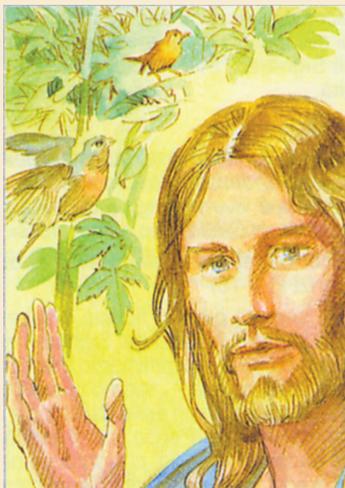


The Eucharist

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Our modern world acclaims the new and the immediate experience; instant products sell best. 'Now!' and 'New!' are great advertising slogans. The patience of the farmer who waits from seed time to harvest is not a model for modern life. In a fast changing society, it would seem that the Church moves too slowly for many. The parables of growth in the Gospel remind us that God's power is at work in us through our prayer and patience, and in that way will generate the development of the Kingdom of Christ.



'The kingdom of God ... is like a mustard seed, ... the smallest of all seeds on earth ...; it grows into the biggest shrub of them all ...'

FIRST READING (Ezekiel 17:22-24)

This prophecy was made in regard to the restoring of the monarchy of David after the Exile of God's people. The shoot to be planted would be one in line from the former last king. But this kingdom will bring in all the nations of the earth to recognise the Lord God. We see in this the promise of Christ's messianic kingdom, of which the Church is now the beginning.

SECOND READING (2 Corinthians 5:6-10)

St Paul, reflecting on his apostolic mission, looks forward in hope to the final judgement. He recognises that his faith must bring forth good works in love. He reminds us that each of us will get what we deserve for how we live our lives.

GOSPEL (Mark 4:26-34)

The two parables today contrast the difference between the small seed and the grown plant. They highlight the contrast between the small beginnings of Jesus' ministry and the final coming of God's kingdom. The Church on earth gives us a foretaste of that Kingdom. It spreads out its branches in welcome to all races, classes and nations.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon

(Cf. Ps 26:7:9)

**O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;
be my help.**

Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

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

Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

Brethren (brothers and sisters)
let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves
to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

A brief pause for silence follows.

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You came to call sinners:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father
to intercede for us:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

Gloria

**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.**

Collect

O God, strength of those who hope in you,
graciously hear our pleas,
and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing,
grant us always the help of your grace,
that in following your commands
we may please you by our resolve and our deeds.
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

(Ez 17:22-24)

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

The Lord says this:

‘From the top of the cedar,
from the highest branch I will take a shoot
and plant it myself on a very high mountain.
I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.
It will sprout branches and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Every kind of bird will live beneath it,
every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches.
And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord,
am the one
who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow,
who withers green trees and makes
the withered green.
I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.’

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 91:2-3.13-16)

℟ It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. **℟**
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **℟**
3. Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **℟**

SECOND READING

(2 Cor 5:6-10)

A reading from the second letter of St Paul
to the Corinthians.

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to

live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as
we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I
say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make
our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or
exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth
about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and
each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in
the body, good or bad.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Jn 15:15)

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

(Mk 4:26-34)



The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Mark.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the crowds: ‘This is what the kingdom of God
is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while
he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and
growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land
produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in
the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he
starts to reap because the harvest has come.’

He also said, ‘What can we say the kingdom of God is like?
What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed
which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of
all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the
biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that
the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.’

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them,
so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would
not speak to them except in parables, but he explained
everything to his disciples when they were alone.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Profession of Faith

(Nicene Creed)

**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,**

*At the words that follow, up to and including
and became man, all bow.*

**and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The priest introduces the Prayer of the Faithful.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offering the bread, the priest says:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the bread we offer you:

fruit of the earth and work of human hands,
it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Offering the chalice, the priest says:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the wine we offer you:

fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

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.**

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who in the offerings presented here
provide for the twofold needs of human nature,
nourishing us with food

and renewing us with your Sacrament,
grant, we pray,

that the sustenance they provide
may not fail us in body or in spirit.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer II

(Preface IV of Sundays in Ordinary Time)

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.

For by his birth he brought renewal
to humanity's fallen state,
and by his suffering, cancelled out our sins;
by his rising from the dead
he has opened the way to eternal life,
and by ascending to you, O Father,
he has unlocked the gates of heaven.

And so, with the company of Angels and Saints,
we sing the hymn of your praise,
as without end we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

You are indeed Holy, O Lord,
the fount of all holiness.

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray,
by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall,
so that they may become for us
the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed
and entered willingly into his Passion,
he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended,
he took the chalice
and, once more giving thanks,
he gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith.

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

Therefore, as we celebrate
the memorial of his Death and Resurrection,
we offer you, Lord,
the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation,
giving thanks that you have held us worthy
to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray

that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ,
we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church,

spread throughout the world,
and bring her to the fullness of charity,
together with **N.** our Pope and **N.** our Bishop
and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters
who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection,
and all who have died in your mercy:
welcome them into the light of your face.

Have mercy on us all, we pray,
that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,
with blessed Joseph, her Spouse,
with the blessed Apostles,
and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout
the ages,

we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life,
and may praise and glorify you
through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE COMMUNION RITE

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

**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.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.

Who live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And with your spirit.

*The priest may invite the people to exchange a sign of peace
and Christian fellowship. As the priest breaks the consecrated
Host the following is sung or said:*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

Showing the Eucharist to the people, the priest says:

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

Communion Antiphon

(Ps 26:4)

**There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

Prayer after Communion

As this reception of your Holy Communion, O Lord,
foreshadows the union of the faithful in you,
so may it bring about unity in your Church.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

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

Amen.

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

Thanks be to God.

Personal Prayer

The Christian is to grow and flourish in the courts of the Lord. Each of us has to bring forth a rich harvest of good works. That growth to Christian maturity is a lifetime task, slowly developing so that it is little noticed day by day.

This needs the character that can stand firm upon its feet in the world of daily work, temptation and trial, and to be able to bear the wear and tear of real life. This is what St Richard of Chichester prayed for: O Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly; for your sake alone. Amen.