



16 November 2025

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

The Day of Retribution and Fulfillment

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, the Church invites us to reflect on a very important event that will take place at a time that only God knows: the end of the world. The purpose of the invitation to reflect on that dramatic event is not to fill us with apprehension, but to bring us to make the right choices **now**. This means to live in a way that will enable us to face those dreadful moments with **trust** and **hope**, knowing that the one who will judge us will be the Lord whom we are doing our best to serve today.

In this Eucharistic celebration, therefore, we will pray for the grace to constantly live in the Lord's presence and in His grace. May He find us doing what is pleasing to Him at whatever time He may wish to come and take us with Him.



INTRODUCTORY RITES



Entrance Antiphon

(To be recited only when no Entrance Hymn is sung.)

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

(Jer 29:11, 12, 14)

Greeting

P –Blessed be the Lord, the Sun of Justice who sheds on us His healing rays. May His peace and love be with you all.

All –And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

P –As we prepare to meet the Lord in this Eucharistic celebra-

tion, let us do so with confident hearts and sincere sorrow for our sins. *(Pause)*

P –Lord, every day you give us time and opportunities to improve our life, but we sometimes use them to hurt our neighbor and offend you. Lord, have mercy.

All –Lord, have mercy.

P –Lord, you want that we earn the food we eat through honest work, but often we fail to do so. Christ, have mercy.

All –Christ, have mercy.

P –Lord, you taught us to remain faithful to you in times of persecution, but we sometimes prefer to find security in compromise and pretenses. Lord, have mercy.

All –Lord, have mercy.

P –May almighty God have

mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **All** –Amen.

Gloria

All –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.

Collect (Opening Prayer)

P –Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good.

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.

All—Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD



1st Reading *Mal 3:19-20*

The prophet Malachi reminds us that “the Day of the Lord” will be a day of justice when the wicked will be punished and the just rewarded.

R – A reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi

Lo, the day is coming, blazing like an oven, when all the proud and all evildoers will be stubble. And the day that is coming will set them on fire, leaving them neither root nor branch, says the Lord of hosts. But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays.

The Word of the Lord.

All—Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9

R —*The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.*

R. M. Velez



* Sing praise to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and melodious song. With trumpets and the sound of the horn, sing joyfully before the King, the Lord. **R.**

* Let the sea and what fills it

resound, the world and those who dwell in it. Let the rivers clap their hands, the mountains shout with them for joy. **R.**

* Before the Lord, for he comes, for he comes to rule the earth. He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with equity. **R.**

2nd Reading *2 Thes 3:7-12*

Awaiting the Lord's coming does not excuse us from taking seriously our daily duties. This is what St. Paul exhorts us to do in the reading we are about to hear.

R – A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Thesalonians

Brothers and sisters:

You know how one must imitate us. For we did not act in a disorderly way among you, nor did we eat food received free from anyone. On the contrary, in toil and drudgery, night and day we worked, so as not to burden any of you.

Not that we do not have the right. Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us. In fact, when we were with you, we instructed you that if anyone was unwilling to work, neither should that one eat.

We hear that some are conducting themselves among you in a disorderly way, by not keeping busy but minding the business of others. Such people we instruct and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to work quietly and to eat their own food.

The Word of the Lord.

All—Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Lk 21:28*

All—Alleluia, Alleluia.

Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel *Lk 21:5-19*

Today, the Lord Jesus reminds us that we should not worry about when the world will come to an end but about our disposition toward Him. It is only

faith in Him and faithfulness to His law of love that will bring us to salvation.

P —The Lord be with you.

All—And with your spirit.

P —A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All—Glory to you, O Lord.

While some people were speaking about how the Temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings, Jesus said, “All that you see here – the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down.”

Then they asked him, “Teacher, when will this happen? And what sign will there be when all these things are about to happen?” He answered, “See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he,’ and ‘The time has come.’ Do not follow them! When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end.” Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky.

Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name. It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute. You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your

head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

The Gospel of the Lord.
All—Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Profession of Faith

(Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed)

All—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, *(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.

Prayer of the Faithful

P —As we approach the conclusion of the liturgical year, let us present to the Lord our supplications for all those dear to us. Let our response be:

All—Lord, graciously hear us.

C —For the Universal Church, our Mother and Teacher: may She be for all nations a sign of hope, unity, and solidarity. Let us pray. **R.**

C —For the Holy Father, our bishops, and parish priests: may they guide the people of God by being an inspiration to all with their holiness, wisdom, and courage. Let us pray. **R.**

C —For our civil and political leaders: may they prepare for the day of reckoning by serving the people with honesty, dedication, and transparency. Let us pray. **R.**

C —For the victims of terrorism in all parts of the world: may the Lord receive them in His peace, and grant consolation and strength to their loved ones. Let us pray. **R.**

P —Lord God, grant us the grace to be always ready to welcome You by fulfilling our duties with the right intention and dedication. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
All—Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST



Preparation of the Gifts

P —Pray, brethren . . .

