



Christ driving the merchants from the Temple: stained glass window from Saint Germain l'Auxerrois church in Paris, France.

Jesus has arrived in Jerusalem with his disciples. He has caused a scene by driving out the merchants from the precincts of the Temple, and the chief priests and elders of the people have questioned his authority to act in this way.

Jesus does not answer their demand, but challenges them about the origin of the teaching of John the Baptist, whether it was human or divine. They cannot admit that John is a prophet, as they are allied with the Romans and with Herod Antipas, who regard the Baptist as a possible focal point for a popular rebellion: if they declare that his teaching is simply human doctrine, then they risk antagonising the people, who hold John in high esteem.

Sensing themselves caught out whatever answer they might give, they play the political card and avoid committing themselves. Jesus then refuses to reply to their question, but tells them the parable about the two sons and their reaction to the instruction of their father. By implication, the religious authorities are identified with the second son, who outwardly assents to his father's desire – "Certainly, sir" – but fails to carry it out. In this way, they prove themselves less than members of the most despised groups in the land, tax collectors and prostitutes, both of whom, in different ways, collaborate with the Roman occupiers of the country. Not even the positive reception of John's message on the part of these groups caused the authorities to listen to what he had to say and to amend their ways of thinking and living. ■

REFLECT

One of the ways in which we can fail to appreciate the meaning of the Gospels is to regard them simply as historical documents, relating the story of Jesus, and, among other things, his teaching and his conflict with the religious authorities of his day. This can, in a way, be quite comforting, as we can tell ourselves that, like the Hebrew prophets, we are looking at a past situation which has little to do with us. But even with the Gospel versions which have come down to us, it is not so simple. The

arguments which we find in Matthew's account, especially the passages where Jesus condemns in unambiguous, and untypical, language the scribes and the Pharisees, reflect more the situation of Matthew's later community versus the synagogue and its contemporary leaders, than disputes which Jesus might have had with the authorities of his time, especially the chief priests and the elders.

The Gospels are part of the word of God: in this way, they have a permanent and

LEARN

John the Baptist's preaching attracted the attention of tax collectors and soldiers, both groups essential to the maintaining of Roman rule.

It was more likely for this reason that John was eventually imprisoned and executed.

The teachings of the Gospel are valid for each generation: we should read and apply them in the light of our own situation and experience.

SAY

**Lord, teach me your ways,
Lord show me your paths.
(Psalm 25:4)**

DO

Listen to politicians avoiding answering questions directly. Reflect on what it would mean if they (and we) committed ourselves to a more honest approach in speaking.



contemporary message for the disciples of Jesus in each generation. One danger that the prophets, including John the Baptist, saw was that organised religion can become a substitute for a true commitment to the covenant relationship between God and God's people. It can encourage a complacent attitude, where the responsibility of living up to the calling to be the people of God can be forgotten: where positions of authority can become instruments of power. ■

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27th September 2020 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

Saturday	26	6.30pm	Vigil Mass Sts Cosmos & Damian	The Parishioners of St Anne's Raymond Davies RIP
Sunday	27	9.30am	Mass 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Special Day of Prayer for the Harvest	Terry Shutt (sick) Intention for Mary and Biddy Mason
Monday	28		St Wenceslaus	
Tuesday	29	10.00am 11.30am	Mass Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael. ArchAngels Requiem Mass for Raymond Davies RIP	Jim Smith RIP 4 Year Anniversary Peter Callaghan RIP
Wednesday	30		St Jerome	
Thursday	1	10.00am	Mass St Theresa of the Child Jesus	Kath Perry RIP Recently Deceased (former parishioner who moved to Oxford)
Friday	2		Day of Special prayer for the Needy and Hungry of the World. Guardian Angels	CAFOD Family fast day
Saturday	3	6.30pm	Vigil Mass Cafod Collection	The Parishioners of St Anne's Brian Glynn RIP Anniversary
Sunday	4	9.30am	Mass 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Cafod Collection	Raymond Davies RIP Recently Deceased Marjory Jacobson RIP 2 nd Anniversary

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Prayer and Mass Intentions can be sent by email to us at stannesnantwich@btinternet.com

The wearing of a face covering is compulsory inside church as we are now socially-distancing at 1 metre + in seating areas. Please provide your own face covering where possible but these are also available in church.

Requiem Mass for Raymond Davies RIP on Tuesday 29th September at 11.30am followed by burial at 12.45pm Nantwich Cemetery. Please pray for the repose of his soul and keep Raymond's family in your prayers.

