

# Liturgy Alive of 33th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Greeting (See Second Reading)

We do not belong to the night or to darkness,  
so we should not go on sleeping  
but stay wide awake and sober.  
May the Lord Jesus be your light and stay with you.

*R/ And also with you.*

### Introduction by the Celebrant

#### A. Much Is Entrusted To Us

The Lord God trusts us more than we perhaps trust ourselves. He entrusts to us a lot of potentials not only to become the persons and Christians he has called us to be, but also to build up the Church and God's Kingdom. What a trust! He puts himself and the Church and the Kingdom into our hands! That trust is our responsibility. In this eucharist we ask the Lord Jesus to make us respond fully to God's deep trust in us.

#### B. Take the Risks of Faith

It is disheartening to see at times how people with a lot of potentials simply refuse to use their gifts. Are they afraid of committing themselves, of taking risks with people? Perhaps we too are scared to take the risk of putting ourselves into the hands of people. We keep our faith for Sundays but fail to invest it in the goodness of people, in forgiveness when we have been wronged, in speaking out for those who have no voice, in affection that may not be answered. Let us risk ourselves with the Lord here among us.

### Penitential Act

We have used God's gifts too easily  
as if they had been given us for ourselves alone,  
so we did not serve God and the Church.  
We ask the Lord to forgive us.

*(PAUSE)*  
Lord Jesus, when you came among us  
you wanted to set us free from all fear:  
Lord, have mercy. *R/ Lord, have mercy.*

Jesus Christ, you have entrusted to us  
the future of the Church and of your kingdom:  
Christ, have mercy. *R/ Christ, have mercy.*

Lord Jesus, you have made us  
free and responsible in the service of God and the world:  
Lord, have mercy. *R/ Lord, have mercy.*

Have mercy on us, Lord,  
forgive us for misusing your gifts.  
Make us servants with you

and lead us to everlasting life. *R/ Amen.*

### Opening Prayer

Let us pray that we may respond  
to God's trust in us  
*(PAUSE)*  
God, our kind and loving Father,  
you no longer call us servants but friends.  
There is so much you have entrusted to us,  
even the future of your kingdom of justice and love.  
Give us the grace to work out with you  
the growth of mercy and goodness in this world,  
to be united with all Christians  
and with all who seek you with a sincere heart  
in bringing reconciliation and joy to everyone.  
Let us go together the way to you,  
our living and loving God,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. *R/ Amen.*

## Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Introduction: [The good housekeeper uses all her talents](#)

Here is a picture of an exemplary mother and wife. She uses all her talents of mind and heart and faith in the service of her family and also of the poor.

Second Reading Introduction: [Keep awake for the Lord's coming](#)

As "children of the light and the day," we should be ready any time for the Lord's coming, even though we do not know when he will come.

Gospel Introduction: [What have you done with your talents?](#)

God has given us rich gifts of faith. What have we done with them? With whom of the servants in the gospel do we identify?

## General Intercessions

What we are and have belongs to God. Let us pray that we may place everything in the service of the Church and of people, and let us say: **R/ Lord, let all our actions praise you.**

- That the Church may not be afraid to risk accepting the pains of renewal in Christ and bringing to all of humanity its message of hope and life, let us pray: **R/ Lord, let all our actions praise you.**
- That all people may share in the earth's resources in justice, friendship and peace; that the mighty of this earth may cooperate toward the human and economic development of all nations and all social classes, let us pray: **R/ Lord, let all our actions praise you.**
- That women may take with honor their rightful place in the Church and in the world; that their cordiality, tact and sensitivity may warm this hard world with gentleness, let us pray: **R/ Lord, let all our actions praise you.**
- That inspiring homes and a good education may equip our young people to place their potentials in the service of the Church and of our people, let us pray: **R/ Lord, let all our actions praise you.**
- For all of us here, that we may be responsible under God for our own lives and each other's happiness; that we may progress in service and unity and enrich one another in love, let us pray: **R/ Lord, let all our actions praise you.**

Lord our God, you have generously given us our talents. Do not allow us to be misers but help us to give the best of ourselves, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *R/ Amen.*

### Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,  
we place ourselves and all you have made us  
in these gifts of bread and wine,  
that you may return them to us  
as the body and blood of your Son.  
Accept us with Jesus Christ  
and convince us that with him  
we have to share ourselves with one another  
in our poverty and our riches.  
May we thus build up one another  
and give shape to your kingdom.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. *R/ Amen.*

### Introduction to the Eucharistic Prayer

Let us with joy give thanks to the Father for all the gifts he has poured out on us in his Son Jesus Christ, and let us offer them with Jesus for the good of all in the Kingdom.

### Invitation to the Lord's Prayer

As children of light and of the day  
we pray to God our Father  
the prayer of Jesus.

: *R/ Our Father...*

**Deliver Us**

Deliver us, Lord, from our passivity  
and from our paralyzing fear  
to commit ourselves to our people.  
May we never stand still  
to preserve what we have  
but always continue to grow in love  
and to develop your gifts in us,  
that we may give a good account  
to him who is to come,  
our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

*R/ For the kingdom.*

**Invitation to Communion**

This is Jesus, the Lamb of God.  
He gave all he had, his life and death,  
that others might live  
and become capable of giving themselves.  
Happy are we to receive him  
and to expect his return without fear.

*R/ Lord, I am not worthy...*

**Prayer after Communion**

Lord our God, source of all that is good,  
through the gift of your Son Jesus Christ  
you have made us capable  
of sowing the seeds of your life and love.  
When you ask for an account  
of what we have done with our lives,  
may we hear from your own lips  
that we have been good and faithful servants  
who did much with the little we had,  
and that we may enter your lasting joy.

Grant us this through Christ our Lord. *R/ Amen.*

**Blessing**

Our life with all that we are and have  
is not ours to possess,  
for it is a trust from God.  
It is a loan from him,  
not to kept safely in a "hole in the ground"  
but to work with as best as we can,  
each according to his ability.  
May almighty God give you the courage  
to serve him and people  
with all that is in you, and may he bless you:  
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit. *R/ Amen.*

Let us go in the peace of Christ

and be his good and faithful servants. *R/ Thanks be to God.*