

Liturgy Alive of 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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A. God Is Pro-Life

B. Life Is Victorious

Greetings (see second reading)

We are gathered in the name of Jesus:
he was rich but became poor for our sake
to make us rich out of his poverty.
He brought us life and healing.
May his life and grace be always with you. R/ And also with you.

Introduction by the Celebrant

A. God Is Pro-Life

Two great enemies in life are death and illness. Almost every one of us is scared of them. Are we convinced that God too is pro-life, that he is an enemy of death? Even the Old Testament assures us: "Death is not of God's making." Jesus' resurrection is the sign that death has been overcome in its roots. It is the gate to life. In this eucharist we express our faith that we believe in Jesus as the Lord of life.

B. Life Is Victorious

Almost everyone fears death and has a hard time to deal with it in faith. Life is a beautiful gift from God but it is brittle; sickness is a normal share of it and death comes as an inescapable reality. How can we reconcile this with faith in a God who has made us for life? We do not always see clearly, but we know at least this: since Christ rose from the dead, death has been overcome; it is not the end. We ask Jesus here in the eucharist to touch us with his power of life.

Penitential Act

Let us now seek the Lord's forgiveness
for the illness and death of sin
which we have brought at times on ourselves.
(PAUSE)

Lord Jesus, when you died for us
you defeated death once and for all
by rising from the dead:
Lord, have mercy. R/ Lord, have mercy.

Jesus Christ, you are the giver of life:

you restored the sick to health
and raised up the dead:
Christ, have mercy. R/ Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are the defender of life:
you healed those wounded by sin
and gave them back their hope and trust:
Lord, have mercy. R/ Lord, have mercy.

May the Lord who overcame sin
take all our sins away
and restore us to the fullness of life.
May he lead us to everlasting life. R/ Amen.

Opening Prayer

Let us pray to our God of the living
(PAUSE)
Father of all that breathes and lives,
your Son Jesus Christ touched people
and they were healed and they lived.
Let him take us by the hand
and raise us up from sin and discouragement.
Let him touch us with his body and blood
and make us fresh and new again
to live his life and to go his way to you.
Let him touch us with the warmth of his love
that our love may revive others,
especially the poor and those who suffer.
All this we ask through Christ our Lord. R/ Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

Introduction to the First Reading: The God of Life Made Us Imperishable

God made us for life; it was sin that brought death into the world. But Christ will make life triumph over death.

Introduction to the Second Reading: Sharing and Solidarity in the Church

Local churches that are better off should help the poorer ones, just as Christ made himself poor to make us rich.

Gospel Introduction: Jesus Has the Power to Give Life

The power of resurrection is at work in Jesus: he restores the sick to fuller life, he brings the dead back to life.

General Intercessions

We believe in a God who created us for life. Let us trustingly bring before him all the pains and illnesses of the world and of God's people, and let us say: R/ God of life, hear our prayer.

- That the Church may continue with compassion Jesus' healing ministry, that the sick may be comforted, the downtrodden set free, and the poor and the weak be protected, let us pray: R/ God of life, hear our prayer.

- That in this world of hunger for food and spiritual values, affluent churches and nations may share generously with those who have less, let us pray: R/ God of life, hear our prayer.

- That doctors and nurses and all others who care for the ill and the handicapped may have a great respect for life and be inspired in their task by the love of Christ, let us pray: R/ God of life, hear our prayer.

- That the faith and the hope of the sick and the dying may be firmly anchored in our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life; that with him they may accept their pains with patience and when the time comes also accept death as the gateway to full life, let us pray: R/ God of life, hear our prayer.

- That in our Christian communities we may be concerned about one another as the Lord is solicitous about us, and that we may enrich one another with every good gift of heart and mind, let us pray: R/ God of life, hear our prayer.

God, to you we owe our existence; from you comes all that is good. Help us to overcome death and evil through Jesus Christ our Lord. R/ Amen.

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord God, almighty Father,
accept the gifts we bring before you
and fill them with the power of your Holy Spirit,
that they may become for us
the bread of resurrection and life
of Jesus Christ your Son.
Through this sacrament change us
into people of joy and hope,
that together we may go the way of life
of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Introduction to the Eucharistic Prayer

In the eucharistic prayer we express our belief that our life comes from the resurrection of Jesus our Lord. Let us thank and praise the Father with Jesus that he wants us to live for ever.

Introduction to the Lord's Prayer

Let us pray to our heavenly Father
the prayer of Jesus, who became poor
to make us rich and give us his life: R/ Our Father...

Deliver Us

Deliver us, Lord, from the forces of evil
that cast a dark shadow on life:
from wars and hatred, from fear and violence,
and from the ultimate enemy, death.
Let the power of resurrection work in us,
that we may overcome sin
and go forward together with joy and hope
toward our permanent encounter
with him who overcame death,
our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. R/ For the kingdom...

Invitation to Communion

This is Jesus the Lord,
the resurrection and the life.
Happy are we to be invited
to eat the bread that sustains us
and assures us of everlasting life. R/ Lord, I am not worthy...

Prayer after Communion

Lord God, almighty Father,
you have given us here
the body and blood of your Son
as a source of life-giving power.
Do not allow us to leave it idle
but help us to use it as a force
to uplift the people around us
and to build together a world
of reconciliation, compassion and justice.
May thus the risen life of Jesus
work among us already now,
until you raise us up on the last day
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

We have broken bread with the Lord
and we remember his words:

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood
have everlasting life
and I will raise them up on the last day.
God wants us to live
and Jesus nourishes this life
with the food of his own body.
Ah, we are the living!
Let us live this life to the full
and may almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. R/ Amen.

Go in the peace of the Lord
and bring his peace and healing to one another. R/ Thanks be to God.