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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

LOW MASS EVERY SUNDAY AT 8:30 AM
SUNG MASS EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:30 AM
Wednesday mid-week Mass at 10:30 am



8:30 am Low Mass
10:30 am Sung Mass

The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the book of the Prophet Zechariah (9.9–12)

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

This is the word of the Lord **R. Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145: 1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14

I will praise your name forever, my king and my God

I will extol you, O my God and King, and I will bless your name forever and ever. Every day will I bless you, and I will praise your name forever and ever.

I will praise your name forever, my king and my God

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. The Lord is good to all and compassionate toward all his works.

I will praise your name forever, my king and my God

Let all your works give you thanks, O Lord, and let you faithful ones bless you.

Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might.

I will praise your name forever, my king and my God

The Lord is faithful in all his words and holy in all his works. The Lord lifts up all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down

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A reading from the letter to the Romans (7.15-25a)

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my

inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

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Sung Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia **All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

The Gospel of Matthew (11.16–19, 25–30)

The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time Jesus said, 'To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn." For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds. I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord **R. Praise to you, O Christ**

Sunday Gospel Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks to two very different groups. He rebukes those whose hearts remain closed no matter what God does, yet he warmly welcomes those who come to him with childlike trust. The invitation of Christ is not reserved for the strong, the successful, or the self-sufficient, but for all who are weary and burdened. We often carry the weight of anxiety, regret, disappointment, and the pressure to prove ourselves. Jesus does not promise a life without difficulties, but he does promise his presence, his peace, and a yoke that is gentle because he carries it with us. When we surrender our burdens to him, we discover the true rest that only Christ can give.

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