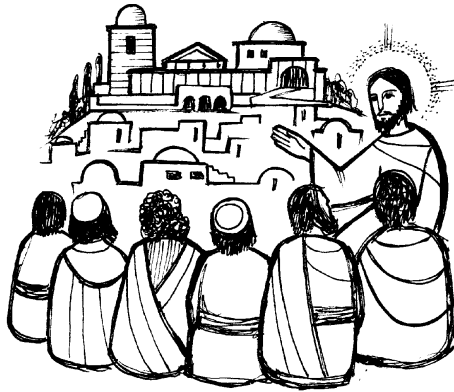


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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
World Day of the Poor
16 November 2025

Introductory Rites

Gathering Song

When I needed a neighbour (888)

Greeting & Introduction

Penitential Act

Together we pray:

**I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

Gloria

Please join in singing the refrain:

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
(Glory, glory, to God in the highest!)

Collect

O God,
help of those who suffer and comfort of the poor,
by following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ,
you call us to love our brothers and sisters,
to hear their cry,
and to be a sign of your hope that never disappoints.
Fill us with your merciful love,
so that we can respond generously to the needs
of those who knock on the door of our heart.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

(Malachi 4: 1-2)

A reading from the prophet Malachi

Behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

- 1 Sing praise to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and melodious song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
sing joyfully before the King, the Lord.
- 2 Let the sea and what fills it resound,
the world and those who dwell in it;
let the rivers clap their hands,
the mountains shout with them for joy.

Second Reading

(2 Thessalonians 4: 7-12)

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Thessalonians

Brothers and Sisters: You know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labour we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

(Luke 21: 5-19)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: While some were speaking of the Temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.' And they asked him, 'Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?' And he said, 'See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, "I am he!" and, "The time is at hand!" Do not go after them.

And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.'

Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. This will be your opportunity to bear witness. Settle it, therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and sisters, and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.**

Bidding Prayers

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Music: Beati Quorum Via – C.F. Stanford

*Blessed are those whose ways are blameless,
who walk according to the law of the Lord.*

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord,

look upon our offering,
drawn from the good things you have given us;
it is a sign of your abundant life
and of our unity in love;
may it inspire us to share what we have
and to take responsibility for one another
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, Holy – Mass of Christ our Saviour (Dan Schutte)

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

The Mystery of Faith

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

Our Father

Notre père... Têve Mûşq... Vater unser... Ojczy nasz...
Padre nostro... 我們的天父

Sign of Peace

Please exchange the Sign of Peace with those around you in whatever way is most comfortable for you.

Communion

St O: Turn to me (786)

Prayer after Communion

Open our eyes, Lord,
so we can see you in our brothers and sisters.
Open our ears, Lord,
so we can hear the cries of those who are hungry,
cold, afraid and oppressed.
Open our hearts, Lord,
so we can learn to love one another as you love us.
Give us your Spirit again, Lord,
so we can become one heart and one soul,
in your name.

R. Amen.

Concluding Rite

Blessing & Dismissal

Final Song

The kingdom of God is justice and joy (821)

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