

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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to choke him, demanding,

**'PAY BACK
WHAT YOU OWE.'**

Falling to his knees,
his fellow servant begged him,

**'BE PATIENT WITH
ME, AND I WILL
PAY YOU BACK.'**

MATTHEW 18:28-29

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CATHOLIC CHURCH

Entrance Hymn

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

Text: Henry F. Lyte Music: *Lauda Anima*, John Goss

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to His feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor to His children in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever, slow to chide and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.

Reading 1

Sirach 27:30--28:7

A reading from the Book of Sirach

Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight. The vengeful will suffer the Lord's vengeance, for he remembers their sins in detail. Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the Lord? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins? If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins? Remember your last days, set enmity aside; remember death and decay, and cease from sin! Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor; remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

R/. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. **R/.**

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion. **R/.**

He will not always chide, nor does he keep his wrath forever. Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes. **R/.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us. **R/.**

Reading 2

Romans 14:7-9

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters: None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

John 13:34

R/. Alleluia, alleluia.

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you. **R/.**

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you O, Lord.**

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe the You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Communion Hymn

Ubi Caritas

Text: 1 Corinthians 13:2-8

Music: Taize Community

Refrain: Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est.
(Live in charity and love and God will live in you.)

Thanksgiving After Mass

Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas

I give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, who have been pleased to nourish me, a sinner and your unworthy servant, with the precious Body and Blood of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, this through no merits of mine, but due solely to the graciousness of your mercy.

And I pray that this Holy Communion may not be for me an offense to be punished, but a saving plea for forgiveness. May it be for me the armor of faith, and the shield of good will. May it cancel my faults, destroy concupiscence and carnal passion, increase charity and patience, humility and obedience and all the virtues, may it be a firm defense against the snares of all my enemies, both visible and invisible, the complete calming of my impulses, both of the flesh and of the spirit, a firm adherence to you, the one true God, and the joyful completion of my life's course.

And I beseech you to lead me, a sinner, to that banquet beyond all telling, where with your Son and the Holy Spirit you are the true light of your Saints, fullness of satisfied desire, eternal gladness, consummate delight and perfect happiness.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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