Agnieszka Pocz RIP You may have seen the tragic news about Aga being fatally injured when she was knocked off her bike in Crewe this week. A go fund me page has been set up to raise funds to support her family in this awful time

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/2525ow8k5c>. Please pray for the repose of her soul and keep Aga's family in your prayers.

On Friday 2nd October, our parish is marking CAFOD's Family Fast Day to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease -let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal. Please pray for all those affected and donate online at cafod.org.uk/give or by using one of the envelopes provided. There will be a second collection next weekend (3rd/4th) for Cafod Family Fast Day and we will leave the 'buckets' out for those attending on the following Tuesday and Thursday. You can also give easily via text. Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10. Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text CAFODNOINFO to 70085. For more information, please go to Cafod.org.uk

Cafod is launching a series of on-line events from 9th to 11th October including a Fast Day Live Talk, Global Family Food Event, Harvest Quiz and Children's Liturgy. To register for these events go

to <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>



Last week's collection

£385.53

Thank you

Community Hub Understandably things have been quiet whilst we have been under Covid lockdown however we still need to reach our target before we can take the next step to approach the council for planning. Please do help by making donations via this link <https://app.thegoodexchange.com/project/17726/st-annes-church-nantwich/st-annes-community-hub> or to the presbytery.

Diocese of Shrewsbury Liturgy Reflection Sheet <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Reflection-Sheet-26-Sunday.pdf>

Missio World Mission Sunday 18th October https://missio.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/WMS20_Leaflet.pdf

Pope Francis' prayer for September: Respect for the Planet's resources <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-08/pope-francis-video-prayer-intention-september-respect-planet.html>

Subject: Autumn talks on Spirituality You might be interested in a series of eight, roughly fortnightly talks about Spiritual Masters, given by distinguished speakers, which all look very worthwhile. They are free to view live-streamed, although there will be a fee to view recordings Saints, Scholars and Spiritual Masters. A series of online talks on Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm, starting on 3 September organised by the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst. For details and to register: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/event/saints-scholars-spiritual-masters/>.

While you're planning your autumn viewing, you might also be interested in choosing selectively from a new Centre for Applied Carmelite Spirituality series of lectures. This features the five great Teresa's of the Carmelite tradition - Teresa of Avila, Teresa Margaret Redi, Therese of Lisieux, Teresa of the Andes and Teresa Benedicta (Edith Stein). For Teresa of Avila and Therese of Lisieux the paid-for talks in this series overlap with the free talks in the Christian Heritage centre series (given by the same or an equally distinguished lecturer), but it would be a chance to learn about the other Carmelite spiritual masters. The talks in this series will be given on selected Sundays at 8.00 pm between 20 September and 15 November. The cost is £20 for each lecture. For details and to register: <https://mailchi.mp/oxcacs.org/new-spirituality-series-of-lectures-from-cacs?e=1f35f1f3f8>

Feast and Memorial Days



The three Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are the only angels named in Sacred Scripture and all three have important roles in the history of salvation.

Saint Michael is the "Prince of the Heavenly Host," the leader of all the angels. His name is Hebrew for "Who is like God?" and was the battle cry of the good angels against Lucifer and his followers when they rebelled against God. He is mentioned four times in the Bible, in Daniel 10 and 12, in the letter of Jude, and in Revelation.

Michael, whose forces cast down Lucifer and the evil spirits into Hell, is invoked for protection against Satan and all evil. Pope Leo XIII, in 1899, having had a prophetic vision of the evil that would be inflicted upon the Church and the world in the 20th century, instituted a prayer asking for Saint Michael's protection to be said at the end of every Mass.

Christian tradition recognizes four offices of Saint Michael: (i) to fight against Satan (ii) to rescue the souls of the faithful from the power of the enemy, especially at the hour of death. (iii) to be the champion of God's people, (iv) to call away from earth and bring men's souls to judgment.

"I am Gabriel, who stand before God." (Luke 1, 19)

Saint Gabriel, whose name means "God's strength," is mentioned four times in the Bible. Most significant are Gabriel's two mentions in the New Testament: to announce the birth of John the Baptist to his father Zacharias, and the at Incarnation of the Word in the womb of Mary. Christian tradition suggests that it is he who appeared to St. Joseph and to the shepherds, and also that it was he who "strengthened" Jesus during his agony in the garden of Gethsemane.

"I am the angel Raphael, one of the seven, who stand before the Lord" (Tob 12:15)

Saint Raphael, whose name means "God has healed" because of his healing of Tobias' blindness in the Book of Tobit. Tobit is the only book in which he is mentioned. His office is generally accepted by tradition to be that of healing and acts of mercy. Raphael is also identified with the angel in John 5:1-4 who descended upon the pond and bestowed healing powers upon it so that the first to enter it after it moved would be healed of whatever infirmity he was suffering.



