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SUNDAY 17 JANUARY 2021

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B



As you make the sign of the cross, think about how much you love God with all your mind and heart.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

We say these words or sing a hymn as the priest approaches the altar.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times...

We ask for God's help. Listen now to the priest as he offers this prayer.



FIRST READING 1 SAMUEL 3:3-10. 19

Samuel is living in the Temple, being trained by the priest, Eli. When Samuel hears someone calling him, of course he thinks it is Eli and he runs to him. But it isn't Eli who is calling. Again Samuel hears someone

calling and again Eli sends him back to bed. When Samuel responds a third time to the call, Eli understands. It is God who is calling Samuel. Eli helps Samuel to be ready. When God calls again, Samuel listens.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. God calls three times to the boy Samuel, who listens.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 39

Here I am, Lord!
I come to do your will.

The cantor or psalmist sings or says the psalm. Listen to the verses, and then respond by using these words.



SECOND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 6:13-15. 17-20

Some people misunderstand God and think that being holy is just about our souls. But God has given us bodies as well as souls and we can meet God in our bodily experiences. We eat the bread and wine

of Communion, we feel blessed with water and oil and in reconciliation we hear God telling us we are forgiven. The Holy Spirit lives in each of us, in our bodies. We can give glory to God when we treat our bodies with respect.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

We give a shout of praise to God, using these words taken from the Bible.



DO YOU KNOW?

18-25 January is the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity. For eight days Christians all over the world get together to have fun and to pray. During this time we remember that we are all one family and that Jesus wants his family to get on with each other. Perhaps there are some local activities you can get involved with?



THINK

Samuel needed Eli to teach him. The disciples needed John the Baptist to point Jesus out to them. We might want to answer God's call and say, "Here I am", but we may not be ready yet. Who are the people helping you to hear God's call? Are you letting them teach you and taking the time to listen?



The Good News about Jesus is told to us by St John.

Right at the beginning of the Gospel, John is telling us that Jesus is our saviour. Jesus is the lamb who will take away our sins. He will sacrifice himself so that we can all enjoy a full relationship with God. John the Baptist understands Jesus' significance and points

him out to his disciples. The disciples follow Jesus, eager to find out more. When Jesus invites them to his house, they do not hesitate and spend hours with him. Having understood for themselves, these very first disciples share their good news and Simon Peter is brought to faith.

STAND to LISTEN to the priest or deacon as he prepares to read the Gospel. Before he reads the Gospel, what does the priest do to his forehead, his lips and his heart?



PRAY

Think about all the people who, like John the Baptist, are pointing out Jesus and his message of love to you. Think about your family, your teachers, your friends, priests and catechists. Thank God for them all.



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I would like to pray for Christians everywhere. May we see the good in each other and celebrate the variety of our experiences of God. Lord, hear my prayer.

Listen to the reader as he or she encourages us to pray for situations and people in need. Here is a prayer you could say privately.



OFFERTORY PROCESSION

As we take our gifts of bread, wine and money to the altar, think of a time this week when you were struggling on your own and then think of a time when someone helped you to get something done.

Watch as the gifts are made ready and the priest washes his hands and prepares for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Say a little prayer offering these thoughts up to God.



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Today's special prayer thanks God for fulfilling all God's promises to us.

What can you give special thanks for today?

We listen to the prayer of praise and thanks to God.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

As the priest extends his hands, we say the prayer that Jesus taught us.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We have come to know and to believe in the love that God has for us.

You are invited to sing a Communion song or say this verse, which has been especially chosen for today's celebration.



MY PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, Jesus, for sacrificing yourself for us. Thank you for inviting us to your house, so that we can learn more about who you are. Help us to listen. Amen.



IXΘΥΣ

is the Greek word for "fish" and was used in the catacombs as a sign for early Christians. It is made up from the first letter of five Greek titles for the Lord:

- I (Jesus)
- X (Christos)
- Θ (Theou/God's)
- Υ (Uios/Son)
- Σ (Soter/Saviour)

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We take Jesus with us to carry on the work that he did on earth, until we meet again next Sunday.

Go in peace.

