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MISSION SUNDAY MASS 20th October 2019

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(Ps 95:3-4)

Tell among the nations his glory,
and his wonders among all the peoples,
for the Lord is great and highly to be praised.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations
into the peace of God's kingdom:

Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness:

Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Celebrant: You will come in glory with salvation for your people:

Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

COLLECT

Celebrant: O God, you have willed that your Church
be the sacrament of salvation for all nations,
so that Christ's saving work may continue to the ends of the ages;
stir up, we pray, the hearts of your faithful
and grant that they may feel a more urgent call
to work for the salvation of every creature,
so that from all the peoples on earth
one family and one people of your own
may arise and increase.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Readings: Year C – *Lectionary I:922-924*

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus

(17:8-13)

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 120, R. cf. V.2)

R. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth

I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. **R.**

May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. **R.**

The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. **R.**

The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter to St Paul to Timothy

(3:14-4:2)

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(cf. Eph 1:17, 18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of your mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

(18:1-8)

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*As a complement to the homily, we encourage you to invite a returned missionary to share their story. If this isn't possible, in the **Mission Month Toolkit** you'll find 'Speaker's Notes: Voice of an Irish Missionary'. This first-hand account from an Irish missionary, based in South Sudan, will allow parishioners to fully understand the importance of World Mission Sunday.*

We also encourage you to thank parishioners for their time, prayers and extra-generosity towards the World Mission Sunday collections.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: The love of Christ gathers us together in communion this World Mission Sunday so that we might be renewed through this celebration of our faith and in our commitment to bring the Gospel to the ends of the earth and so we make our prayer to our loving Father:

1. On this World Mission Sunday, we pray for Christians suffering persecution in many parts of the world. May they have their human rights, equality and religious freedom recognised.
Lord, hear us. **All: Lord, graciously hear us.**
2. We pray for Pope Francis, as he continues shepherding, stewarding and renewing the flock committed to his care.
Lord, hear us. **All: Lord, graciously hear us.**
3. We pray for all missionaries: for the Christian communities that sent them and for all those who received and welcomed them. We ask God to bless all our missionaries and to bless those sent to minister to us here at home.
Lord, hear us. **All: Lord, graciously hear us.**
4. We pray for our own families: we thank God for our loved ones. We remember especially those among them who are sick, troubled or in need of your solace.
Lord, hear us. **All: Lord, graciously hear us.**
5. We pray for our deceased missionaries and for all our dead. Welcome them into the light of your kingdom, Lord, and grant them eternal life.
Lord, hear us. **All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

Celebrant: Father, you sent your Son among us, as the first missionary, to reveal your wonderful plan of salvation. Through our sharing of the gifts you give us, may we continue to grow in communion with our brothers and sisters throughout the world. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the offerings and prayers of your Church, O Lord, rise up in the sight of your majesty and gain acceptance, just as the glorious Passion of your Son was pleasing to you for the salvation of the whole world.

Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

PREFACE VII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

(Missal, p. 452)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

Celebrant: 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 thanks, as in exultation we acclaim:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts ...

COMMUNION RITE

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(Mk 16:15)

Go into all the world, and proclaim the Gospel, says the Lord. I am with you always.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May our participation at your table sanctify us,
O Lord, we pray,
and grant that through the Sacrament of your Church
all nations may receive in rejoicing
the salvation accomplished on the Cross
by your Only Begotten Son.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

SOLEMN BLESSING

(*Missal*, 10, Ordinary Time II, p. 553)

Celebrant: May the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: 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.

All: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.