



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
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## Sunday Liturgy Guide for the Church of the Poor in the Spirit of the New Evangelization

**The Church of the Poor, through the Basic Ecclesial Communities, realizes her identity and mission when she welcomes every one, breaks the barriers of division and exclusivism, liberates and empowers the powerless and the excluded in justice and equality!**

With PCP-II, let us continue to meditate on the gift of Faith that God has given to us in Jesus. Let us reflect and answer the questions posed by the Second Plenary Council of the Philippines. PCP-II says:

### **“B. The Call of Jesus Today**

#### **1.d) An Inculturated Faith**

(72) For faith to mature in love, it must be interiorized. Church

teachings and practices must be personally appreciated and appropriated by us, as a people with our own particular cultures, with our own ways of thinking and valuing. Faith must take root in the matrix of our Filipino being so that we may truly believe and love as Filipinos. But for this to happen, the Gospel must be presented with tools, methods and expressions coming from the culture itself. It must be accepted within a person’s cultural heritage. This is what we mean by an inculturated faith, a faith that is transmitted and expressed through our people’s culture or cultures.

(73) We may well ask to what extent our faith possesses these different qualities, to what extent it is personal, informed, communitarian, missionary, dynamically maturing, loving and inculturated.” ■

## **Introductory Rites**

### **Entrance Antiphon:**

*Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *Amen.*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *And with your spirit.*

### **Introduction and Welcome**

P: Dear brothers and sisters: When we look at our world today, both in our local situation and in the international community, we discover the interplay of war and the absence of war. Death and suffering abound in war; there is no peace in the poverty, injustice and inequality experienced by people, especially the poor, in the absence of resistance and war. This violence has been caused, in the more profound sense, by the culture of egoism, selfishness and the resulting structures of division, exclusion and powerlessness. Let us bring these realities in prayer to our God. We ask him to help us understand the mystery of justice and equality that brings true and lasting peace.

### **Penitential Act**

P: Brothers and sisters, let us now acknowledge our sins and ask God's mercy and forgiveness for he is our God of love and compassion.

P: Lord Jesus, you are Prince of Peace. Forgive us for the violence of greed and selfishness. Lord, have mercy.

C: *Lord, have mercy.*

P: Lord Jesus, you are the Heart of Compassion. Forgive us for the violence of division and exclusivism. Christ, have mercy.

C: *Christ, have mercy.*

P: Lord Jesus, you are the Source of Mercy and Consolation. Forgive us for the violence of injustice and inequality. Lord, have mercy.

C: *Lord, have mercy.*

P: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

C: *Amen.*

### **Gloria**

Glory to God in the Highest!

And on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, Almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **Collect**

P: Let us pray: O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpasses every human desire. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who live and reign with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C: *Amen.*

### **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

#### **First Reading: Is 56:1, 6-7**

L: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the LORD: Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed. The foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, ministering to him, loving the name of the LORD, and becoming his servants—all who keep the sabbath free from profanation and hold to my covenant, them I will bring to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

#### **Commentary on Is 56:1, 6-7:**

Third Isaiah keeps the light of hope of deliverance burning. It exhorts the people to put into practice the Word: to do what is right and just, to practice fairness and equality. The boundaries of exclusivism are now destroyed: the foreigners and Israel belong to the same God. They are all children of the human race. When all of them recognize and worship the only God, God will truly accept them. For the temple, the house of God is a house of prayer for all the nations!

#### **Responsorial Psalm: Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8**

**R: O God, let all the nations praise you!**

May God have pity on us and bless us; may he let his face shine upon us. So may your way be known upon earth; among all nations, your salvation.

**R: O God, let all the nations praise you!**

May the nations be glad and exult because you rule the peoples in equity; the nations on the earth you guide.

**R: O God, let all the nations praise you!**

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you! May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear him!

**R: O God, let all the nations praise you!**

#### **Commentary on Ps 67:**

This psalm looks like a benediction that reflects on Num 6:24-26. The singers, plural, share God's blessings: the democratization of divine blessings. The universal power of God is the cause of joy for all nations. The people's praise for God will result in his blessings for all!

#### **Second Reading: Rom 11:13-15, 29-32**

L: The second reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I glory in my ministry in order to make my race jealous and thus save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable. Just as you once disobeyed God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now disobeyed in order that, by virtue of the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

#### **Commentary on Rom 11:13-15, 29-32:**

Paul now turns his attention to the Christian converts from paganism. Here he poses an enigma: the rejection of the Jews of the kingdom of God in Christ has resulted in the salvation of the pagans, then their acceptance will

be special, the resurrection too. By this, Paul has destroyed the danger of “Christian superiority” over “Jewish exclusivism”. There is a mutual experience of rejection and redemption for all. But the redemption for all – due to everyone’s disobedience – rests on the universal mercy of God. The disobedience of humanity provoked the mercy of God.

**Alleluia Verse:**

**R: Alleluia, alleluia!** Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people!

**R: Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel: Matt 15:21-28**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *And with your spirit.*

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, “Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon.” But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her. Jesus’ disciples came and asked him, “Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us.” He said in reply, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, “Lord, help me.” He said in reply, “It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.” Then Jesus said to her in reply, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And the woman’s daughter was healed from that hour.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: *Praise be to you, O Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Commentary on Matt 15:21-28**

The gift of faith has been given to all. The search for the fulfillment of this faith is in the hearts of all people. Its ultimate fulfillment rests in Jesus. It breaks the barriers of exclusivism posed by ethnicity and purity of race, by culture and class origin, by gender and class standing. The people on earth must overcome these barriers posed by the past, by the old ways of living, and insist on the newness that Jesus brings in the new life of the Kingdom. The empowered woman has been liberated: at the hearing of his disciples, of the Christian community, Jesus has set her free! Her faith in Jesus has freed her daughter from illness. Definitely, women have a great role to play in our liberation, in our Church today!

