

Liturgy Alive of 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time -C-

Greetings

The Lord Jesus is here with us.

We are all partners with him
if we hold on to the trust
we had in the beginning.
May he always be with you.

R/ And also with you.

Introduction by the Celebrant

A. Stand Ready In Faith

It is surprising how many people live in fear: fear of illness, fear of losing their beloved ones, fear of their own death, fear of today, fear of tomorrow. Jesus assures us: "Do not fear! Do not give up your hope! Have faith!" Even when we go through difficult days, we should never give up our faith and hope; we should always stay alert to the Lord and to his loving coming among us. In this Eucharist we ask the Lord to keep us always attentive to his presence.

B. God Is With Us

If we knew from the beginning the difficulties we would have to cope with before we could bring something to a good end, would we have had the courage to begin the work? And even then we fail at times. Yes, we would have done it and do it again if we had faith and hope and strength of character. That is what faith and hope are all about: to do what we have to do, to go on even if we are working in the dark, for if we have faith we know we are not alone. God is with us, there is a promise and a future, and the dawn will come. In this Eucharist we ask the Lord to sit with us at table and to give us strength.

Penitential Act

Let us acknowledge before the Lord

that at times we have failed to believe fully
in his promises and in his future.

(pause)

Lord Jesus, you tell us:

Do not be afraid. Trust in me.

Lord, have mercy. *R/ Lord, have mercy.*

Jesus Christ, you ask of us

to be always ready to open the door for you.

Christ, have mercy. *R/ Christ, have mercy.*

Lord Jesus, you expect us

to serve you in people as your faithful servants.

Lord, have mercy. *R/ Lord, have mercy.*

Lord, let your kind forgiveness

strengthen our faith and hope.

Lead us to everlasting life. *R/ Amen.*

Opening Prayer

Let us pray

for trust in God's promises

(pause)

Lord God, unseen and yet the ground

of all reality, of all that counts,

we seek security and certainty,

something we can see and hold on to.

It is fearful for us to walk in the dark

and confusing not to know where the road leads.

Be truly our God in whom we trust:

Help us to serve you faithfully in the present

and to be ready to follow you in the future.

Take us by the hand

and guide us through all obstacles

to the land of your promise.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. *R/ Amen.*

General Intercessions

Let us pray, with the fullest trust, to our kind and faithful God, and let us say: *R/ Lord, we place all our trust in you.*

- That the Church may bring the light of faith where there is darkness and indifference, hope where there is fatalism and despair, and love where there is hatred and strife, let us pray: *R/ Lord, we place all our trust in you.*
- That leaders, prophets, witnesses of faith, and all those whose task it is to keep hope alive toward a better world may be guided by the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord: *R/ Lord, we place all our trust in you.*
- That those who are discouraged by trials, by their troubles and fears, may keep believing and hoping in a God who brings everything to a good end, let us pray: *R/ Lord, we place all our trust in you.*
- That all of us may grow in the certainty that our commitment to justice and love, and our dedicated service in everyday life are needed to make God's promises come true, let us pray: *R/ Lord, we place all our trust in you.*
- That we may learn in our communities to share with one another what we have and to bear witness to our living hope, and thus prepare the return of the Lord, let us pray: *R/ Lord, we place all our trust in you.*

Lord, we know that you love us and that you care for us. We trust in you, our living God for ever. *R/ Amen.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God,

here are bread and wine,
the signs of faith and hope
in a world not sure of where it is going.
Accept our thanks for reassuring us
that we need not be afraid.
For you have set for us the table
of your Son Jesus Christ.
Let him give us a firm and living faith
that makes us trust in your future
as the fulfillment of all our hopes.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. *R/ Amen.*

Introduction to the Eucharistic Prayer

Each Eucharist is an act of faith and hope, for it is God present among us now as the pledge of our resurrection and the return of Christ in glory. Let us give thanks to the Father for it.

Invitation to the Lord's Prayer

With Jesus our Lord

we entrust ourselves to our Father in heaven
and we expect all good things from him,
and so we pray:

R/ Our Father...

Deliver Us

Deliver us, Lord, from every evil

and from all fear
to entrust ourselves to you,
even when we are not sure
where you lead us.
Call us away from our certainties,
and lead us to the land of your promise,
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

R/ For the kingdom...

Invitation to Communion

This is the Lamb of God

who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those servants
whom the Lord finds awake when he comes.
He will give them a place at his table
and serve them.

R/ Lord, I am not worthy...

Prayer after Communion

Lord our God,
you have kept your promise:
you have broken for us
the bread of your Son
and poured for us his wine of joy.
Jesus has waited on us at his table.
Help us to hold on to your dream
of happiness and justice for all.
Help us to live in faith
and to support one another,
as you lead us to the land of your promise,

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

Blessing

We have watched and prayed with the Lord.
Let us be people who wait
for the return of the Lord,
ready to open the door
as soon as he comes and knocks.
For the friend or the stranger who knocks
is the Lord himself.
May Almighty God bless you all,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. *R/ Amen.*
Let us go in peace,

trusting in the Lord and serving one another. *R/ Thanks be to God.*