27 SEPTEMBER 2020

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

PENITENTIAL RITE all join in saying

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 *all join in saying* 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, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. 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. *R.* Amen.

FIRST READING from the prophet Ezekiel 18:25-28 The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit to sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The Word of the Lord. *R.* Thanks be to God.

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

PSALM 24 all join in saying the response *R*. after the Reader and after each verse of the psalm *R*. Remember your mercy, Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. *R.*

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. *R.*

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. *R.*

SECOND READING from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord. *R.* Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION all join in saying the Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word. And my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL The Lord be with you. *R.* And with your spirit. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 21:28-32 *R.* Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even, after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord. *R.* Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH all join in saying 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. 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.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant us, O merciful God, that this our offering may find acceptance with you and that through it the wellspring of all blessing may be laid open before us. Through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord, restore us in mind and body, that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ, to whose suffering we are united whenever we proclaim his Death. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *R.* Amen. WHAT TO EXPECT AT MASS We have put in place some new measures to ensure a safe and welcoming environment for all. This may mean that Mass feels a little different to the way we are used to celebrating. Please read our guidelines below:

WHEN YOU ARRIVE You will be welcomed by a volunteer steward. You will be directed to the hand sanitizer.

All people entering church must wear a face covering at all times.

You must adhere to social distancing guidelines in place. Any children accompanying you must do the same.

Baskets will be available at the entrance (and exit) for your weekly envelopes or other contributions.

There will also be contactless donation points available for those wishing contribute via debit card.

Toilets will remain closed at all times except for a genuine emergency. The Gift Shop will be closed.

DURING MASS There will be no Sign of Peace. There will be no congregational singing.

HOLY COMMUNION Will be distributed after the final dismissal of the Mass.

The words "The Body of Christ" and the reply "Amen" will only be said once at the beginning of distribution. They will not to be repeated for each person receiving Holy Communion.

The volunteer stewards will direct you to approach the altar to receive Holy Communion.

You may only receive the Sacred Host in your hand and not on your tongue.

Communicants must avoid skin to skin contact with the minister's hands.

You must then step to one side, lower your face covering and place the Sacred Host in your mouth then follow directions to leave the Cathedral immediately.

AFTER MASS Please take home any newsletters, Mass sheets and other papers you may use.

Use only the designated exit.

Please do not gather in the Cathedral porch or on Cathedral property for conversations.

Continue to wear your face covering until you leave the area where other people are.

If you are experiencing a high temperature, a new continuous cough or loss or change of taste / smell please return home and consult your GP.

While we will attempt to take appropriate precautions consistent with the advice of public health authorities, parishioners should understand that they assume the risk of contracting COVID-19 any time they enter a public space since such precautions do not eliminate the risk of infection.