

# 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Gathering Song: One Spirit, One Church

**Refrain: We are a pilgrim people, we are the Church of God. A family of believers, disciples of the Lord. United in one spirit, ignited by the fire. Still burning through the ages, still present in our lives.**

1. Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, and in our hearts take up thy rest; come with thy grace and heavenly aid to fill the hearts which thou hast made.

### Refrain

2. O Comforter, to thee we cry, thou gift of God sent from on high. Thou font of life and fire of love, the soul's anointing from above.

### Refrain

## Greeting

### Penitential Act: Confiteor

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,  
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;  
Therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints; and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

-AND/OR-

Lord have Mercy,  
Christ have Mercy,  
Lord have Mercy

## **Gloria**

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth  
peace 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, 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.  
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth  
peace on earth, peace to people of good will.

~ *Amen.*

## **Liturgy of the Word**

### **1st Reading** IS 22:19-23

Thus says the LORD to Shebna, master of the palace:

“I will thrust you from your office  
and pull you down from your station.

On that day I will summon my servant

Eliakim, son of Hilkiah;

I will clothe him with your robe,  
and gird him with your sash,  
and give over to him your authority.

He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem,  
and to the house of Judah.

I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim’s shoulder;  
when he opens, no one shall shut  
when he shuts, no one shall open.

I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot,  
to be a place of honor for his family.”

The Word of the Lord,

**~Thanks be to God**

## **Responsorial Psalm** PS 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8

**R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.**

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart,  
for you have heard the words of my mouth;  
in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;  
I will worship at your holy temple.

**R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.**

I will give thanks to your name,  
because of your kindness and your truth:  
When I called, you answered me;  
you built up strength within me.

**R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.**

The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees,  
and the proud he knows from afar.  
Your kindness, O LORD, endures forever;  
forsake not the work of your hands.

**R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.**

## **2nd Reading** ROM 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!  
For who has known the mind of the Lord  
or who has been his counselor?  
Or who has given the Lord anything  
that he may be repaid?  
For from him and through him and for him are all things.  
To him be glory forever. Amen.  
The Word of the Lord,  
~**Thanks be to God**

### **Alleluia** MT 16:18

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### **Gospel** MT 16:13-20

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples,

“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

They replied, “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

Simon Peter said in reply,

“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Jesus said to him in reply,

“Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah.

For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.

And so I say to you, you are Peter,

and upon this rock I will build my church,

and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven;  
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”  
Then he strictly ordered his disciples  
to tell no one that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord,  
~**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

## Homily

**Profession of Faith:** 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, 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.**

## Universal Prayer: Prayers of Petition

~ Lord, hear our prayers

# Liturgy of the Eucharist

## Eucharistic Acclamations:

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.

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When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death oh Lord, until you come again.

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Amen, Amen, A----men

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

## Communion Song: Miracle of Grace

1. Miracle of grace, mystery of faith, calling us to venture to the deep. Though our senses fail, your graces still prevail, and we become the love that we receive.

**Refrain: Bread of life, bread of life. Those who eat this bread shall live and never die. Bread of life, bread of life. Your true presence in this holy sacrifice. Bread of life**

2. Unworthy though we are, you feed the hungry heart with bread come down from heaven above. And like a grain of wheat, we fall down at your feet, dying here with you. Oh, let us rise!

**Refrain**

3. Your faithfulness revealed in this covenant you've sealed with your very body and your blood. Come, claim your bride again with love that cannot end, for what God joins no one can divide.

### **Refrain**

### **Spiritual Communion:**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present  
in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things,  
and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there  
And unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

## **Concluding Rite**

### **Closing Song: City of God**

1. Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep. A new day is dawning for all those who weep. The people in darkness have seen a great light. The Lord of our Longing has conquered the night.

**Refrain: Let us build the city of God. May our tears be turned into dancing. For the Lord, our light and our love, has turned the night into day!**

2. We are songs of the morning. We are daughters of day. The one who has loved us has brightened our way. The Lord of all kindness has called us to be a light for his people to set their hearts free.

## **Refrain**

3. God is light; in him there is no darkness. Let us walk in his light, his children one and all. O comfort my people; make gentle your words. Proclaim to my city the day of her birth.

## **Refrain**

### **Vocations Prayer**

Heavenly Father,  
Bless our diocese with the grace of many vocations  
to the priesthood, diaconate and to religious life.  
Through the intercession of the Blessed Mother,  
grant to those You have called  
the willingness and the generosity of spirit  
to give of themselves in devoting their lives and their talents  
to the service of our Lord and to His Church.

Increase the faith of all within our diocese,  
and especially the faith of those You are calling.  
We ask this through Christ, Your Son our Lord. ~ **Amen**