

**Sunday 6 September 2020**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Liturgical Colour: Green.*

**Readings at Mass**

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**Entrance Antiphon**

**Ps 118: 137, 124**

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;  
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

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**Collect**

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive  
adoption,  
look graciously upon your beloved sons and  
daughters,  
that those who believe in Christ  
may receive true freedom  
and an everlasting inheritance.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

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**First reading**

**Ezekiel 33:7-9**

**A reading from the prophet Ezekiel**

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

**The Word of the Lord**

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**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9**

*R/ O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts.'*

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. *R/*

Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us:  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. *R/*

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' *R/*

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**Second reading**

**Romans 13:8-10**

**A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans**

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: *You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet*, and so on, are summed up in this single command: *You must love your neighbour as yourself*. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

**The Word of the Lord**

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**Gospel Acclamation**

**Jn17:17**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your word is truth, O Lord:  
consecrate us in the truth.  
Alleluia!

**Or:**

**2Co5:19**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself,  
and he has entrusted to us the news that they are  
reconciled.  
Alleluia!

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**Gospel**

**Matthew 18:15-20**

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to  
Matthew**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

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**Prayer over the Offerings**

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace,  
graciously grant that through this offering,  
we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty  
and, by partaking of the sacred mystery,  
we may be faithfully united in mind and heart.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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**Communion Antiphon**

**Cf. Ps 41: 2-3**

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,  
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;  
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

**Or:**

**Jn 8: 12**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of life.

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**Prayer after Communion**

Grant that your faithful, O Lord,  
whom you nourish and endow with life  
through the food of your Word and heavenly  
Sacrament,  
may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts  
that we may merit an eternal share in his life.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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