

focus on sunday

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 30th June 2024

Jesus' mission is one of healer; our prayer and relationship with him is one which heals past bitterness, guilt, grudges and anger. Can you come to him in confidence that he can heal all this within you?



'Do not be afraid; only have faith.'



Asleep in Christ?

We often hear the phrase at a funeral Mass – we pray for him/her, who has fallen asleep in Christ. It's a strange way of putting it; but Jesus in the gospel today uses it for the daughter of Jairus. Sometimes it's a way of avoiding the word 'death'; other times it's a faith statement that we believe in the resurrection of the body.

The story is a preview to the resurrection as the words, 'get up' are the same as used after in the gospel.

It is hard to believe that our loved ones gone to God are happier now than they ever were. The closeness to God after death brings the joy and happiness of eternal life. Even when we think of any purification after death like Purgatory, it was always in the belief that even there we were closer to God than on earth!

The gospel today recounts a real rising from the dead - the little girl got something to eat. Jesus' other reason for the raising from death was to point to the resurrection-life we would share with him.

It is also a big story about the care of Jesus. This care brought him back again from the other side to heal the girl, as to bring us to a new awakening from the sleep of death.

His care brings him daily to share the life of heaven with us, especially in the Eucharist.

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Jesus' Story Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus touched people with helping hands. He made people feel good. Some liked even to touch his clothes. We join our hands to say "Thanks" to God, morning and night. We ask God to help people in Hospital, and Caring Centres, who show care with their hands, and all those who are driving on the roads At Mass God blesses the work of all human hands.



PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who graciously accomplish the effects of your mysteries, grant, we pray, that the deeds by which we serve you may be worthy of these sacred gifts. Through Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right and just.

SANCTUS

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.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.
Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God,
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

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May this divine sacrifice we have offered and received fill us with life, O Lord, we pray, so that, bound to you in lasting charity, we may bear fruit that lasts for ever. Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
May almighty God bless you in his kindness and pour out saving wisdom upon you.
Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

Thanks be to God.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

GREETING

In the name of the FatherAmen.
The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

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.....

THE GLORIA

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.



OPENING PRAYER

O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ...

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Wisdom 1:13 - 15; 2:23 - 24
A reading from the book of Wisdom

Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living. To be - for this he created all; the world's created things have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying. Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 29:2, 4-6, 11-13
R. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.

O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. (R)

2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life.

At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. (R)

3. The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning

into dancing.
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever (R)

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 8:7.9. 13 - 15 A reading from the 2nd letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

You always have the most of everything - of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection - so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 5:21 - 24. 35 - 43 (Shorter Version)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on

her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

Some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'Little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old.

At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

All bow for following two lines:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters,
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.