All—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.

Prayer over the Offerings

P —Grant, O Lord, we pray, that what we offer in the sight of your majesty may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness.

Through Christ our Lord.

All—Amen.

Preface IV

P —The Lord be with you.

All—And with your spirit.

P —Lift up your hearts.

All—We lift them up to the Lord.

P —Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All—It is right and just.

P —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, through Christ our Lord.

For by his birth he brought renewal to humanity's fallen state, and by his suffering, canceled out our sins; by his rising from the dead he has opened the way to eternal life, and by ascending to you, O Father, he has unlocked the gates of heaven.

And so, with the company of Angels and Saints, we sing the hymn of your praise, as without end we acclaim:

All—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.

Memorial Acclamation

P —The mystery of faith.

All—We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE



All—Our Father . . .

P —Deliver us, Lord . . .

All—For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Sign of Peace

Breaking of the Bread

All—Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. (2×)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Communion

P —Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the Supper of the Lamb.
All—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
(To be recited only when no
Communion Hymn is sung.)

**To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.**
(Ps 73 (72):28)

Prayer after Communion

P –We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery, humbly imploring, O Lord, that what your Son commanded us to do in memory of him may bring us growth in charity.

Through Christ our Lord.
All–Amen.

**CONCLUDING
RITES**



P –The Lord be with you.
All–And with your spirit.

P –May almighty God bless you: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
All–Amen.

P –Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.
All–Thanks be to God.

As we approach the beginning of the new liturgical year, start enjoying its richness by getting your copy of the

**2025 Liturgy Guide &
Prayer Book or
Executive Planner!**

Available at:

WORD AND LIFE RELIGIOUS STORE
Makati City
Shopee: Word & Life Religious Store
Lazada: wordanlifereligiousstore_2021

What Will Survive the End of the World

by Jess P. Balon

Jerusalem was particularly dear to all the members of the Chosen People. And in the whole city, the dearest part of all was the Temple. This was the pride of every generation; the source of inspiration for every young Israelite; the most sacred place where every pious Jew could experience God's special presence and favor.

For many generations, the Temple had been a source of security and hope because the Lord – or so they thought – would never allow His House to be profaned, and even less to be destroyed. When Jeremiah dared to question that certitude, he was accused of treason and blasphemy (see Jer 7:3-15; 26:2-11). But the events of history vindicated him: the whole of Jerusalem, including its Temple, were razed to the ground (see 2 Kgs 25:9) by the Babylonians.

For a time, the people of Judah learned to put their trust in the living and all-holy God, rather than in buildings, no matter how majestic and sacred. They learned that what matters most in the eyes of God is the “heart” of man – what he chooses and what he rejects, what he treasures and what he despises.

But eventually they forgot it again. Their pride blinded them. As a consequence, they were not able to recognize the time of the Lord's visitation. They rejected the Messiah of God – the terrible crime, in punishment for which the reconstructed Temple and the whole of Jerusalem would be reduced to rubble and ashes by the Roman army.

Jesus foresaw it with tearful sadness. Jesus wept over the Holy City. (See Lk 19:41.) But more than over material buildings, he wept over all

those who fail to set their hearts on the values of God's Kingdom.

Only those who choose and treasure God and His will can count on His protection. They become His living Temple. Even when their earthly Jerusalem – what they hold most dear and sacred on earth – is torn down, they are able to find consolation in the thought that the enduring and more splendid Jerusalem is the one that awaits them in heaven. That is where they belong.

Persecutions of many kinds may strike fiercely those who have vowed their hearts to Christ. As long as they do their best to live up to their commitment, the Lord will never forsake them. *Nothing of what they ARE will be lost*, even when they lose their properties and even their earthly life. The world may end (and the world does come to an end for millions of humans, every day!), but **for those who have set their hearts on loving God and neighbor, and do what is right, the world of God's eternal love will never come to an end.**

Such are the truths and corresponding attitudes that should treasure when we reflect on the passing splendor of this earth, and the inevitable end that will come for everything that is temporal.

Reckoning time need not be a time of terror. It can be – it should be! – a time of trust, hope, and fulfillment. The time of that wonderful face-to-face meeting with the One that in our earthly days we have perceived only in a vague manner from behind the veil of our limitations. It is up to us to transform an inevitable end into the beginning of an endless fulfillment.



**WORD AND LIFE
PUBLICATIONS**

Don Bosco Compound, A. Arnaiz Ave. cor. Chino Roces Ave., Makati, Metro Manila

Postal Address: P.O. Box 1820, MCPO, 1258 Makati, Metro Manila, Philippines

Tel. Nos. 8894-5401; 8475-8945 • Website: www.wordandlife.org

• E-mail: wordandlifepublications@gmail.com • FB: Word And Life Publications

• Editorial Team: Fr. R. De Guzman, V. David, R. Molomog, D. Daguio

• Illustrations: A. Sarmiento, B. Cleofe • Circulation: R. Saldua