



25 OCTOBER 2026 ❖ 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ❖ PRISON AWARENESS SUNDAY ❖ YEAR A



THE TWO GREATEST COMMANDMENTS: LOVE GOD AND LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF!

Today is the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, also Prison Awareness Sunday. In the Gospel, a lawyer tests Jesus by asking for the greatest commandment. Jesus brings the Law to its heart: love God and love your neighbor. God is love, and His love gives us our deepest dignity and worth. We may love because of affection or shared bonds, but God loves us simply because we are His beloved—a love revealed fully in the Cross and Resurrection of His Son. May this Eucharist renew us in God's love and help us, especially those deprived of liberty, discover the love and dignity for which every heart longs.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(To be recited only when no entrance hymn is sung.)

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

(Cf. Ps 105 (104):3-4)

GREETING

P —Blessed be God who gives us the capacity to love Him and our neighbor. May His peace and grace be with you all.

All—And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P —As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of Christ's love, let us acknowledge our sins and humbly seek God's mercy. (Pause)

P —Lord Jesus, You command us to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, and mind, yet we have often failed to give You the love You deserve. Lord, have mercy.

All—Lord, have mercy.

P —Christ Jesus, You command us to love our neighbor as ourselves, yet we have often failed to recognize and serve You in others. Christ, have mercy.

All—Christ, have mercy.

P — Lord Jesus, You unite love of God and love of neighbor in one commandment, yet our lives have often failed to bear witness to this love. 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.

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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 – Almighty ever-living God,
increase our faith, hope and charity,
and make us love what you command,
so that we may merit what you promise.
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

Ex 22:20-26

R – A reading from the Book of Exodus

Thus says the Lord:

**“You shall not molest or oppress an alien,
for you were once aliens yourselves in the
land of Egypt.**

**You shall not wrong any widow or orphan.
If ever you wrong them and they cry out
to me,**

I will surely hear their cry.

**My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you
with the sword;**

**then your own wives will be widows,
and your children orphans.
If you lend money to one of your poor
neighbors among my people,
you shall not act like an extortioner
toward him
by demanding interest from him.
If you take your neighbor’s cloak as a pledge,
you shall return it to him before sunset,
for this cloak of his is the only covering
he has for his body.
What else has he to sleep in?
If he cries out to me, I will hear him;
for I am compassionate.”**

The word of the Lord.

All –Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

R –I love you, Lord, my strength.

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- * I love you, O Lord, my strength,
O Lord, my rock, my fortress,
my deliverer. **R.**
- * My God, my rock of refuge,
my shield, the horn of my salvation,
my stronghold!
Praised be the Lord, I exclaim,
and I am safe from my enemies. **R.**
- * The Lord lives and blessed be my rock!
Extolled be God my savior.
You who gave great victories to your king
and showed kindness to your anointed. **R.**

2nd Reading

1 Thes 1:5-10

R –A reading from the first Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

Brothers and sisters:

**You know what sort of people we were
among you for your sake.**

**And you became imitators of us
and of the Lord,
receiving the word in great affliction,
with joy from the Holy Spirit,**

so that you became a model for all the
believers
in Macedonia and in Achaia.
For from you the word of the Lord
has sounded forth
not only in Macedonia and in Achaia,
but in every place your faith in God
has gone forth,
so that we have no need to say anything.
For they themselves openly declare about us
what sort of reception we had among you,
and how you turned to God from idols
to serve the living and true God
and to await his Son from heaven,
whom he raised from the dead,
Jesus, who delivers us from the coming
wrath.

The word of the Lord.
All –Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 14:23

All– Alleluia, alleluia.
Whoever loves me will keep my word,
says the Lord,
and my Father will love him and we will
come to him.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mt 22:34-40

P –The Lord be with you.
All –And with your spirit.
P –A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Matthew
All–Glory to you, O Lord.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had
silenced the Sadducees,
they gathered together, and one of them,
a scholar of the law, tested him by asking,
“Teacher, which commandment in the
law is the greatest?”
He said to him,
“You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
and with all your mind.
This is the greatest and the first
commandment.
The second is like it:
You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
The whole Law and the prophets depend
on these two commandments.”

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 –Nourished by the one Body of Christ
and mindful of the two great commandments
of love, let us pray to our heavenly Father
with confidence:

All – Loving Father, hear us.

C –For the Church: that Her leaders and all the faithful may bear witness to God’s mercy and faithfully live the commandments of love. Let us pray to the Lord. **R.**

C –For the leaders of nations: that they may uphold justice, care for the vulnerable, and promote peace. Let us pray to the Lord. **R.**

C –For those who suffer, especially our brothers and sisters deprived of liberty: that through our care, they may experience God’s love. Let us pray to the Lord. **R.**

C –For our parish community, especially our children and young people: that the Eucharist may deepen our love for God and for one another. Let us pray to the Lord. **R.**

P –Loving Father, hear our prayers and give us grace to love You with all our heart and our neighbor as ourselves. 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 –Look, we pray, O Lord,
on the offerings we make to your majesty,
that whatever is done by us in your service
may be directed above all to your glory.
Through Christ our Lord.
All–Amen.

PREFACE VI

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.

For in you we live and move and have
our being,
and while in this body
we not only experience the daily effects
of your care,
but even now possess the pledge of life eternal.
For, having received the first fruits of the Spirit,
through whom you raised up Jesus
from the dead,
we hope for an everlasting share in the Paschal
Mystery.
And so, with all the Angels, we praise you,
as in joyful celebration, 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 –Save us, Savior of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection you have
set us free.**

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. (2x)
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.)

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

(Cf. Ps 20 (19):6)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P – May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray,
perfect in us what lies within them,
that what we now celebrate in signs
we may one day possess in truth.
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.



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