

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(with Sacraments of Initiation)

2 August 2020

The Paschal Candle is lit and placed near the baptismal font.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Hymn

Greeting

Gloria

Collect

1. Ordinary Time 18

Let us pray.

Draw near to your servants, O Lord,
and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness,
that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide,
you may restore what you have created
and keep safe what you have restored.
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 Conferral of Baptism A (RM pp 1182)

Let us pray.

O God, who bring us to participate in the mystery
of the Passion and Resurrection of your Son,
grant, we pray,
that, strengthened by the spirit of adoption as your children,
we may always walk in newness of life.
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

3. Ritual Mass for Conferral of Baptism B (RM pp 1185)

Let us pray.

O God, who bring us to rebirth by the word of life,
grant that, accepting it with a sincere heart,
we may be eager to live by the truth
and may bear abundant fruits of fraternal charity.
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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Hasten and eat.

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!
Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.
Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?
Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat
and rich food to enjoy.
Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.
With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:8-9, 15-18

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us:
he answers all our needs.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 8:35, 37-39

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

They all ate and were satisfied.

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full, Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

Invitation to Prayer

Dear friends, let us pray to almighty God for our brothers and sisters, N. and N., who are asking for initiation into Christ. God has called them and brought them to this moment; may God grant them light and strength to follow Christ with resolute hearts and to profess the faith of the Church. May God give them the new life of the Holy Spirit, whom we are about to call down on this water.

Prayer over the Water

Father,
you give us grace through sacramental signs,
which tell us of the wonders of your unseen power.

In baptism we use your gift of water,
which you have made a rich symbol of the grace
you give us in this sacrament.

At the very dawn of creation
your Spirit breathed on the waters,
making them the wellspring of all holiness.

The waters of the great flood
you made a sign of the waters of baptism
that make an end of sin
and a new beginning of goodness.

Through the waters of the Red Sea
you led Israel out of slavery
to be an image of God's holy people,
set free from sin by baptism.

In the waters of the Jordan
your Son was baptised by John
and anointed with the Spirit.

Your Son willed that water and blood should flow from his side
as he hung upon the cross.

After his resurrection he told his disciples:
'Go out and teach all nations,
baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.'

Father,
look now with love upon your Church
and unseal for it the fountain of baptism.

By the power of the Holy Spirit
give to this water the grace of your Son,
so that in the sacrament of baptism
all those whom you have created in your likeness
may be cleansed from sin
and rise to a new birth of innocence
by water and the Holy Spirit.

The celebrant before continuing touches the water with his right hand.

We ask you, Father, with your Son
to send the Holy Spirit upon the waters of this font.
May all who are buried with Christ in the death of baptism
rise also with him to newness of life.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The people sing the following or some other suitable acclamation.

Springs of water, bless the Lord.

Give him glory and praise for ever.

Profession of Faith - Introduction

N. and N. have completed a long preparation and are ready for the sacraments of initiation. They will receive new life from God who is love: they will become Christians.

They have come to share the faith of the Church and it is our community of faith which will support them in their Christian life. So let us make a renewal of our baptismal promises together.

The Priest addresses the Elect and the Community, who make their responses together.

Do you reject sin so as to live in the freedom of God's children?

I do.

Do you reject the glamour of evil, and refuse to be mastered by sin?

I do.

Do you reject Satan, father of sin and prince of darkness?

I do.

Then the priest continues:

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth?

I do.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was born of the Virgin Mary,
was crucified, died, and was buried,
rose from the dead,
and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

I do.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting?

I do.

The priest concludes:

This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church.
We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Baptism

The celebrant baptises each of the Elect. Each baptism may be followed by a short acclamation sung or said by the people.

The celebrant, taking baptismal water and pouring it three times on the child's bowed head, baptises the child in the name of the Trinity.
N., I baptise you in the name of the Father,
He pours water the first time.
and of the Son,
He pours water the second time.
and of the Holy Spirit.
He pours water the third time.

If circumstances permit, an appropriate song of praise may be sung while the minister moves through the church to sprinkle the assembly with water.

EXPLANATORY RITES

Clothing with a Baptismal Garment

N. and N., you have become a new creation
and have clothed yourselves in Christ.
Receive this baptismal garment
and bring it unstained to the judgment seat of our Lord Jesus Christ,
so that you may have everlasting life.

Newly baptised: **Amen.**

Presentation of a Lighted Candle

Godparents, please come forward to give to the newly baptised the light of Christ.

A godparent of each of the newly baptised goes to the celebrant, lights a candle from the Easter candle, then presents it to the newly baptised.

Then the celebrant says to the newly baptised:

You have been enlightened by Christ.

Walk always as children of the light

and keep the flame of faith alive in your hearts.

When the Lord comes, may you go out to meet him
with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom.

Amen.

CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION

Invitation

My dear newly baptised, by your baptism you have been born again in Christ and you have become members of Christ and of his priestly people. Now you are to share in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit among us, the Spirit sent by the Lord upon his apostles at Pentecost and given by them and their successors to the baptised.

The promised strength of the Holy Spirit, which you are to receive, will make you more like Christ and help you to be witnesses to his suffering, death, and resurrection. It will strengthen you to be active members of the Church and to build up the Body of Christ in faith and love.

The celebrant next addresses the people:

My dear friends, let us pray to God our Father, that he will pour out the Holy Spirit on these newly baptised to strengthen them with his gifts and anoint them to be more like Christ, the Son of God.

