

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Year A**

*The Priest says:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

*The people reply:* **And with your spirit.**

(...)

**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.**

*The absolution by the Priest follows:*  
May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

*All:* **Amen.**

**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,  
Glory to God in the highest,  
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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

Grant us, Lord our God,  
that we may honour you with all our mind,  
and love everyone in truth of heart.  
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**

## FIRST READING (Zeph 2:3; 3:12–13)

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth, who do his just commands;  
seek righteousness; seek humility; perhaps you may be hidden on the day  
of the anger of the LORD.

I will leave in your midst a people humble and lowly. They shall seek  
refuge in the name of the LORD, those who are left in Israel; they shall do  
no injustice and speak no lies, nor shall there be found in their mouth a  
deceitful tongue. For they shall graze and lie down, and none shall make  
them afraid.

The word of the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 145(146):7–10

**Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

It is the Lord who preserves fidelity for ever,  
who does justice to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the LORD who sets prisoners free.

The LORD who opens the eyes of the blind,  
the LORD who raises up those who are bowed down.

It is the LORD who loves the just,  
the LORD who protects the stranger.

The LORD upholds the orphan and the widow,  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The LORD will reign for ever,  
your God, O Sion, from age to age.

### **SECOND READING (1Cor 1:26–31)**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Consider your calling, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption; so that, as it is written, ‘Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.’

The word of the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God**

### **Gospel Acclamation Mt 11:25**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL (Matt 5:1–12)**

*The Priest, says:*

The Lord be with you.

*The people reply:*

## **And with your spirit.**

*The Priest:*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*The people reply:*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

## **The Creed**

**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,  
*At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all 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.

### **The Offertory**

*The Priest says:*

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

*The people reply:*

**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**

O Lord, we bring to your altar  
these offerings of our service:  
be pleased to receive them, we pray,  
and transform them  
into the Sacrament of our redemption.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
*All: Amen.*

### **The Eucharist Prayer**

*The Priest says:* The Lord be with you.

*The people reply:*

**And with your spirit.**

*The Priest, raising his hands, continues:*

Lift up your hearts.

*The people:*

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

*The Priest, with hands extended, adds:*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*The people:*

**It is right and just.**

(...)

**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 Priest says:* The mystery of faith.

*The people:*

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.**

## **The Communion Rite**

*The Priest says:*

At the Saviour's command  
and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

*All:*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,**



**as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

*The Priest:*

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin  
and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

*The people conclude the prayer, acclaiming:*

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

*Then the Priest alone says aloud:*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
who said to your Apostles:  
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,  
look not on our sins,  
but on the faith of your Church,  
and graciously grant her peace and unity  
in accordance with your will.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

*The people reply:* **Amen.**

*The Priest adds:* **The peace of the Lord be with you always.**

*The people reply:* **And with your spirit.**

*During the breaking of the host the following is sung or said:*

**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.**

*After the Lamb of God, the people kneel.*

*After his private prayers the Priest genuflects, takes the host and says aloud:*

**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 say:*

**Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

### **Prayer after Communion**

*The Priest:*

Nourished by these redeeming gifts,  
we pray, O Lord,  
that through this help to eternal salvation  
true faith may ever increase.

Through Christ our Lord.

*All reply: Amen.*

### **Blessing**

*The Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And with your spirit.**

May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

*All:* **Amen.**

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**