

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

PENITENTIAL ACT

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us...**Amen...**

THE GLORIA

Glorify 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.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....



and your bones flourish like the grass. To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand. **The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 65:1-7.16.20

R. Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R)
2. Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. (R)
3. He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry - shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. (R)
4. Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul. Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me. (R)

SECOND READING Galatians 6:14-18

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Galatians.

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God.

I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

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GOPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts; because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body Alleluia!

GOPEL Luke 10:1 - 12. 17-20>(*Shorter form in italics*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The Lord appointed seventy - two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you."



focus on sunday

The mission of every follower of Christ is to be a peacemaker.



Jesus needed disciples to do some of the heavy lifting and evangelize the people living along the road that lay ahead. "I am sending you like lambs among wolves," he warns them. He himself was the lamb of

God whose death and resurrection would break the back of sin and injustice. He asks them to take nothing except the promise that he would be with them. This was how the mission of the church began. This is what church is all about: leading people to Jesus Christ. It's the heart of our faith. We are called not to hide our beliefs or keep them in low key, but to share with others the hope and joy of the Gospel.

Many hands make work both light and joyful. It's easier and more fun for two pairs of hands than just one to share food and clothing to the needy. The solitude and loneliness of the long distance runner can be an obstacle in itself and a burden to anyone trying to alleviate the pain of others. Pope Francis often refers to the church as a field hospital. There's no end to the work or healing, ministering and preaching.

"Ask the lord of the harvest to send out labourers." Some 83 million hungry and frightened people are wandering the face of the earth in hopes of finding a welcome. People who are generous with their time and talents are needed to step up and help address this critical mass. What's needed are hearts marked by grace, souls imbued with love. In forming people to bring the Gospel to the unchurched, the lighting of a fire in them is more important than filling them up with theology and giving them degrees.

"Being Church means that we are to be God's leaven in the midst of humanity. It means proclaiming and bringing God's salvation into our world, which so often goes astray and needs to be encouraged, given hope and strengthened on the way. The Church must be a place of mercy, where everyone feels welcome, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel" –Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel, para 114.

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