**R/. The Lord hears and answers
the cry of the poor.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R**

2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to
destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears

and rescues them in all their distress. **R**

3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms in the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R**

Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

4:6-8. 16-18

Paul perseveres in faith, confident that God will rescue him.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing. The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen

The word of the lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

2 Cor 5:19

God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled.

Alleluia!!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

18: 9 -14

Jesus tells the parable of the proud Pharisee who prayed from his self-importance and the tax collector who prayed humbly. Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. “Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself: “I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get.” The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, “God, be merciful on me, a sinner.” This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer of Faithful

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. Lord, hear us.
2. For missionaries; men and women of faith who have left their homeland to witness to the Gospel in all areas of the world. May their example of love and mercy guide the Universal Church with examples of missionary discipleship. Lord, hear us.
3. For the whole Church on mission in the world. That we may be reminded that each of us is a mission always and that our faith in Jesus Christ sends all Christians forth to generously give of ourselves to build lifegiving relationships. Lord, hear us.
4. For all who are sick. That those suffering from the virus are brought healing and that those who care for them are provided with the support needed to do their life-saving work. Lord, hear us.

5. For young people and all who are considering their role in life. That many will answer the call to be missionaries. Lord, hear us.

6. 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. Lord, hear us.

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

8. For the people of Ukraine and for all those who are living in war torn countries. That they may experience true peace. Lord, hear us.

9. For deceased missionaries and for all our faithful departed. That they may be welcomed into the light of God's kingdom. Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: God our loving Father, you sent your Son among us to reveal your wonderful plan of salvation. On this World Mission Sunday, send us out as missionaries of Gospel joy to all we meet. We make this and all our prayers through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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]

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

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 ...

Communion Antiphon

[Mark 16:15]

Go into all the world, and proclaim the Gospel,
says the Lord. I am with you always.

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.

Mission Sunday 2022

World Mission Sunday collections take place in every single parish where the Church is present. This includes not only Ireland and Europe, but also in poorer parishes in developing countries. It is a moment of universal solidarity when each member of the Church family, regardless of location or background, play their part in supporting each other. This is what makes it such a special celebration.

What is Actually Supported?

The needs of overseas dioceses vary greatly. Anything from a motorbike so a priest can celebrate Mass in a remote village, to a community hall to allow people to gather and celebrate in safety. Or more urgently, vaccinations and medicines to protect the vulnerable.

In essence, World Mission Sunday:

- Provides Church centred infrastructure by helping communities build schools, clinics, parish halls, and churches
- Prepares the future leaders and carers of the Church by supporting the training of sisters, priests, religious brothers and catechists
- Supports missionary programmes that protect and care for children's wellbeing by offering safe shelter, healthcare, education, and hope for the future

Missio Ireland

In Ireland, Missio Ireland is responsible for coordinating World Mission Sunday. We are part of a global network serving the Church in over 120 countries.

We seek to help the faithful to understand and respond to the call of mission. We respect all cultures and traditions by treating everyone as brothers and sisters under one loving God. Because of your kindness, we can support overseas missionaries, serving in some of the most impoverished areas of the world, through their challenges, struggles and hardships.

Right now, missionaries desperately need your help. In many poorer parishes in Africa, Asia, and Latin America missionaries are serving on the front line. They already do so much, walking hand-in-hand with marginalised communities, long before and after any emergency. You can show missionaries you care by supporting World Mission Sunday. Your prayers and generosity will change lives.

You shall be my witnesses – Message of Pope Francis

In his World Mission Sunday message for 2022 Pope Francis highlights the personal call of each of us to be witnesses to Christ. “You shall be my witnesses“, the Holy Father recalls the bond between every missionary and Christ himself, “the first to be sent, as a missionary of the Father”, “His faithful witness”, and remembers that the Church’s sole mission is to bear witness to Christ.

Pope Francis speaks of the community-ecclesial dimension of the missionary call, and expresses the fact that no missionary acts alone and on his behalf, but in every circumstance, “performs an act of the Church,” as Pope Francis says citing St. Paul VI.

Again, Pope Francis underlines that the “disciples are sent by Jesus to the world “not only to carry out the mission, but also and above all to live the mission entrusted to them; not only to bear witness, but also and above all to be witnesses of Christ.” In this sense, Francis emphasizes the importance of coherence of life, because – citing Paul VI again – “Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses.” Yet, he also reiterates the centrality of the explicit announcement: “In evangelization, then, the example of a Christian life and the proclamation of Christ are inseparable. One is at the service of the other. They are the two lungs with which any community must breathe, if it is to be missionary.”

Looking at today’s social reality, the Pope also notes that more and more often, due to migration, the presence of the faithful of various nationalities enriches the face of parishes and makes them more universal, more Catholic; and consequently, he indicates that the pastoral care of migrants is a missionary activity not to be neglected.

And again, he points out how the ends of the earth are not only the geographical ones, but always include the new geographical, social, existential horizons, towards the places and human situations of the border, where witness is made to the love of Christ towards men and women of all peoples, cultures, social states.

Finally, in the last part of the message, the Pontiff highlights where the missionary can draw energy, strength and stimuli. It is the part dedicated to the passage “You will receive the strength from the Holy Spirit”.

Indeed, He is always the protagonist of the mission, He who was able to give “strength, courage and wisdom” to the first disciples, who “had previously been weak, fearful and closed.” Hence the reference of Francis to cultivate the life of prayer, which, he emphasizes, – has a fundamental role in missionary life.

Resources

Message of the Holy Father Francis for the World Mission Sunday 2022

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/it/bollettino/pubblico/2022/01/06/0011/00022.html>

Mission Ireland

www.missio.ie