All pray briefly in silence.

Laying on of Hands

The minister holds his hands outstretched over the entire group of those to be confirmed and says the following prayer.

All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
by water and the Holy Spirit
you freed your sons and daughters from sin
and gave them new life.

Send your Holy Spirit upon them
to be their helper and guide.

Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of right judgment and courage,
the spirit of knowledge and reverence.

Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Anointing with Chrism

The minister dips the tip of the thumb of his right hand in the Chrism and, with the thumb, makes the Sign of the Cross on the forehead of the one to be confirmed, as he says:

N., BE SEALED WITH THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

The newly confirmed:

Amen.

The minister adds:

Peace be with you.

The newly confirmed:

And with your spirit.

Prayers of the Faithful

Presider: With confidence we bring our prayers to Jesus whose heart was so moved with pity for the vast crowd that he cured their sick and fed the hungry.

For our Holy Father the Pope, our bishop, priests and all Church leaders, that they work unceasingly to alleviate the physical and spiritual hunger of God's people, we pray to the Lord:

For all of us worshipping together, that we deepen our reverence and love for the Bread of Life that we receive during this Eucharistic celebration, we pray to the Lord:

For N. and N. our newly baptised, that they be your faithful followers and a witness to your gospel, we pray to the Lord:

For all who have died, especially N. and N., that they rest in the peace and glory of God's kingdom, we pray to the Lord:

Presider: Generous and loving God, grant our prayers today through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Offerings

Prayer over the Offerings

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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.**

Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we pray,
and, accepting the oblation of this spiritual sacrifice,
make of us an eternal offering to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Or

2. Ritual Mass for Conferral of Baptism A (RM pp 1182)

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.**

O Lord, who have graciously gathered into your priestly people
those you have conformed to the likeness of your Son
(and perfected with the seal of chrism),
be pleased, we ask you,
to look upon them as acceptable sacrifices
and to receive them favourably
together with the offerings of your Church.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Or

3. Ritual Mass for Conferral of Baptism B (RM pp 1185)

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.**

Open the door to your supper, O Lord,
for those who approach the bread that is prepared
and the wine that has been mixed,
so that, celebrating the heavenly banquet with gladness,
we may be numbered as fellow citizens of the Saints
and members of your household.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Preface

Preface I of the Sundays in Ordinary Time may be used, or Preface II of Holy Eucharist

The Eucharistic Prayer

When the Roman Canon is used, in the section Memento Domine (Remember, Lord, your servants), there is a commemoration of the godparents:

Remember, Lord, your servants
who have presented your chosen ones
for the holy grace of your Baptism,

Here the names of the godparents are read out.
and all gathered here,
whose faith and devotion are known to you . . .

In the Eucharistic Prayers, a commemoration of the newly baptized is included according to these formulas: (RM p1183-1184)

a) In Eucharistic Prayer I, the proper form of the Hanc igitur (Therefore, Lord, we pray) is said:

Therefore, Lord, we pray:
graciously accept this oblation of our service,
that of your whole family,
which we offer you
also for those to whom you have been pleased to give
the new birth of water and the Holy Spirit,
granting them forgiveness of all their sins
so as to find them in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and command that their names be written
in the book of the living.
(Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)

b) In the intercessions of Eucharistic Prayer II, after the words and all the clergy, the following is added:

Remember also, Lord, the newly baptized
who, through Baptism (and Confirmation),
have today been joined to your family,
that they may follow Christ, your Son,
with a generous heart and a willing spirit.
Remember also our brothers and sisters . . .

c) In the intercessions of Eucharistic Prayer III, after the words whom you have summoned before you, the following is added:

Strengthen, we pray, in their holy purpose
your servants who by the cleansing waters of rebirth
(and the bestowing of the Holy Spirit)
have today been joined to your people
and grant that they may always walk in newness of life.
In your compassion, O merciful Father,
gather to yourself all your children
scattered throughout the world.
To our departed brothers and sisters . . .

d) In the intercessions of Eucharistic Prayer IV, the commemoration of the newly baptized is inserted in this way:

Therefore, Lord, remember now
all for whom we offer this sacrifice:
especially your servant N. our Pope,
N. our Bishop, and the whole Order of Bishops,
and all the clergy.
Be mindful, too, of those who take part in this offering,
those gathered here before you,
especially the newly baptized,
whom today you have brought to new birth
by water and the Holy Spirit,
your entire people,
and all who seek you with a sincere heart.

The Communion Rite

A chalice should be prepared for each of the newly baptised so that, on this day of their initiation, they can receive communion under both kinds.

Communion Antiphon

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

Period of Silence or Song of Praise

Prayer after Communion

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Let us pray.

Accompany with constant protection, O Lord,
those you renew with these heavenly gifts
and, in your never-failing care for them,
make them worthy of eternal redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Or

2. Ritual Mass for Conferral of Baptism A (RM pp 1182)

Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that, nourished with the Sacrament of your Son's Body and Blood,
we may grow in the communion of his Spirit
and in love for one another,
and so, through ardent charity,
reach the full stature of the Body of Christ.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Or

3. Ritual Mass for Conferral of Baptism B (RM pp 1185)

Grant, O Lord,
that by the power of this Sacrament
we, who have proclaimed in celebration
the glorious mystery of your Son's Death and Resurrection,
may also profess it by our manner of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

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