

# THE LORD'S DAY AT HOME



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021

If you are housebound or self-isolating at this time, please use these prayers to unite yourself with the worship of the Universal Church, and your own Parish this Sunday. If alone, read or say these prayers quietly to yourself. If with another, or in a family, someone should read the "leader" parts, and others respond. It might be suitable to find a special, quiet place at home for your prayers.

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

**Entrance Antiphon** *Ps 46: 2*

**A: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!**

### Sign of the Cross

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**A: Amen.**

### Introduction

L: Last week the disciples were frightened by a storm on the lake and Jesus ask "Why were you so frightened?". This week Jesus says "Do not be afraid; only have faith" to a man who has just heard his little daughter has died. His confidence is remarkable! Faith in the face of fear and loss is a challenge: today we must learn from Jesus, from his confidence and resilience, so that we can weather the storms of illness and indeed death, trusting in the one who brings life. As we welcome Jesus, we praise God's glory, saying together:

### Gloria

**A: 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

L: Let us pray.

O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth. 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.

**A: Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Gospel Reading** *Mark 5:21-24, 35-43*

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father

and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kumi!' which means, 'Little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat. The Gospel of the Lord.

**A: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

### Reflection

Amidst all the tragedies of this frail human existence, few can be more devastating than the loss of a child, such as we hear of in this Gospel. Our hearts go out to Jairus, as to all who face such pain. Jesus is no different – his confidence and reassurance resound in this Gospel story, as he faces doubts, fear, grief and even mocking laughter, filled with the knowledge that he can change "*mourning into dancing*" as the Psalm says. Every miracle is also a message: and the message of this remarkable miracle is the promise of eternal life: as the Preface puts it "by rising from the dead he gave us life eternal." We may still have to face death, and the loss of those we love, but we must remember the confidence of Jesus, who proclaims life by this miracle: "*At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.*"

### For our Younger Friends

This Gospel starts very sadly with the death of a little girl: you may not want to think about that, but such sadness is real for people today (If you have lost someone close to you, you may want to talk to your family about it today.)

What we have to think about, though, is how Jesus reacts: he knows that death is not the end of the story – it wasn't for Jesus after Good Friday (remember Easter Sunday?) and it isn't the end for those who believe in him. Jesus loves us, and wants us to live with him forever. By raising this little girl, he is telling us that even after death, there is life! Trust in him, and pray for those who have gone ahead of us.

### Profession of Faith

**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.**

### Intercessions

L: Let us implore the Spirit, Giver of Life to fill us with the light of Christ's love and compassion.

Come, Parent of the poor; in your unfailing kindness sustain our sisters and brothers victimized by famine, racism, and greed. Lord, in your mercy...

**A: Hear our prayer.**

Come, healing Spirit; renew the health and well-being of all the sick, especially infants and children. Lord, in your mercy...

**A: Hear our prayer.**

Come, consoling Spirit; comfort parents who anguish over the health and spiritual good of their children. Lord, in your mercy...

**A: Hear our prayer.**

Come, Spirit of the living God; bring all the dead to the glory of the resurrection. Lord, in your mercy...

**A: Hear our prayer.**

*Please add your own prayers for the needs of the Church, the world and your local community. You may wish to add particular prayers for family members, friends or neighbours in need at this time.*

## THE COMMUNION RITE

### The Lord's Prayer

L: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**A: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

L: O God, who graciously accomplish the effects of your mysteries, grant, we pray, that the deeds by which we serve you may be worthy of your love. Through Christ our Lord.

**A: Amen.**

### Preparation for Spiritual Communion

L: Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, out of compassion for the waywardness that is ours, Jesus your Son humbled himself and was born of the Virgin; by the passion of the Cross he freed us from unending death, and by rising from the dead he gave us life eternal. Taking bread and wine, the fruits of the earth, at the Last Supper, gave himself as a perfect offering to you, and to be with his friends always. Even though we are not in Church, and not able to receive communion today, we open our minds and hearts now to your generous love and the gift of Jesus your Son, welcoming him spiritually into our lives.

*Pause for a moment of silent prayer and reflection.*

### Spiritual Communion

**A: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**

### Thanksgiving Psalm

L: I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

**A: I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.**

L: I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.

O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.

**A: I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.**

L: Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts a moment; his favour all through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.

**A: I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.**

L: The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing: O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

**A: I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.**

## THE CONCLUDING RITE

### Final Prayer and Blessing

L: Let us pray.

May the worship we have offered fill us with life, O Lord, we pray, so that, bound to you in lasting charity, we may bear fruit that lasts for ever. Through Christ our Lord.

**A: Amen.**

L: May the Lord ✠ bless us, protect us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

**A: Amen.**

L: Let us bless the Lord!

**A: Thanks be to God!**

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