

## **TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 30, 2020**

### **PNCC SUNDAY WORSHIP FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND HOLY MASS DUE TO COVID 19**

#### **HYMN – *Morning Hymn* (1 & 2)**

Lord, this morn we raise our voices,  
as the world in song rejoices.  
All the works of Your creation  
join to sing Your admiration.

You have formed us, God our Savior,  
Overwhelmed us with Your favor,  
Blessed with gifts beyond all measure,  
May we praise you now and ever.

In the name of the ✠ Father and of the Son of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Blessed be the Holy and Undivided Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

Dear Father in heaven, thank You for bringing me safely to the beginning of a new day. Keep me safe throughout the day from temptation, sin and evil. O Lord, by Your help and guidance may my thoughts, words and all that I do be in accordance with Your holy will. Amen.

#### **ACT OF CONTRITION**

O God, from the depth of my heart I am sorry for sinning against You. Through my sins I have turned away from You, displeased You and offended You. I promise to confess my sins, to do penance and with Your grace to amend my life by following You closely and keeping Your commandments.

#### **ENTRANCE HYMN**

V. I, the Lord, alone probe the mind and test the heart, To reward everyone according to the merit of his deeds.

R. My souls clings fast to You; Your right hand upholds me.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

#### **THE KYRIE**

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

#### **THE GLORIA**

Glory to God in the Highest, and peace to His 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 sins 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.

## OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, You have put us on this earth to bear one another's burdens and to share in one another's joys. May we, who call ourselves Christian, so follow the way of Your Son that we may die to sin and live for righteousness. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-9

You duped me, O Lord, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed. All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me. Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; The word of the Lord has brought me derision and reproach all the day. I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in His name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

O God, you are my God whom I seek;  
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts  
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.  
**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary  
to see your power and your glory,  
For your kindness is a greater good than life;  
my lips shall glorify you.  
**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

Thus will I bless you while I live;  
lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.  
As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied,  
and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.  
**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

You are my help,  
and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.  
My soul clings fast to you;  
your right hand upholds me.  
**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

## SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-2

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

**ALLELUIA VERSE:** Luke 24:26

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into His glory?

Alleluia, Alleluia.

**THE GOSPEL:** Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, “God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you.” He turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.”

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father’s glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord. *Praise be to You Lord Jesus Christ.*

**REFLECTION** – *from The Word Among Us*

*God forbid, Lord! (Matthew 16:22)*

What a stunning reversal! You don’t confess someone as “the Son of the living God” and then turn around and scold them (Matthew 16:16)! What could have triggered such a strong reaction from Peter? The news that Jesus was going to “suffer greatly . . . and be killed” by Jerusalem’s religious leaders (16:21).

Of course, Peter had the purest of intentions when he rebuked Jesus; he couldn’t bear the thought of his beloved Master and friend suffering such a horrible fate.

But there may also have been a deeper motive in Peter’s actions. Perhaps he was eager to preserve Jesus’ image as an untouchable miracle worker so that he could be safe too. If he could keep Jesus from the cross, he wouldn’t have to face his own cross.

Peter had been with Jesus long enough to see that being a disciple meant risking people’s scorn and misunderstanding. It meant pouring out his life to God for the sake of the people around him. If Jesus was destined for the cross, then Peter might have to accept a similar fate. Better to shield Jesus from harm so that he could shield himself as well.

But Jesus would have none of it. So he told Peter that anyone who wanted to become like him had to take up his cross and follow in his footsteps (Matthew 16:24).

It’s tempting to keep Jesus at arm’s length so that he can’t get too close and ask too much of us. Jesus made it very clear: there is a cost to discipleship. It’s not always easy to follow the Lord and obey his commandments. But the glory of knowing Jesus’ love and the joy of sharing his mercy with people far outweigh any sacrifice we might have to make. Peter ultimately learned this, and so can we.

So take up your cross today. Try your best to follow in Jesus’ path of self-giving love.

*“Lord, I don’t want to keep you at a distance. Teach me how to give of myself as you did.”*

*(A few moments for silent reflection)*

### **NICENE CREED**

I believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

I 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit He was born of the Virgin Mary,  
AND BECAME MAN.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of 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 and giver of life who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son, He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come.  
Amen.

### **PRAYER**

Most gracious Father, accept this offering of bread and wine which will become a pledge of our eternal salvation. Keep us ever mindful of the demands of Your Son whenever You call us to bear our cross. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

### **OUR FATHER**

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.  
Amen.

### **ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

### **COMMUNION VERSE Luke 14:27**

Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the power of this Holy Communion, may we willingly take up our cross and follow Christ and, therefore, find both peace and glory. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. R. Amen.

## **PRAYER IN TIME OF NATIONAL ANXIETY**

Let us pray.

I come to You, Lord, in this time of uncertainty and confusion that has gripped our nation and our world. I pray that our leaders and representatives in government are filled with Your peace, strength and courage. May your gifts of wisdom and understanding, fortitude and counsel be sought and utilized by them for the well-being of all people. By their belief and trust in You may they provide capable leadership, promote unity and peace, and be attentive to the concerns of our people. May Your Church provide support and comfort; and help strengthen our hope for peace through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **THE ANGELUS – ASKING THE INTERCESSION OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER**

- V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,  
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.  
Hail Mary ...
- V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.  
R. Be it done unto me according to your word.  
Hail Mary...
- V. And the Word was made Flesh.  
R. And dwelt among us.  
Hail Mary ...
- V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,  
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O Lord, we ask You, pour forth Your grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His passion and cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

In the name of the ✠ Father and of the Son of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **CLOSING HYMN** *Come, Christians Join to Sing*

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ, our King: Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice.  
Praise in His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our Guide and Friend; To us He'll condescend.  
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

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