

Liturgy Alive of 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Greetings (See Second Reading)

It is not our own life we should live
but the life of Christ who lives in us.
Christ loves us
and he sacrificed himself for our sake.
May his forgiveness and peace be always with you.
R/ And also with you.

Introduction by the Celebrant

A . A Meal Of Forgiveness

We know from experience that a meal is a great opportunity for reconciliation and forgiveness. Sharing the same table means accepting one another, forming community, letting bygones be bygones. The meal of the Eucharist is an encounter with the forgiving Christ and with one another in peace. This is why we have in the Eucharist a penitential act, the Our Father, an acclamation to the Lamb of God who takes our sins away, the sign of peace. At the very heart of the celebration we remember how Christ shed his blood so that sins may be forgiven. Let us celebrate this Eucharist in a spirit of forgiveness and reconciliation.

B. Friendship Forgives

If we admit a person into our home and especially when we invite him or her to eat with us, it means that we fully accept this person. Is this always true? Here at the table of our Lord Jesus, he accepts all of us, the weak and the strong; he brings forgiveness and life to all and calls us all to praise the Father with him. He does not judge us, for he simply wants to be with us and to be our companion in life. Do we welcome one another in the same way?

Penitential Act

Let us ask the Lord to forgive our sins
as we forgive one another.
(pause)
Lord, you love us so much
that you died to bring us forgiveness and life:
Lord, have mercy. **R/ Lord, have mercy.**
Jesus Christ, you told the sinful woman,
as you tell us too:
"Your sins are forgiven; go in peace":
Christ, have mercy. **R/ Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, you have forgiven us much;
make us love you much:
Lord, have mercy. **R/ Lord, have mercy.**

Have mercy on us, Lord,
help us to forgive one another
as you forgive us now
and lead us all in peace and joy
to everlasting life. **R/ Amen.**

Opening Prayer

Let us pray to our merciful Father
that this Eucharist may bring us his pardon and peace
(pause)
Patient and loving Father,
you sent Jesus your Son among us
to heal what is broken and wounded.
He touched us with his goodness
and did not break the crushed reed.
Forgive us our sins,
let your Spirit continue in us
the work of conversion
and make us patient and understanding
with those who love us and those who fail us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. R/ Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Introduction: The Lord Has Forgiven You

King David humbly accepts the accusation of adultery and murder from the prophet Nathan and repents. God forgives him.

Second Reading Introduction: Christ Jesus Loves Me And Has Saved Me

It is not our deeds in obedience to the law which save us, says St. Paul, but our faith in Jesus Christ. God's Son loved me and saved me. It is his life I live now.

Gospel Introduction: One Who Is Forgiven Little Shows Little Love

The person who needs nobody needs no grace and cannot love. The one who needs forgiveness can grow in love.

General Intercessions

Let us pray with all trust to God our Father, for he has shown us in Jesus Christ that he is patient and rich in mercy. Let us say:

R/ Have mercy on your people, Lord.

- That the community of God's people may be a source of peace, of forgiveness and reconciliation, of new opportunities for tomorrow, let us pray: R/ Have mercy on your people, Lord.
- That priests may be patient and humble in the ministry of sacramental forgiveness entrusted to their care; that they may lead their people to conversion and renewal of heart, let us pray: R/ Have mercy on your people, Lord.
- That we may be gentle in our judgment of others, aware that every day anew we too are in need of forgiveness, let us pray: R/ Have mercy on your people, Lord.
- That in our families and communities we may be attentive to the good that is done and not be discouraged by each other's shortcomings, let us pray: R/ Have mercy on your people, Lord.
- That we who come together to pray and to celebrate the new covenant in the Eucharist may be reconciled with one another and live together in friendship and peace, let us pray: R/ Have mercy on your people, Lord.

God our Father, let your word and the Eucharist strengthen us in the spirit of forgiveness, of peace and unity, in Christ Jesus our Lord. R/ Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts

Our God and Father,
 you have invited us to encounter your Son
 and to offer with him the sacrifice
 that forgives our sins.
 Dispose us to forgive others
 as you forgive us
 and to share at the table of your Son
 the bread of unity and reconciliation.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord. R/ Amen.

Introduction to the Eucharistic Prayer

With joy we give thanks to the Father in heaven for forgiving us our sins through the sacrifice of Jesus, for he shed his blood so that sins may be forgiven.

Invitation to the Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with Jesus to the Father
 that he may forgive us our sins
 as we forgive others. R/ Our Father...

Deliver Us

Deliver us Lord, from the hardness of heart
 that refuses to forgive,
 Let the peace and joy
 which your forgiveness brings to us
 overflow on the people around us
 in mercy and compassion,

in mutual acceptance and understanding,
in forgiveness without conditions.
Lead us forward together in hope and joy
as we prepare for the full coming
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. R/ For the kingdom...

Invitation to Communion

This is Jesus the Lord
whose death and resurrection
has brought us forgiveness and life.
Happy are we to receive
this bread of reconciliation and unity.
R/ Lord, I am not worthy...

Prayer after Communion

Merciful Father,
in this Eucharist your Son Jesus said to us too:
your sins are forgiven
and he ate with us the meal
that brings reconciliation.
May all this deepen our love for you
and dispose us to extend a hand of peace
to all those who have hurt us
and to those we have wounded.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. R/ Amen.

Blessing

As a community of brothers and sisters
we have shared in God's Word
and in the bread of Christ.
May we remain such a community in the coming days,
in forgiveness, trust and understanding.
May Almighty God go with you and bless you:
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. R/ Amen.
Go with one another
Christ's way of peace. R/ Thanks be to God.