Saint Jerome, the priest, monk and Doctor of the Church renowned for his extraordinary depth of learning and translations of the Bible into Latin in the Vulgate, is celebrated by the Church with his memorial today, September 30.

Besides his contributions as a Church Father and patronage of subsequent Catholic scholarship, Jerome is also regarded as a patron of people with difficult personalities—owing to the sometimes extreme approach which he took in articulating his scholarly opinions and the teaching of the Church. He is also notable for his devotion to the ascetic life, and for his insistence on the importance of Hebrew scholarship for Christians.

Baptized in 360 by Pope Liberius, Jerome travelled widely among the monastic and intellectual centres of the newly Christian empire. Jerome's letters vividly chronicle the temptations and trials he endured during several years as a desert hermit. Nevertheless, after his ordination by the bishop of Antioch, followed by periods of study in Constantinople and service at Rome to Pope Damasus I, Jerome opted permanently for a solitary and ascetic life in the city of Bethlehem from the mid-380s. He became a secretary of Pope Damasus, who commissioned the Vulgate from him. Prepared by these ventures, Jerome spent 15 years translating most of the Hebrew Bible into its authoritative Latin version. His harsh temperament and biting criticisms of his

intellectual opponents made him many enemies in the Church and in Rome and he was forced to leave the city. Jerome went to Bethlehem, established a monastery, and lived the rest of his years in study, prayer, and asceticism.

Sanctuaries, shrines Catholics can 'visit' virtually in Europe, Mideast. <https://catholicsentinel.org/Content/Arts/Arts-and-Entertainment/Article/Sanctuaries-shrines-Catholics-can-visit-virtually-in-Europe-Mideast/6/31/40431>

Journeying Together <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/journeying-together/>

Shrewsbury Youth Mission. <https://www.svmt.org.uk/>

The National Shrine for Our Lady of Walsingham www.walsingham.org.uk/livestream

Laudato Tree <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/world/news/2020-05/laudato-tree-sahel-pope-francis-laudato-si-year.html>

Watch a Mass from home. Live-streaming of Masses Shrewsbury Diocese:

<http://www.churchservices.tv/shrewsburycathedral/embed#tab-player> Church Services TV: <https://www.churchservices.tv/timetable/>

Prayer resources at: <http://pathwaystogod.org/>. <https://www.sacredspace.ie/> <http://ln54.blogspot.com>

<http://prayasyougo.org/>

Catholic Bishops Conference <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/> and latest news <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/news-and-media/news/>

Prayer for times of Flu or Illness <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/03/prayer-flu-viruses.pdf>

Stream Father Denis McBride's Mass for the Dead <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pY1bOyrcDbw>

Life Helplines and Information can be found at <http://www.dayforlife.org/article/helplines-and-information-2020/>

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We recently held 'Mission Under the Shadow of Covid-19' online sessions and have put together a brief summary of the sessions, together with edited videos of the contributions of our guest speakers, which can be viewed on this page of Missio's website: <https://missio.org.uk/1s/shadow/>

Faith in Action Reflection <https://missio.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Faith-in-Action-Reflection-Session-Solidarity.pdf>

Mary, the mother of God, was a loving mother and a model for missionaries. That's why we've created this series of Marian resources. Each resource helps children to deepen their appreciation of Mary and learn how she can help us to become missionaries of God's love too.

<https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/marian-and-mission-rosary/>

Missio World Mission Sunday 18th October
https://missio.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/WMS20_Leaflet.pdf



Prayer Resource for September: month of Our Lady of Pity

Prayer: taken from the Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Lord our God, through the Virgin Mary you graciously sent Jesus Christ to be the consolation of your people; grant that, through her intercession, we may be filled with all consolation and share it among our brothers and sisters.



Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

A Prayer to Our Lady of Pity:

Kneeling at your most sacred feet, I venerate you, great Queen of Heaven, with the deepest reverence, and I confess that you are the Daughter of God the Father, the Mother of the Divine Word, and the Bride of the Holy Spirit.

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unprotected.



more prayer resources are available here: www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Wednesday 23rd September 2020 - A WEEKLY PRAYER CUSTOM



Encountering Christ Prayerfully preparing for the Sunday Mass and praying in particular for our school families



Preparing for the Mass of Sunday 27th September 2020 - The Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Relax & Remember

Set aside 10 -15 minutes and create a suitable environment by removing any distractions. Make sure that you are comfortable. Perhaps light a candle. Make the sign of the cross and remain still for a minute of settling silence.



2 Read

Taken from the Gospel for Sunday 27th September 2020 - Doing the Will of the Father (Matthew 21:28-32)

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."

