



MASS

September 29th, 2024

**MASS FOR THE 110TH WORLD DAY
OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES**



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“God walks with His people”



LITURGICAL SETTING

Today we celebrate the 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. The Holy Father reminds us that all of us, as People of God, are migrants on this earth, on our way to the “true Homeland,” the Kingdom of Heaven. Migrants have become a contemporary image of the Church, a moving people on a constant journey towards God’s promised land.

United in prayer with the universal Church, we begin this Holy Eucharist by asking God to help us recognize the face of Jesus in the faces of our migrant brothers and sisters who have arrived among us in search of a safe and prosperous life, so that together we may walk the path to communion with God and with ourselves.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

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

R. Amen

Greeting

The God of life who always calls us to work in his Kingdom, be with you.

R. And with your Spirit.

Penitential Act

Glory



COLLECT

O God, who manifest your almighty power 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. **Amen**

LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING

Moses gives us a lesson on how to behave before the action of the Holy Spirit, without trying to monopolize it or consider it as our own privilege.

A reading from the Book of Numbers 11:25-29

The LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses. Taking some of the spirit that was on Moses, the LORD bestowed it on the seventy elders; and as the spirit came to rest on them, they prophesied. Now two men, one named Eldad and the other Medad, were not in the gathering but had been in the camp. They too had been on the list, but had not gone out to the tent; yet the spirit came to rest on them also, and they prophesied in the camp. So, when a young man quickly told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp," Joshua, son of Nun, who from his youth had been Moses' aide, said, "Moses, my lord, stop them." But Moses answered him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets! Would that the LORD might bestow his spirit on them all!"

The Word of the Lord



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm (PS 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14)

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul; the decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just.

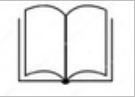
R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Though your servant is careful of them, very diligent in keeping them, yet who can detect failings? Cleanse me from my unknown faults!

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

From wanton sin especially, restrain your servant; let it not rule over me. Then shall I be blameless and innocent of serious sin.

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.



SECOND READING

This is a very harsh passage against the rich, especially those who unduly accumulate their wealth.

A reading from the Letter of Saint James (James 5: 1-6)

Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries. Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten, your gold and silver have corroded, and that corrosion will be a testimony against you; it will devour your flesh like a fire. You have stored up treasure for the last days. Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure; you have fattened your hearts for the day of slaughter. You have condemned; you have murdered the righteous one; he offers you no resistance.

Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Today's Gospel offers a selection of a discourse of Jesus to his disciples, in which two themes can be seen: Jesus' tolerance for those who, without being one of his own, do good by appealing to his authority, and the conditions to be met by those who wish to enter the Kingdom of God.

Alleluia (Cf. John 17:17b, 17a)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Your word, O Lord, is truth; consecrate us in the truth

R. Alleluia, alleluia

† Gospel St. Mark (Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48)

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward. "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where 'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Homily

The profession of Faith



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Let us pray, brothers and sisters, to God our Father, that you hear the prayers of those of us who gather in the name of Jesus: To each petition we will respond:

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Holy Church of God, that she may unceasingly proclaim the Gospel of salvation to all humankind and be gathered in unity. Let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For the rulers of the nations, that they may always promote laws that respect the dignity of the human person and the common good. Let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For the poor and most needy, so that they may discover that the Good News of Christ is especially addressed to them and accept it with joy. Let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For all of us present here and for all the faithful in Christ, so that we may discover that God walks with us, his people, and invites us to care for and help each other on the path of life. Let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For our community of faith celebrating this 110th Day of Migrants and Refugees, that we may be filled with grace and blessing. Let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord our God, you are just in all your ways and gracious in all your deeds, in you we put our trust and we ask you to hear our pleas. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

R. Amen

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY



OFFERTORY PROCESSION

It is suggested to present some symbols that represent the walking of migrants and refugees: backpack, tennis shoes, cap, bread, and wine.

BACKPACK, TENIS SHOES AND CAP: inseparable friends of the migrants and refugees who, loaded with hope and faith, walk in search of a dignified and secure life. The backpack carries sadness, suffering and memories, but is also full of dreams and hopes for a dignified and peaceful life. The tennis shoes allow migrants and refugees to walk long distances. The cap protects them from severe weather.

BREAD AND WINE: We offer bread and wine, a sign of the life that migrants and refugees seek for themselves and their families, it is work and effort that will be transformed into body and blood, source of true life.



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.

Amen



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you

R. And with your spirit

Lift your hearts

R. We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
You have made your dwelling among us
and have made us your people. You are our God;
we are your people. A people made up of people
of every race, language, nation, and condition.
A people called to build fraternity,
an us as great as mankind. And so,
with all the Angels and Saints, we praise you,
as without end we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts....

COMMUNION RITE

Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Fraction of the Bread

Communion



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. **Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CONCLUDING RITE



GREETING AND BLESSING

May God, the Father of goodness, who accompanies always his people grant us the ability to create conditions of peace and justice so that all people may live in dignity where they have chosen to live.

R. Amen.

May almighty God bless you, the Father †, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.



DISMISSAL

In the joy of knowing that we are disciples of Jesus, called to live fraternity, let us go in peace.



PRAYER FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

God, Almighty Father,
we are your pilgrim Church
journeying towards the Kingdom of heaven.
We live in our homeland,
but as if we were foreigners.
Every foreign place is our home,
yet every native land is foreign to us.
Though we live on earth,
our true citizenship is in heaven.
Do not let us become possessive
of the portion of the world
you have given us as a temporary home.
Help us to keep walking,
together with our migrant brothers and sisters,
toward the eternal dwelling you have prepared for us.
Open our eyes and our hearts
so that every encounter with those in need
becomes an encounter with Jesus, your Son and our Lord.

R. Amen.

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Rome, Saint John Lateran, 24 May 2024
Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Help of Christians



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