

The Holy Communion

28th Week in Ordinary Time



Christ and the Apostles, Georges Rouault

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn Christ, whose glory fills the skies

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ the true, the only light,
sun of righteousness, arise,
triumph over shades of night;
dayspring from on high, be near;
day-star, in my heart appear.

2. Dark and cheerless is the morn
if you seem not close to me;
joyless is the day's return,
till your mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

3. Visit then this soul of mine;
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiance divine;
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more yourself display,
shining to the perfect day.

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Sentence There is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for Jesus' sake, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. *Mark 10.29–30*

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are
hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,**

**and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Absolution

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly King,

almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the

Father: receive our prayer.

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.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, in your wisdom you have so ordered our earthly life that we must walk by faith and not by sight:

give us such trust in your fatherly care

that in the face of all perplexities

we may give proof of our faith by the courage of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

(Silence may follow each reading.)

First Reading (*Job 23.1-9, 23.16-17*)

Then Job answered:

'Today also my complaint is bitter;

his hand is heavy despite my groaning.

O that I knew where I might find him,

that I might come even to his dwelling!

I would lay my case before him,

and fill my mouth with arguments.

I would learn what he would answer me,

and understand what he would say to me.

Would he contend with me in the greatness of his

power? No; but he would give heed to me. There an

*upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted for ever by my judge. 'If I go forward, he is not there;
or backward, I cannot perceive him;
on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him;
I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.*

*God has made my heart faint;
the Almighty has terrified me;
if only I could vanish in darkness,
and thick darkness would cover my face!*

Hear the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm 22.1-15

¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me:
why are you so far from helping me
and from the words of my groaning?

² **My God, I cry to you by day, but you do not answer:**

and by night also I take no rest.

³ But you continue holy:
you that are the praise of Israel.

⁴ **In you our forebears trusted:
they trusted, and you delivered them;**

⁵ To you they cried and they were saved:
they put their trust in you and were not confounded.

⁶ **But as for me, I am a worm and no man:
the scorn of all and despised by the people.**

⁷ Those that see me laugh me to scorn:
they shoot out their lips at me
and wag their heads, saying,

⁸ **'He trusted in the Lord—let him deliver him:
let him deliver him, if he delights in him.'**

⁹ But you are he that took me out of the womb:
that brought me to lie at peace on my mother's breast.

¹⁰ **On you have I been cast since my birth:
you are my God, even from my mother's womb.**

¹¹ O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand:
and there is none to help.

¹² **Many oxen surround me:
fat bulls of Bashan close me in on every side.**

¹³ They gape wide their mouths at me:
like lions that roar and rend.

¹⁴ **I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint:
my heart within my breast is like melting wax.**

¹⁵ My mouth is dried up like a potsherd:
and my tongue clings to my gums.

Second Reading Letter to the Hebrews (4.12-16)

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who

has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hear the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

(Stand for the Gospel)

The Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (10.17-31)

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother." ' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.' Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

Silence may follow.

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is, seen and unseen.

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from
heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the
virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
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.**

**We 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 worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each prayer
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with this prayer.
Almighty God, you have promised to hear our
prayers.
**Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ.
His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

THE OFFERTORY

Hymn Lord Jesus, think on me
Lord Jesus, think on me,
and purge away my sin;

from earthbound passions set me free,
and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me
by care and woe oppressed;
let me your loving servant be,
and taste your promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
amid the bitter strife;
through all my pain and misery
become my health and life.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
nor let me go astray;
through darkness and perplexity
point to the heavenly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me
When floods the tempest high;
When on doth rush the enemy,
O Saviour, be Thou nigh!

Lord Jesus, think on me,
that, when the trial is past,
I may your radiant glory see,
and share your joy at last.

Synesius of Cyrene c.375-430 tr. Allen William Chatfield 1808-96 alt

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set
before you,
which earth has given and human hands have
made. It will become for us the bread of life.
Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set
before you, fruit of the vine and work of human
hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.
Blessed be God for ever.

**Let our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,
together with the sacrificial offerings,
so that, being purified by your kindness,
we may be made ready for the sacraments of
your great love. Through Christ our Lord**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for our Saviour Jesus
Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of
Mary and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin

and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
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.

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.
On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'
After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of
me.'

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded....
....we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are
confident to pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are
yours now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us your peace.**

Invitation

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen
life; we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us in this hope that we have grasped;
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name.**

Stand for the Blessing

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen

Hymn We have a gospel to proclaim

1. We Have A Gospel To Proclaim
Good news for men in all the earth;
The gospel of a Saviour's name,
We sing His glory, tell His worth.
2. Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,
Not in a royal house or hall
But in a stable dark and dim,
The Word made flesh, a light for all.
3. Tell of His death at Calvary,
Hated by those He came to save,
In lonely suffering on the cross,
For all He loved His life He gave.
4. Tell of that glorious Easter moon,
Empty the tomb, for He was free.
He broke the power of death and hell
That we might share His victory.
5. Tell of His reign at God's right hand,
By all creation glorified,
He sends His Spirit on His Church,
To live for Him, the Lamb who died.
6. Now we rejoice to name Him King,
Jesus is Lord of all the earth,
This gospel message we proclaim,
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

Voluntary Ludwig van Beethoven Grande
Sonata No. 8 in C minor, Pathétique, Op 13:
Adagio cantabile. Ronald Farren-Price