3 Reflect

After spending a few minutes considering this Gospel, continue by reading Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

Matthew loves to tell parables of Jesus which contrast 'goodies' and 'baddies' like these two contrasting sons. Matthew's parables put everything in black-and-white terms with no shades of grey (wise and foolish wedding-attendants, sheep and goats, etc.).

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

4 Respond & Request

Now slowly and prayerfully read the Gospel once again but this time in silence. Consider how this Gospel could apply to your life in general. Then thank God for any insight you may have received.



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WEDNESDAY WORD PLUS †

Fr Henry's reflections on the first and second readings of Sunday 27th September 2020



First Reading: *The Justice of God*

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 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 prophet Ezekiel was speaking in Babylon during the exile of the Jews there after the destruction of Jerusalem. Not surprisingly, the second generation of exiles was questioning why they should suffer for the failures of their forefathers. This was, however, a new phase in the development of morality among the people of Israel, for beforehand the sense of solidarity with family or clan had been so strong that it was assumed that punishment for the sins and failures of an individual would affect the whole clan or family. Now the individual is to be held responsible for his or her own sins only. Furthermore, the individual cannot simply rely on good deeds of the past, nor feel irremediably condemned for failures in the past. Conversion in both directions is possible: just as the good person can become evil, so the evil person can change direction. At the end the Lord promises a new heart and a new spirit, so that even the sinner can repent and live.

In what ways do you take responsibility for your own sins?

Second Reading: *God Emptied Himself in Christ*

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.

St Paul quotes an ancient Christian hymn celebrating the triumph of Christ (the hymn begins "His state was divine ..."): it describes his self-emptying and his exaltation and vindication by the Father. In the first half of the hymn Paul shows the warmth of his joy as a pastor in the fellowship of his young community at Philippi. He also gently chides them for their vanity, and the reason why he includes the hymn is to show that the path of humility is the way to exaltation.

How may we have the same mind as Christ Jesus?

“The path of humility is the way to exaltation.”

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New Guidelines for attending Mass at St Anne's during Covid 19 Restrictions

The Masses will be celebrated at the following times:

Saturday 6.30 pm

Sunday 9.30 am

Tuesday 10.00 am

Thursday 10.00 am

Numbers inside the church will be limited to approximately 52 people or maybe a few more depending on "household" attendees who can sit together. We urge you to please come to a weekday Mass, if you can, so that those who are working during the week can attend on Saturday or Sunday. Once the capacity of the church has been reached, people will be invited to stand outside or sit outside on chairs which they have brought with them. The doors and windows will be open. Please maintain 2 m apart wherever possible.

- **The wearing of a face covering is compulsory inside church as we are now socially-distancing at 1 metre plus in seating areas. Please provide your own face covering where possible but these are also available in church.**
- **Please sanitise your hands on entry - bring your own if you can but hand sanitiser is available in church..**
- **The church doors will not open until 15 minutes before Mass is due to start. Mass may start a little late if entry to church takes longer than we anticipate. Please do not enter the sacristy for any reason.**
- **Toilets are closed**
- **There is a one-way system inside church and not all benches and chairs are in use so please follow the signs and instructions from the stewards.**
- **Signed Mass cards are available near the entrance. Votive candles will not be in use at weekend Masses. Please do not bring food or drink to church. If necessary, a non-twist top bottle of water may be used. All Newsletters and other items collected in church must be taken away and not left behind.**
- **Please make your weekly offering as you enter church, collection points will be signposted. There will also be collection points at the exits.**
- **Holy Communion will be distributed by one minister: either the celebrant or an extraordinary minister of Communion from a single point. This will be after the Dismissal. Instructions for receiving Holy Communion will be given and the stewards will direct you. Although the celebration of Mass will be slightly shorter than usual, it will take longer to exit the church so please be patient. Those who have been outside will be invited to receive Holy Communion after those in church. Anybody with mobility difficulties should remain in their seats and Holy Communion will be brought to them once the church is empty. Please also sanitise your hands as you leave.**

At the conclusion of the Eucharist Prayer the priest recites the doxology, Per Ipsum, "Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever" words we can look forward to inspiring us once more before joining in responding the great Amen. *Deo gratias.*

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.

GLORIA

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.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

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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 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.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 24

Response:

Remember your mercy, Lord.

1. 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.)

2. 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.)

3. 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 Philippians 2:1-11

(For shorter form, read between > <)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Philippians.

>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
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you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-
effacing. Always consider the other person
to be better than yourself, so that nobody
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thinks of other people's interests instead. In
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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.<

Thanks be to God.

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!

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew.

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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,

(all bow during the next three lines)

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.
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.
Amen.