

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(with Third Scrutiny)

26 July 2020

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Procession

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Greeting

Penitential Act

Gloria

Collect

1. Ordinary Time 17

Let us pray.

O God, protector of those who hope in you,
without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy,
bestow in abundance your mercy upon us
and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide,
we may use the good things that pass
in such a way as to hold fast even now
to those that ever endure.

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.

Amen.

Or

2. Ritual Mass For the Third Scrutiny (RM pp 1180)

Grant, O Lord, to these chosen ones
that, instructed in the holy mysteries,
they may receive new life at the font of Baptism
and be numbered among the members of your Church.

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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

A reading from the first book of the Kings

You have asked for wisdom.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

R. Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. **R.**

Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. **R.**

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.

That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. **R.**

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.

The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 8:28-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

cf Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 13:44-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

RITE OF SCRUTINY

Invitation to Silent Prayer

Elect of God, bow your heads (kneel down) and pray.

Intercessions for the Elect

Let us pray for these elect whom the Church has confidently chosen. May they successfully complete their long preparation and find Christ in his sacraments.

That they may ponder the word of God in their hearts and savour its meaning more fully day by day, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That they may learn to know Christ, who came to save what was lost, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That they may sincerely reject everything in their lives that is displeasing and contrary to Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Holy Spirit, who searches every heart, may help them to overcome their weakness through his power, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That their families also may put their hope in Christ and find peace and holiness in him, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That throughout the whole world whatever is weak may be strengthened, whatever is broken restored, whatever is lost found, and what is found redeemed, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Exorcism

Lord God by your grace
you have led these Elect to discover the treasure hidden in the field,
to find a fine pearl of great value.

Free these elect
from the death-dealing power of the spirit of evil,
and bring them into your kingdom
to share new life in the risen Christ,
for he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

Then, with hands outstretched over all the elect, he continues:

Lord Jesus,
You call us to the rich treasure of faith
so that we might have life and have it more abundantly.

Free from the grasp of death
those who await your life-giving sacraments
and deliver them from the spirit of corruption.
Through your Spirit, who gives life,
fill them with faith, hope, and charity,
that they may live with you always
in the glory of your resurrection,
for you are Lord for ever and ever.

Amen.

Anointing with the Oil of Catechumens *

(If not performed as part of the Third Scrutiny, this anointing could take place as part of the preparatory day on Saturday 1 August.)*

The celebrant anoints each Elect with the oil of catechumens on both hands, saying:

We anoint you with the oil of salvation
in the name of Christ our Saviour.
May he strengthen you with his power,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

The Elect replies:

Amen.

Dismissal of the Elect

Go in peace,
and may the Lord remain with you always.
Thanks be to God.

Profession of Faith

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Offerings

Prayer over the Offerings

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

**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.**

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings
which we bring from the abundance of your gifts,
that through the powerful working of your grace
these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present way of life
and lead us to eternal gladness.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Communion Rite

Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament,
the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son;
grant, we pray, that this gift,
which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling,
may profit us for salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

[Announcements]

Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Blessing

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

Amen.

Dismissal

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

Thanks be to God.

Recessional Song