

## Introductory Rites

*A hymn may be sung. Then, making the Sign of the Cross, the family begins:*

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

All: Amen.

Leader: We gather today to celebrate the Lord's Day. We are unable to be with our parish family. However, one with our brothers and sisters at Saint Andrew Parish, and with the entire Church, let us now listen to God's Word and join in prayer.

### *Penitential Act*

Leader: Coming together as God's family, with confidence let us acclaim the Father's forgiveness, for God is full of gentleness and compassion.

Lord Jesus, you heal the sick. Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*

Lord Jesus, you forgive sinners. Christ, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.*

Lord Jesus, you feed us with your Body and Blood. Lord, have mercy.  
*Lord, have mercy.*

### *Opening Prayer*

Leader: Let us pray.

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

## Liturgy of the Word

### **A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel**

**EZ 33:7-9**

Thus says the LORD: You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me. If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die," and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## Responsorial Psalm

PS 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

**R. (8) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;

let us acclaim the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us bow down in worship;

let us kneel before the LORD who made us.

For he is our God,

and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:

“Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,

as in the day of Massah in the desert,

Where your fathers tempted me;

they tested me though they had seen my works.”

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

## A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

ROM 13:8-10

Brothers and sisters: Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Gospel

MT 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that ‘every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

## *The Apostle’s Creed*

All: I believe in God, the Father  
almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

*At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.*

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.

### **Prayers of the Faithful – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Leader: We come in worship before the Lord Who made us, turning over to the Father all our needs:**

Our response is: **“Lord, Hear our Prayer”**

That the Church, through the Holy Father, bishops, priests and deacons will continue to faithfully proclaim the Gospel of Christ in all their words and actions, let us pray to the Lord.

That our lawmakers may govern with wisdom as they seek to serve the needs of all those entrusted to them, let us pray to the Lord.

For those who suffer from physical and developmental disabilities, that they may be sustained in God’s loving care, let us pray to the Lord.

On this, the nineteenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 this week, we pray for those who were killed, for the consolation of their families and friends, and for an end to terrorism throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord.

For Mike McGovern, that God’s grace is with him as he prepares for the reception of the Sacrament of Holy Orders as a Permanent Deacon, let us pray to the Lord.

That God will protect from all evil and harm all those who serve in the protection and defense of life, especially our first responders and our service men and women serving at home and abroad, let us pray to the Lord.

That the prayers we hold in our hearts will be united with those of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, our patron Saint Andrew, and all the saints in light, let us pray to the Lord.

For all our relatives and friends who have died, and for the people of the parish, let us pray to the Lord.

Leader: **Loving Father, in Your great mercy hear our prayers and hold us close. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer is recited by all.*

### **Act of Spiritual Communion**

All: 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**

*After a period of silence, the following Psalm is recited together.*

*Psalm 116*

I trusted, even when I said:  
"I am sorely afflicted,"  
and when I said in my alarm:  
"No man can be trusted."

How can I repay the Lord  
for his goodness to me?  
The cup of salvation I will raise;  
I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfill  
before all his people.  
O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds.  
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;  
I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfill  
before all his people,  
in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

## **Blessing**

*Making the Sign of the Cross, we say together:*

May the Lord bless us, protect us from evil, and bring us into everlasting life. Amen.

*A concluding hymn may be sung.*