

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Year A – 25th October 2020

Hymns and Prayers

Entrance:

*(R.) God of tender mercy, God of love,
God of glorious light from heaven above.
In your light we see light,
In your love we feel love:
Light eternal, love which never ends.*

Spirit of our God and bond of peace,
Day by day you call us to be one.
Hopes and fears we bring to you
in sorrow and rejoicing,
Strengthened by the promise of your love. **(R.)**

Age to age shall raise its voice in song,
As your Church rejoices in your name;
Singing to the God of life
And source of every blessing;
Praise and glory now and evermore. **(R.)**

Psalm:

*(R.) O Lord, you are the centre of my life;
I will always praise you,
I will always serve you,
I will always keep you in my sight.*

Keep me safe O God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord "You are my God,
My happiness lies in you alone,
My happiness lies in you alone." **(R.)**

I will bless you, Lord, who gives me counsel,
Who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight
since he is at my right hand,
I shall stand firm. **(R.)**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even in safety shall my body rest.
For you will not leave
my soul among the dead,
Nor let your beloved know decay. **(R.)**

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand, at your right hand
happiness forever. **(R.)**

Hallelujah:

Sing hallelujah to the Lord,
Sing hallelujah to the Lord;
Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah,
Sing hallelujah to the Lord.

Prayer of the Faithful:

Priest:

We can take refuge in the Lord, so let us bring forward our prayers.

Reader:

1. We pray for all Christians. May they show love. *(Pause)*
*Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer***
2. We pray for those who suffer. May they may be healed. *(Pause)*
*Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer***
3. We pray for people who feel helpless. May we watch over them, and all our neighbours.
*(Pause) Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer***
4. We pray for those affected by COVID-19. May God be close to them. *(Pause) Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer***
5. We pray for visitors, refugees and strangers. May they be welcomed *(Pause)*
*Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer***
6. We pray for widows, widowers , orphans and the lonely. May the stronger among us protect the weaker. *(Pause) Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer***

Priest:

O God, you are our strength, our fortress, our saviour. Hear the prayers we make in faith; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory:

Gifts of bread and wine, gifts we've offered,
Fruits of labour, fruits of love;
Taken, offered, sanctified, blessed and broken;
Words of one who died:

(R.) *'Take my body, take my saving blood.'*
Gifts of bread and wine: Christ our Lord.

Christ our Saviour, living presence here
As he promised while on earth:
'I am with you for all time,
I am with you in this bread and wine'. **(R.)**

Spiritual Communion – Prayer of St Alphonsus

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.
I love you above all things
and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you
now and forever.
Amen.

Communion:

Christ's is the world in which we move;
Christ's are the folk we're summoned to love;
Christ's is the voice which calls us to care,
and Christ is the one who meets us here.

(R.) *To the lost Christ shows his face,
to the unloved he gives his embrace,
to those who cry in pain or disgrace
Christ makes, with his friends, a touching place.*

Feel for the people we must avoid -
strange or bereaved or never employed.
Feel for the women and feel for the men
who fear that their living is all in vain. **(R.)**

Feel for the lives by life confused,
riddled with doubt, in loving abused;
feel for the lonely heart, conscious of sin,
which longs to be pure but fears to begin. **(R.)**

Communion Thanksgiving:

A new commandment I give unto you,
that you love one another
as I have loved you.
That you love one another
as I have loved you.

By this shall all mankind know
you are my disciples,
if you have love one for another.

Recessional:

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury your pardon, Lord.
And where there's doubt true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.