

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time: October 19, 2025

Eucharist Liturgy

Opening Song: [Lord of All Hopefulness | St. Patrick's Day | Traditional Irish Melody \(SLANE\) | Choir w/Lyrics](#)

Opening Prayer: Empowering God,

Enable us to stand tall amidst the storm of life, trusting in You and the hope of things to come. We are your hands and voice out in the world. May we speak words of encouragement to all we encounter. This we pray as One.

AMEN.

Penitential Rite:

God, our Mother and Father of compassion, through his living, dying, and rising, Jesus has revealed that nothing can separate us from the infinite love of God. May God give us pardon and peace, and may we forgive each other our failures to care for one another and for our earth in the name of God our creator, and of Jesus our brother, and of the Holy Spirit our wisdom. Amen.

Gloria:

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. O God, heavenly Being, all loving God and Mother, we praise you, we give you thanks, we honor all creation. Jesus Christ, blessed Son of the Creator, Our God, help us to become a loving people: for you have loved us from the beginning and you dwell within us always. For you, Eternal Word, are Whole and Holy, you are the light of our faith, one with the Trinity, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God our Father. Amen.

(Choose Readers)

FIRST READING: A Reading from the Book of Genesis 38:6-27

Judah had three sons. Tamar was married to the eldest, Er, who was wicked. God took Er's life, leaving Tamar a young widow. Judah arranged for his second son, Onan, to be her husband and raise up a child for his deceased brother, to continue his line. Onan refused Tamar a child. So, God took Onan's life. Judah then said to his daughter-in-law, Tamar, "Remain a widow in your father's house until my third son, Shelah, grows up." For Judah thought, "I am afraid that he too may die like his brothers." Tamar went and

lived in her father's house. Time passed. Tamar saw that Shelah had grown up but that she was not given to him in marriage. With no prospect of husband or child, Tamar veiled herself in disguise. She sat at the gateway to the road that Judah was to travel on his way to shear his sheep. Judah, seeing her, mistook her for a prostitute because she had her face covered. Not realizing it was his daughter-in-law, he said, "Come now, let me sleep with you."

"And what will you give me to sleep with you?" she asked.

"I'll send you a young goat from my flock," he offered.

"Will you give me something as a pledge until you send it?" she asked

He said, "What pledge should I give you?"

"Your seal and its cord, and the staff in your hand," she answered.

So, he gave them to her and slept with her, and she became pregnant by him. After they departed from one another, she took off her veil and put on her widow's clothes again.

Judah sent her the young goat by a friend of his, who was also to recover the pledge from the woman. Judah's friend inquired of the townspeople, "Where is the temple-prostitute who was by the roadside?" They responded, "No prostitute has been here." Returning, Judah's friend reported, "I did not find her. What's more, the townspeople told me there had been no prostitute there."

"Let her keep the things," Judah replied, "or we shall be made a laughing-stock. After all, I came good on my promise by sending this kid, even though you could not find her."

About three months later, Judah was told, "Your daughter-in-law, Tamar, has played the harlot, and is pregnant."

"Bring her out," ordered Judah, "let her be burned."

As she was being brought out, she sent word to her father-in-law, "It is the man to whom these things belong that made me pregnant. To whom do this seal and this cord and this staff belong?" Judah recognized them and said, "She is more in the right than I am, since I did not give her to my son, Shelah." He had no further sexual relations with her. Tamar gave birth to

twins, Perez and Zerah. Through Perez, David, the ruler, was born of Tamar's line.

The Word of the Ancient Yahwist Writer.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 121:1-2,3-4,5-6,7-8

Our Psalm Response is: God keeps us.

R: God keeps us.

I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Holy One,
who creates the cosmos, who created this Earth.

R: God keeps us.

God will not let your foot slip.
The One who keeps you will not slumber.
The One who keeps you
will neither slumber nor sleep.

R: God keeps us.

God is your keeper,
your shade at noon, your strength.
The sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.

R: God keeps us.

God will keep you from all evil.
God will keep your life.
God will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time on and always.

R: God keeps us.

**SECOND READING: A Reading from the Second Letter to Timothy
3:14 - 4:2**

As for you, Timothy, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it. From infancy, you have known the sacred scriptures, which are able to make you wise through faith in Christ Jesus. The holy scriptures are inspired by God and useful for teaching, giving counsel, reconciling and training in justice, so

that the servant of God may be competent, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Jesus the Christ, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of Christ's coming and the kin-dom, I give you this charge: preach the word. Be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient. Convince, counsel, reconcile, and encourage people as you teach with the utmost patience.

The Word of a Disciple of Paul and an Early Church Pastor.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL: A Reading from the Gospel attributed to Luke 18:1-8

Glory to You, O God.

Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not lose heart.

He said: "In a certain city, there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to the judge with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'

"For some time, she was refused by the judge. But, finally, the judge thought, 'Even though I don't fear God or respect people, because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!'"

Jesus said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. Will not, then, God bring about justice for God's chosen ones, who cry out in prayer day and night? Will God keep putting them off? I tell you, they will get justice, and quickly. However, when the Chosen One comes, will anyone with faith be found on Earth?"

