



6 SEPTEMBER 2026 ❖ 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ❖ YEAR A



‘I AM MY BROTHER’S KEEPER’

God loves us too much to leave us in our sins. He comes to seek us, forgive us, and bring us back. In the Gospel today, the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus reminds us: no one is ever beyond the mercy of the Father. Even when someone goes astray, the door is never closed—there is always a way back, always a new beginning. This is the Good News: we are loved, we are forgiven, and we are called to bring one another home. As we celebrate this Eucharist, may we receive God’s mercy and share it with others. For we are our brother’s keeper.



INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

(Ps 119 (118): 137, 124)

GREETING

P—Grace and peace from God our Father, the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All—And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P—As we prepare to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins, especially

the sins of omission and the refusal to listen to God’s calls to conversion. (Pause)

P—For the times we have failed to remind our brothers and sisters about their duties, Lord, have mercy.

All—Lord, have mercy.

P—For the times we have rejected our neighbor’s invitation to change our wrong ways, Christ, have mercy.

All—Christ, have mercy.

P—For the times we have been fast to correct others but very slow in acknowledging our shortcomings and making amends for them, 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 – O God, by whom we are redeemed and
receive adoption,
look graciously upon your beloved sons and
daughters,
that those who believe in Christ
may receive true freedom
and an everlasting inheritance.
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

Ez 33:7-9

R – A reading from the Book of the Prophet
Ezekiel

Thus says the Lord:
You, son of man, I have appointed watchman
for the house of Israel;
when you hear me say anything, you shall
warn them for me.

If I tell the wicked, “O wicked one, you shall
surely die,”
and you do not speak out to dissuade the
wicked from his way,
the wicked shall die for his guilt,

but I will hold you responsible for his
death.

But if you warn the wicked,
trying to turn him from his way,
and he refuses to turn from his way,
he shall die for his guilt,
but you shall save yourself.

The word of the Lord.

All – Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

R – If today you hear his voice, harden not
your hearts.

R. M. Velez



- * Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord;
let us acclaim the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into his presence with
thanksgiving;
let us joyfully sing psalms to him. **R.**
- * Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the Lord who made
us.
For he is our God,
and we are the people he shepherds, the
flock he guides. **R.**
- * Oh, that today you would hear his voice:
“Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as in the day of Massah in the desert,
where your fathers tempted me;
they tested me though they had seen my
works.” **R.**

2nd Reading

Rom 13:8-10

R – A reading from the Letter of Paul to the
Romans

Brothers and sisters:

Owe nothing to anyone, except to love
one another;
for the one who loves another has fulfilled
the law.

The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery;
you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,"
and whatever other commandment there may be,
are summed up in this saying, namely,
"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Love does no evil to the neighbor;
hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

The word of the Lord.

All –Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Cor 5:19

All–Alleluia, alleluia.
God was reconciling the world to himself
in Christ
and entrusting to us the message of
reconciliation.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mt 18:15-20

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.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If your brother sins against you,
go and tell him his fault between you and him alone.

If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.

If he does not listen,
take one or two others along with you,
so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.'

If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church.

If he refuses to listen even to the church,
then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector.

Amen, I say to you,
whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven,
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Again, amen, I say to you,
if two of you agree on earth
about anything for which they are to pray,
it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.

For where two or three are gathered together
in my name,
there am I in the midst of them."

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 – Jesus said that when two or three are gathered in His name, He will be in the midst of them. Confident that He is truly with us and hears our every prayer, let us call on Him and say:

All– Lord, make our love like Yours.

C –For the Church: may She always be an instrument of reconciliation, always seeking the lost, embracing and welcoming everyone, even the worst of sinners. We pray: **R.**

C – For our country’s leaders: may they crash the great divide between the rich and poor, the illiterate and educated, the young and old and work towards unity. We pray: **R.**

C –For all Filipino families—may they be inspired by the self-giving love of Christ, never turning a blind eye to the sin of a family member, and never tolerating what is wrong. We pray: **R.**

C –For all Filipino youth—may they be open to the Holy Spirit as they search for truth, their identity and life’s meaning. We pray: **R.**

P – Heavenly Father, unite us in Your love. Grant us the grace to heal the wounds and fears of every person we come in contact with. May we become bearers of your healing love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
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 –O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that, through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart.

Through Christ our Lord.

All– Amen.

PREFACE VII

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 you so loved the world

that in your mercy you sent us the Redeemer, to live like us in all things but sin,

so that you might love in us what you loved in your Son,

by whose obedience we have been restored to those gifts of yours

that, by sinning, we had lost in disobedience.

And so, Lord, with all the Angels and Saints,

we, too, give you thanks, as in exultation 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.



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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.)*

Like the deer that yearns for running
streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.
(Cf. Ps 42 (41): 2-3)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P —Grant that your faithful, O Lord,
whom you nourish and endow with life
through the food of your Word and heavenly
Sacrament,
may so benefit from your beloved Son's great
gifts
that we may merit an eternal share in his life.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
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 and be instruments of God's
love for all.

All—Thanks be to God.

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