

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.**

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

Lord Jesus, you healed the sick:  
 Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
 Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners:  
 Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
 Lord Jesus, you give yourself to heal us  
 and bring us strength:  
 Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
 May almighty God have mercy on us...Amen.

**THE GLORIA**

**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**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son, we may abound in good works. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,.....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING** *Jonah 3:1-5.10*

**A reading from the prophet Jonah:**  
 The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.'  
 And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.  
**The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Ps 24)

- R. Lord, make me know your ways.**
1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
 Lord, teach me your paths.  
 Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
 for you are God my saviour. **[R]**
  2. Remember your mercy, Lord,  
 and the love you have shown from of old.  
 In your love remember me,  
 because of your goodness, O Lord. **[R]**
  3. The Lord is good and upright.  
 He shows the path to those who stray,  
 he guides the humble in the right path;  
 he teaches his way to the poor. **[R]**

**SECOND READING** *1 Corinthians 7:29-31.*

**A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.**  
 Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.  
**The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**The kingdom of God is close at hand;  
 believe the Good News. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** *Mark 1:14-20*

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.**  
 After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

**The Gospel of the Lord.  
 Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**NICENE 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,**



**focus on sunday**

The calling of Jesus is a calling to a generous and wholehearted following of his gospel.



**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,  
 All bow for following three lines:  
 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.**

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray, and in sanctifying them grant that they may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

**AFTER THE CONSECRATION**

**The mystery of faith.  
 When we eat this Bread and drink  
 this Cup, we proclaim your Death,  
 O Lord, until you come again.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

**Look toward the Lord and  
 be radiant;  
 let your faces not be abashed.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, receiving the grace by which you bring us to new life, we may always glory in your gift. Through Christ our Lord.



There is something very ordinary for a fisherman about washing nets. Like washing the car after a long journey, doing a big load of washing in the home.... ordinary tasks. Maybe they were fed up with it just as we are sometimes with the ironing. Or perhaps they were enjoying the work; proud of their good nets and a good catch, taking pride in a job well done. Daily work, done with some drudgery but with the knowledge that it is essential for a good catch of fish which would feed the family. At this time Jesus called his first apostles. For Jesus, the ordinary is sacred. Bathing a child, loving a spouse, daily employment, family time and all that goes to make up our days. The things about our family we miss when they leave home. The things we think about when we are away. In the middle of all this God can surprise us and call us into his love and service. Our expectation may be different – that we need long times of prayer to find God, or to read many books about him, or do big things for him. Just as the smallest things are done out of human love, God is found in the ordinary. Irish spirituality had blessings for everything – for milking a cow, cleaning and dusting a room, visiting the sick and many more. There were prayers at meals, for a safe journey and a happy death. Our Irish spirituality found God in mountains and in other people and then in the church building, and often more so. Remember the song/prayer bless this house: Bless this house, o Lord, we pray. Make it safe by night and day. Bless these walls so firm and stout, Keeping want and trouble out. Bless the roof and chimney tall, Let thy peace lie over all. and so on.....

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