Join Fr. Ben Alforque, MSC of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in **GOSPEL BREAK**, a short yet entertaining and insightful discussion of this Sunday’s Gospel on YouTube. Visit **[gospelbreak.wordpress.com](http://gospelbreak.wordpress.com)**. Or scan this QR code with your Smartphone or tablet.



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**Homily: The Church of the Poor, through the Basic Ecclesial Communities, realizes her identity and mission when she welcomes every one, breaks the barriers of division and exclusivism, liberates and empowers the powerless and the excluded in justice and equality!**

Summary of the Sunday Reading Message	Concrete description of the poor people and their situation	Reflection/ Points for reflection/ Call/ Challenge
The Church of the Poor, through the Basic Ecclesial Communities, realizes her identity and mission when she welcomes every one, breaks the barriers of division and exclusivism, liberates and empowers the powerless and the excluded in justice and equality!	Describe the discrimination and prejudice that exists in your heart and in your BEC with regard to: -Women -The sick and the elderly -The children and the weak -The differently abled -The people who come from other regions, races, churches and religion.	“For faith to mature in love, it must be interiorized.” “People must overcome these barriers posed by the past, and insist on the newness that Jesus brings in the new life of the kingdom.” “The disobedience of humanity gave us the mercy of God.”

**Profession of Faith**

A: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For

us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Prayers of the Faithful:**

P: Dear sisters and brothers, with trust and confidence in our loving God, let us now present our petitions and prayers to him. For every prayer let our response be: Lord, we glorify you.

*R: Lord, we glorify you.*

L: Let us pray for the Church: that being a Church of the Poor spread all over the world, she may continue to help in the liberation of the poor and the powerless by breaking down the barriers and divisions posed by gender, race, creed and class status. Let us pray to the Lord.

*R: Lord, we glorify you.*

L: For our Holy Father, Pope Francis I, for the bishops, priests, deacons, for those in consecrated life and for all those who are entrusted with the care and administration of the church as People of God: that, inspired by the Spirit, they may promote projects and programs that defend the rights of women, of indigenous peoples to their ancestral

lands and domains, of children and the differently abled, of the elderly, the sick and the dying. Let us pray to the Lord.

*R: Lord, we glorify you.*

L: For world leaders and all those entrusted with governance and administration of the goods of the earth: that they may continue to care and advocate for the rights of migrants and overseas workers, of prisoners and victims of persecution in the spirit of solidarity, justice and equality. Let us pray to the Lord.

*R: Lord, we glorify you.*

L: For all of us, inhabitants of the earth and citizens of heaven: that we may inspire one another to pursue our being good to ourselves and to one another, to promote friendship and genuine concern for the welfare of all, especially the victims of the violence of injustice and war. Let us pray to the Lord.

*R: Lord, we glorify you.*

L: For our beloved dead: that in the forgiveness of their sins, they may find eternal rest in the heart of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let us pray to the Lord.

*R: Lord, we glorify you.*

L: For our special intentions, in the silence of our hearts. (*pause*)... Let us pray to the Lord.

*R: Lord, we glorify you.*

P: Indeed, we praise and glorify you, O Lord. Listen now to our prayers and help us open up ourselves and our houses of prayer to all peoples without discrimination, prejudice and distinction because we have only one Father, one Redeemer and one Spirit. We ask this through same Christ our Lord.

*R: Amen.*

## **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts**

P: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, ....

*C: Blessed be God forever.*

P: Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

*C: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.*

### **Prayer over the Offerings**

P: Receive our oblation, O Lord, by which is brought about a glorious exchange, that, by offering what you have given, we may merit to receive your very self. Through Christ our Lord.

*C: Amen.*

### **Prayer of the Eucharist**

P: The Lord be with you.

*C: And with your spirit.*

P: Lift up your hearts.

*C: We lift them up to the Lord.*

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*C: It is right and just.*

P: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For you laid the foundations of the world and have arranged the changing of times and seasons; you formed man in your own image and set humanity over the whole world in all its wonder, to rule in your name over all you have made and forever praise you in your mighty works, through Christ our Lord. And so, with all the Angels, we praise you, as in joyful celebration we acclaim:

*A: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

### **Acclamation**

P: The mystery of faith.

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.**

*(Concluding the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest says:)*

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.

*C: Amen.*

### **Communion Rite**

The Lord's Prayer

### **Doxology**

*C: For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever.*

### **Sign of Peace**

P: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles; Peace ... Who live and reign for ever and ever.

*C: Amen.*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

*C: And with your spirit.*

P: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*A: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world ... grant us peace.*

### **Communion**

P: Behold the Lamb of God, behold

him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

*A: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*

### **Communion Antiphon:**

*With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.*

### **Prayer after Communion**

P: Let us pray: Made partakers of Christ through these Sacraments, we humbly implore your mercy, Lord, that, conformed to his image on earth, we may merit also to be his coheirs in heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

*C: Amen.*

### **Final Blessing**

P: The Lord be with you.

*C: And with your spirit.*

P: Bow down for the blessing: Bestow the grace of your kindness upon your supplicant people, O Lord, that, formed by you, their creator, and restored by you, their sustainer, through your constant action they may be saved. Through Christ our Lord.

*C: Amen.*

P: And may the blessings of almighty God, + the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you forever.

*C: Amen.*

### **Dismissal**

P: Go in peace, the mass is ended.

*C: Thanks be to God. ■*