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Sunday 26 June 2022
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle C

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'You will show me the path of life.' Psalm 15:11









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INTRODUCTORY RITES

Congregation stands

Entrance Hymn or Entrance Antiphon

Ps 46:2

All: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

GREETING

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and

of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

and the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit

be with you all.

All: And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Priest: Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,

and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred

mysteries.

Priest: Have mercy on us, O Lord.
All: For we have sinned against you

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Priest: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
All: And grant us your salvation.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us,

forgive us our sins,

and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

All: 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.

THE COLLECT

Priest: Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer

Priest: O God, who through the grace of adoption

chose us to be children of light,

grant, we pray,

that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth. 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: Amén.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Congregation Sits

FIRST READING

A reading from the first book of the Kings

19:16. 19-21

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.' Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

The word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11.

(R) O Lord, it is you who are my portion.

- Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
 I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.'
 O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize. (R)
- I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart.
 I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R)
- 3. 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. (R)
- You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. (R)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians 5:1. 13-18

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

Congregation stands

ACCLAMATION

1 Sam 3:9; Jn 6:68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you. And with your spirit. All: Priest: A reading from the holy

Gospel according to Luke 9:51-62

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation sits

HOMILY

Congregation stands

THE CREED

All: 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 and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(bow your head up to the words 'and became man')

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.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Congregation sits

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Procession

The gifts of bread and wine which will become the Lord's body and blood are brought to the altar. The celebrant raises the host on the paten saying:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

> The celebrant pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying quietly:

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

> The celebrant then raises the chalice above the altar and says:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Bowing, the celebrant says quietly:

Priest: With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, Lord God.

Then the celebrant washes his hands, saying quietly:

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

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

All: 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

Priest: O God, who graciously accomplish

the effects of your mysteries,

grant, we pray,

that the deeds by which we serve you may be worthy of these sacred gifts.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen All:

Congregation stands

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

Priest: The Lord be with you. And with your spirit. All:

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord. All:

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

It is right and just. All:

PREFACE (VII in Ordinary Time)

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 you thanks, as in exultation we

acclaim:

ACCLAMATION

All: 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.

Congregation kneels

Priest: You are indeed Holy, O Lord,

the fount of all holiness.

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and + Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice

and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,

THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR

MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

Priest: The mystery of faith.

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection

you have set us free.

Therefore, as we celebrate

the memorial of his Death and Resurrection,

we offer you, Lord,

the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray

that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world,

and bring her to the fullness of charity,

together with Francis our Pope and N. our Bishop

and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy:

welcome them into the light of your face.

Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,

with blessed Joseph, her spouse,

with the blessed Apostles,

and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life,

and may praise and glorify you

through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through him, and with him, and in him,

O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours,

for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Congregation stands

THE COMMUNION RITE

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.

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.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory

are yours now and for ever.

Priest: 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.

All: Amen.

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

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord

Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.

All: 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.

Congregation kneels

The celebrant says quietly:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who, by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit, through your Death gave life to the world, free me by this, your most holy Body and Blood, from all my sins and from every evil; keep me always faithful to your commandments, and never let me be parted from you.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Priest: 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: Lord, I am not worthy

that you should enter under my roof,

but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Priest: May the Body of Christ

keep me safe for eternal life.

Priest: May the Blood of Christ

keep me safe for eternal life.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 102:1

All: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

Purifying the chalice the celebrant says quietly:

What has passed our lips as food, O Lord, may we possess in purity of heart, that what has been given to us in time may be our healing for eternity.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Congregation kneels

Priest: Let us pray.

May this divine sacrifice we have offered and received

fill us with life, O Lord, we pray, so that, bound to you in lasting charity,

we may bear fruit that lasts for ever.

Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Priest: The Lord be with you. All: And with your spirit.

Priest: 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

Priest: 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

Then the celebrant, with hands joined and facing the people, says:

Priest: Go in peace.
All: Thanks be to God.

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday 27 June – St Cyril of Alexandria Tuesday 28 June - St Irenaeus Wednesday 29 June – Ss Peter & Paul Friday 1 July – St Oliver Plunkett

FIRST FRIDAY WEEK

The sick and housebound will be attended this week.



