



30th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
26/10/2025



CCBR English Eucharists
WhatsApp group



Vicar's Tidings

Too often we pretend that we are better than we really are. We wear masks and dare not show our true selves, not even before God. The Lord's message for today says: Stand before God the way you are, be honest and humble with yourself, and you will learn to be without pretence before God and the people around you. Such an attitude brings us close to God, close to our real self, close to people. Let us ask the Lord to hear our prayer today.

If we try our best to live decently as good Christians who serve God well, would we still deserve a scolding from God? The message of today says yes. What is really our attitude before God? Do we think God should be grateful to us for all the things we have done for him? Do we look down on others who fail, who are weak and turn wrong? Are we aware that they also do good things? He sees what is good in them and he loves them for it. We pray that Jesus may give us an attitude of honesty with ourselves, with God and with people.

Revd. Hugo Adán

Holy Communion

Collect

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

A reading from Sirach (35:15b-17, 20-22b)

The Lord is the judge, and with him is no partiality. He will not show partiality in the case of a poor man; and he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan or the widow when she pours out her story. He whose service is pleasing to the Lord will be accepted, and his prayer will reach to the clouds. The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds, and he will not be consoled until it reaches the Lord; he will not desist until the Most High visits him and does justice for the righteous and executes judgement. And the Lord will not delay.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm (34)

R./ The lowly one called, and the Lord heard him.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
praise of him is always in my mouth.
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast;
the humble shall hear and be glad. **R./**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to cut off their remembrance from the earth.
When the just one cries out, the Lord hears,
and rescues him in all his distress. **R./**

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
All who trust in him shall not be condemned. **R./**

Second Reading

A reading from 2 Timothy (4:6-8, 16-18)

Beloved: I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have

kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved his appearing.

At my first defence no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading

Hear the The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (18:9-14)

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: 'Two men went up into the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: "God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get." But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Prayers of Intercession

Father, you hear the prayers of the lowly and accept the penitent sinner. Help your Church to welcome all who seek forgiveness and newness of life. Let us show how we all share in your grace and goodness. We pray for those who hear the confession of others and for all who counsel those who are full of guilt and remorse. May we all learn to trust in your love and acceptance.

Lord, hear us;

in your mercy hear us.

Father, we give thanks for your creation and ask your blessing upon all who are working to conserve and protect the earth. We pray for the peoples of the earth who have been moved out of their homes and land through the greed and power of others. Father, forgive us when we are insensitive to those who suffer as a result of our

desire for cheap products. May we do all we can to bring justice and fair trade to peoples and nations. We pray for all who are oppressed at this time.

Lord, hear us;

in your mercy hear us.

We give thanks for our families and loved ones. We remember how they have cared for us even when we seemed to have failed their love. We ask you to bless all who are suffering from broken relationships and unforgiving hearts. We remember all who are full of anger or resentment and lack your love and peace.

Lord, hear us;

in your mercy hear us.

Father, we know that you love and care for us. May we show that same love to others. We ask your blessing upon all who are outcasts or refugees, all who have been made homeless and have nowhere to go. We remember all who are ill at home or in hospital and ask that they may have courage and hope in their troubles.

Lord, hear us;

in your mercy hear us.

Father, you offer us the gift of eternal life even though we are unworthy of you. You welcome us into your kingdom. We pray for our friends and loved ones who have departed from us. As they shared their lives on earth with us, may they now share with you in the fullness of eternal life.

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

REMINDER: CHRIST THE KING CELEBRATION ON SUNDAY 23RD NOVEMBER, BILINGUAL MASS AT 12.00PM FOLLOWED BY BRING AND SHARE LUNCH

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