

Mass of St. Finian of Clonard



Entrance Antiphon

Thus says the Lord: My words, which I have put into your mouth, Will remain forever on your lips
And your gifts will be accepted on my altar.

Introductory Rites

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy
Spirit be with you all.

And with your Spirit

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy

You came to call sinners:

Christ, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

May almighty God have mercy on

us, forgive us our sins,

and bring us to everlasting life

Amen

Collect

By the work of your bishop Saint Finnian,

Lord, you formed a multitude of Saints

in the knowledge of the Gospel and in the monastic life;

in our own day raise up, we pray, at his intercession,

Saints to edify your people

by the vitality of their Christian lives. 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

(See below)

Prayer over the Offerings

grant our supplication, we pray, almighty God,

that these sacrificial offerings of your people,

which we bring you in commemoration of blessed St. Finian,

you may graciously mingle with the gifts of Heaven.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Preface of Holy Virgins and Religious

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.
For in the Saints who consecrated themselves to Christ
for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven,
It is right to celebrate the wonders of your providence,
by which you call human nature back to its original holiness
and bring it to experience on this earth
the gifts you promise in the new world to come.
And so, with all the Angels and Saints,
We praise you, as without end we acclaim:
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts....

Liturgy of the Word
Mass of St. Finian:

FIRST READING

Is 52:7-10

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah:

How beautiful on the mountains
are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace,
who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation,
who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"
Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy.
When the Lord returns to Zion,
they will see it with their own eyes.
Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem,
for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The Lord will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 96:1-3, 7-8

R./ Sing to the Lord a new song

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day. **R./**

Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.
Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. **R./**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come into his courts.
Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns." **R./**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia

I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me Alleluia,
Alleluia

GOSPEL

Luke 22:24-30 or Matthew 5:1-12a

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 22:24-30

A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have stood by me in my trials. And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 5:1-12a

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain,
and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.

He began to teach them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for
they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be
satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is
the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you
and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.

Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will be great in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant:

As we seek to prepare our hearts and our world for the coming of the Lord, let us turn to our loving Father in prayer:

1. We pray for the Church and its leaders; may they draw inspiration from Saint Finian's example of faith and leadership as a gentle and caring pastor. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For educators and students; may the Lord send his wisdom and knowledge upon them, drawing them closer to him through study and learning. **Lord, hear us.**
3. We pray for all in public office. Give them strength, integrity and wisdom. Guide their decision-making and keep their hearts ever mindful of the people they are called to serve. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For pray in countries experiencing civil unrest at this time. Comfort the innocent caught conflicts not of their making. May warring factions sue for peace that "all the ends of the earth will see" your salvation. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For the sick; that the Lord may bring them the comfort of his presence and his strength in their recovery. **Lord, hear us.**
6. Lord, grant us the wisdom to care for the earth and till it. Remind us of our responsibility to protect God's gift of creation. **Lord, hear us.**
7. We pray for the dead.....may they share in the hope of the Resurrection on the last day. **Lord, hear us.**

Celebrant:

Eternal Father, you guided the work of St. Finian, as a teacher, pastor and scholar. By the example of his life, may we grow in love of You and our neighbour. We make these prayers through Christ our Lord.