

## Thirty Third Sunday of the Year B



Entrance Antiphon: **The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.**

Thanks to the authors of the Gospels, the words of the Lord remain with us to this very day. They are with us to teach, guide, inspire, comfort, and challenge us. How well do we listen to Jesus' words, and how hard do we try to practise them in our lives?

Lord Jesus, your words are a lamp for our steps. Lord, have mercy.

You yourself are our portion and our prize. Christ, have mercy.

You alone have the words of eternal life. Lord, have mercy.

**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.**

Let us pray:

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. 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. **Amen.**

### FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet Daniel.

Daniel 12:1-3

*When that time comes, your own people will be spared.*

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 15

**Response: Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.**

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

**Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay.

**Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.**

You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever.

**Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Hebrews 10:11-14.18

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake, praying at all times  
for the strength to stand with confidence  
before the Son of Man. Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Let us make our 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.**

*Offertory:*

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**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 Offering:*

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that what we offer in the sight of your majesty may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Preface:*

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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,  
through Christ our Lord.

For through his Paschal Mystery,  
he accomplished the marvellous deed,  
by which he has freed us from the yoke of sin and death,  
summoning us to the glory of being now called  
a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,  
a people for your own possession,  
to proclaim everywhere your mighty works,  
for you have called us out of darkness  
into your own wonderful light.

And so, with the Angels and Archangels,  
with Thrones and Dominions,  
and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven,  
we sing the hymn of your glory,  
as without end we acclaim:

**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.**

The mystery of faith: **We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

*Communion Antiphon:* **Amen, I say to you: Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you will receive, and it shall be given to you, says the Lord.**

REFLECTION:

Preserve me God, I take refuge in you, my happiness lies in you alone.

You are my portion and my cup, you yourself are my prize.

I keep you ever in my sight, even at night you direct my heart.

With you at my right hand, I shall stand firm and so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence,

at your right hand happiness for ever.

*Prayer after Communion:*

We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery, humbly imploring, O Lord, that what your Son commanded us to do in memory of him may bring us growth in charity. Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Final Blessing:*

The Lord be with you.

May almighty God bless you,

the Father, and the Son, and Holy Spirit.

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

**And with your spirit.**

**Amen.**

**Thanks be to God.**

As we approach the end of the Church's liturgical year the readings look forward to the end of time. Behind all the imagery of cosmic elements lies a fundamental truth: that at our death we shall fall into the hands of God who has cared for us during our life on earth. We believe that the one who did not abandon us during our earthly life will not fail us in death.