The Gospel of God.

Praise to You, Jesus the Christ.

[Homily](#)

Profession of Faith

ALL: We believe in God, the Creator of the Universe, the fountain of life, flowing through every being. We believe in Jesus, the Christ,

who reflects the face of God and the fullness of humanity. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God in the cosmos, who calls us to love and serve without counting the cost. We believe in our global communion with all in the circle of life. Amen to loving actions on behalf of justice, healing, compassion and equality for all in our world! We believe we are light to the world! Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful:

We invite you to give voice to any concerns, needs and thanksgivings. After each petition, please say, "Hear our prayer." **Our response: Amen.**

We believe that you hear our prayers and join us in our time of need and gratitude. For these and the requests we carry in the silence of our hearts, be near and fill us with your grace. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts: Please join me in the preparation of the gifts: Blessed are you, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life. **All: Blessed be God forever.**

Blessed are you, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink. **All: Blessed be God forever.**

My siblings, let us pray that these gifts may be acceptable to God, our Creator. + **All: Creator God, accept these gifts from our hands for the praise and glory of your name, for our good and the good of all your people.**

Ever-gentle God, Jesus accepted all who came to him as an example for us. Accept our gifts, our intentions and ourselves. We offer our lives in service to you and your people. Fill us with the spirit of humility and love. We ask this through Jesus our hope. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER IV [Diarmuid O'Murchu]

Gracious God, source and sustenance of life, redeeming presence to the pain and brokenness of our world, Holy Spirit, who enlivens and inebriates all that exists, we beseech Your healing power upon us and upon all we pray for today.

Down through the ages, You rescue us from darkness. You light up our ways with wise and holy people. You restore our lost fortunes and You revive our dwindling hope.

For all You bring to our lives, and for all we seek amid pain and suffering, we acclaim Your love and greatness, and we join with all creation to proclaim our hymn of praise:

Holy, holy, holy, God of gentleness and light. Heaven and Earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God. Hosanna in the Highest.

Source of our health and wholeness, healer of body, mind and spirit, we bring before You the darkness of our world, and the pain and suffering of Your people. We seek to be healed and made whole; we seek to be reconciled and united; we seek peace in our hearts and in our world.

We ask You to awaken anew in our hearts the empowering grace of Your abundant Spirit, who infuses these gifts of bread and wine with the transforming energy of life, to nourish and sustain us in our time of need.

That same bread, Jesus took and broke, to restore the unity of our broken world. Jesus blessed You, God of healing and hope, then, along with the cup, Jesus shared the bread with those at table saying:

(Please extend your hands and say these words together)

Take this all of You and eat: This is my body which will be given up for You.

Then offering the cup of libation, poured out for the liberation of all, Jesus gave thanks and shared the cup in a spirit of mutual solidarity saying:

(Please extend your hands and say these words together)

Take this all of You and drink from it; This is the cup of my life-blood, the life of the new and everlasting covenant. In prophetic solidarity, it is poured out for you and for all. Sustain one another in the power of sacred memory.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

***In faith and hope we are sustained, in grace our dignity reclaimed,
In praise we thank our God.***

As we gather around this Eucharistic table, we recall God's blessing and love from ages past, and we celebrate anew the gift of life which we share among us at this Eucharistic feast.

May the Spirit of life and wholeness, who transforms the gifts we present, transform us, too, that we may be refreshed in our inner being and be empowered to bring mercy, love and healing to those whose lives we touch.

The bread we break and the cup we share are symbols of our world of abundance where all are invited to partake of the fullness of life. But that life we often impede by our greed and selfishness, and by our exploitation of other people.

So grant, that in union with all peoples, living and dead, we may strive to create a world where suffering and pain are diminished, where justice and peace are restored, and where all people can live in health and wholeness, united in acclaiming the God of life, whose abundance is offered to each and to all, 'til the Kin-dom arrives in the fullness of time.

***This prayer we make in the name of our healing and nurturing God,
through, with and in whom we offer these gifts, sources of life, love and
goodness, now and forever. Amen.***

Kiss of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Let us offer each other a sign of Christ's peace.

Now let us offer the prayer Jesus taught us to pray:

Our Father, Our Mother

**Who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.**

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. AMEN.

Communion: This is Jesus, the Bread of Life and the Wine of Salvation.
How blessed are we who are called to this table.

All: God, by your invitation, we delight in our worthiness to receive you.

Communion Meditation: Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you and a hope of finally embracing you. Amen.
— St. Thomas Aquinas

Announcements: Next Sunday, Oct. 26 there will be no liturgy.

Final Prayer: Today, we honor a truth older than thrones and louder than parades: That no person is born above another. That no crown, no wealth, no command over others can replace the power of conscience, wisdom, and love. We stand in quiet protest against tyranny — not with weapons, not with hate — but with clarity, memory, and faith in the unfolding dignity of all people. **AMEN.**

Sending Forth: May our loving God bless you, in the name of the Creator, the Word and Holy Wisdom + Our mass has ended but our service has just begun. Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.