

Liturgy Alive of Thursday 17th Week in Ordinary Time Y1

Opening Prayer

Faithful God,
you are present wherever people seek you
and call upon your name.
Your Son is here among us
as we have come together in his name.
Make us deeply aware
that you and your Son are also to be found
where people give themselves to one another
in genuine friendship and unselfish service.
Help us to encounter you
from person to person
in all our brothers and sisters.
We ask you this through Christ, our Lord.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Introduction: The cloud covered the meeting tent and the glory of the Lord filled the Dwelling.

In the years of the Exodus and the settlement in the Promised Land, the Tent is the sign of God's presence among his people. When they march, God marches with them. When they move the Tent, God moves with them, for God is where his people are. It is a saving presence, a covenant presence, and so a presence of love. When later a Temple is built, it is powerless to contain him. Since Christ, God is with us in Christ, the new Temple. We ourselves become God's temples as the prolongation of the Body of Christ. God is where people put their trust in him, in those who suffer, especially the poor, where people gather in Christ's name, where people eat the Lord's body, where people love one another.

Gospel Reading Introduction: They put what is good into buckets, what is bad they throw away.

The parable about the net full of fish, good and bad, is very close to the parable heard a few days ago about the wheat and the weeds. It ends with the statement that the scribe in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old. Jesus came "not to abolish the Law and the Prophets but to complete them." Therefore, the disciple, when he welcomes what is new, does not reject what is old. He treasures both.

General Intercessions

- Lord Jesus, you promised to be always with your Church until the end of time. Give your Church absolute trust in you and in the guidance of your Spirit, we pray:
- Lord Jesus, our way and truth and life, make us deeply aware that you journey with your pilgrim people sometimes in the thorny road of life, we pray:
- Lord Jesus, make the sick and those who suffer aware that you are there and see their misery, we

pray:

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,
you are our God-with-us
through your Son, Jesus Christ,
in these signs of bread and wine.
Let your Son stay with us
in difficult days and in days of joy,
in the morning when we begin with fresh hope
to build our future and yours,
in the heat of the day
and in the cool of the evening of life.
Let him live in us and make us
his body to the world,
that people may recognize him
as your Son and their Lord for ever.

Prayer after Communion

Lord our God, ever near,
you reveal yourself to the little ones.
Help us to discover you
in those in whom you are always present,
in the sorrowing, the lonely, and the poor,
in people considered of no account.
And make us humble and empty of ourselves,
that you may fill us with your presence
as you recognize in us
the face of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who is our Lord for ever.

Blessing

If we were only more aware of it, we should never ask, “God, where are you?” not even in difficult days. God is where we are; he is always with us. May Almighty God be with you and bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.