We remember our dead:

FIRST ANNIVERSARY: Anthony Agnew: Norberto Olaya: Yamile Olaya. **ANNIVERSARIES:** Bridget Kane: John Hannon (Jnr): John Hannon (Snr): Sean Daly: Elsie Hughes: Annette Blevins: Kathleen Hickey: Kerry Kirby: Eugene Tierney: Saran McVey: Paul Bloomer: Dymphna McKeown. May they rest in peace.

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"Dear Parishioners of St. Patrick's, Lisburn, Greetings from Chibote Rehabilitation Centre for the Lepers. Firstly, allow me to apologise for not acknowledging sooner that I have received the funds the parishioners sent for the lepers here at Chibote Rehabilitation centre, Zambia.

I am grateful for the gesture of love and generosity that the true Christians of St Patrick's Parish have shown to the lepers and their families.

We bought some food and domestic materials for them. Attached are the photos for the Parishioners to see.

Thanking you once more and may the good Lord richly bless each one of them with his love and Mercy.

From Chibote Rehabilitation Centre we say a big Thank You.



LORD, HELP ME TO USE YOUR GIFTS!

"To each individual the Spirit is given for some particular purpose" (1 Cor 12:7)



Lord, Giver of gifts, help me to appreciate the gifts you have given me, and to use them. Rather than keep them wrapped up in paper, pushed into some drawer of my hidden self.

Like a hat, stored away in my spiritual attic.

Help me to see that even in everyday life I can use your gifts in many different ways,

When I smile I can show your gift of joy;

When I listen I can practise your gift of wisdom,

When I wait I can use your gift of patience;

When I'm irritable I can use your gift of kindness.

Lord, help me to use your gifts more and more!

Gospel Commentary

Alexandre Ledru-Rollin was Minister of the Interior during the 1848 Paris Revolution. Looking down one day from his window at a mob passing by on the street, he said, "I am their leader; I must follow them." It sounds back-to-front, but is it? In a democracy do we not elect leaders to follow us? Governments have Ministers of this and that: the word 'minister' means 'servant'.

On the one hand, if the people who presume to lead me are not serving any real interest of mine, then they are using me to serve their own interests. But how can they serve my interest when there are so many conflicting interests in society? They try to persuade me that their interests and mine coincide with 'the common good'. But if they live in a society where few people care about the common good, they have to give each group the impression that they are going to serve that group's particular interests. Since it isn't always possible to juggle all these interests successfully we enter a world of persuasion, lies, flattery and spin, with occasional flashes of truth and integrity. Yet, somehow, it seems to work to some degree. Democracy, said Churchill, is a very poor form of government, but we have not found a better.

Jesus said that he came to serve and not to be served (Mt 20:28, Mk 10:45). Many politicians say something similar, but even as they speak, our eyes are drawn to their fat salaries, pensions and perks, and to how little like servants most of them appear. Nobody begrudges them a decent salary: they have families to raise, just like everyone else. But when we see excess we pounce. In some hidden recess of our minds, it may be, they are suffering comparison with a man who really came to serve and not to be served, and who had nowhere to lay his head. We can believe Jesus because he took nothing for himself. It's a credibility thing.

Jesus is not begging for your vote, and so he can speak the truth to you from a pure mind. He is not asking to represent you, and so he doesn't need to flatter you. He is taking nothing for himself, and so he can ask you to give everything you have.

He does not come to you talking about economic deals. He never spoke about financial matters, except to say, "Render to Caesar what belongs to Caesar" (Mt 22:21; Mk 12:17; Lk 20:25), and to withdraw from financial arbitration (Lk 12:13-14). He doesn't speak in abstractions at all. He speaks to what is most personal in you. And so his appeal is universal. This is the paradox: what is most personal is most universal. Henri Nouwen saw this clearly, and repeated it many times in his talks and his writing. "We like to make a distinction between our private and public lives and say, 'Whatever I do in my private life is nobody else's business.' But anyone trying to live a spiritual life will soon discover that the most personal is the most universal, the most hidden is the most public, and the most solitary is the most communal. What we live in the most intimate places of our beings is not just for us but for all people. That is why our inner lives are lives for others. That is why our solitude is a gift to our community, and that is why our most secret thoughts affect our common life.

Because Jesus touches the deepest part of your being he touches the whole of your life. And so he has the right to ask you to follow him. He is not leading you a dance, pretending to lead while only following, pretending to follow while furtively leading. When he says he has come to serve you, you can believe him. He poured out his life and so he has the right to ask you to do the same.

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