

# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA, MUMBLES

## HOME PRAYER SERVICE FOR SUNDAYS

29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (A), 18 October 2020

*This home prayer service can be used by a single person (sole participant) or by family members at home. Where there are two or more persons, a family member leads the prayer service (including reading the reflection). Where possible, the participant(s) should have the prayer service around a table with a lighted candle, a crucifix and a Bible (or missal).*

### ENTRANCE SONG (OR ANTIPHON)

*An opening song may be sung or the following antiphon is recited. All stand.*

**To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;  
turn your ear to me; hear my words.  
Guard me as the apple of your eye;  
in the shadow of your wings protect me.**

*We begin with the sign of the Cross:*

**In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of  
the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*A leader or the sole participant says:*

**Blessed be the God of all consolation,  
who has shown us his great mercy.  
Bless the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.**

*Response: Blessed be God for ever.*

### INTRODUCTION

*Where there are two or more persons in the house, the leader introduces the celebration in these or similar words:*

**God is King. Earthly rulers, political regimes, Cyrus  
or Caesar, are called by God to reveal something of  
his power and majesty and his plan for the human  
race. But they only hold their power for a day. Our  
concern is not with them, but with God whom we  
worship in this celebration.**

### PENITENTIAL ACT

*The sole participant or leader introduces the penitential act saying:*

**Let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare  
ourselves for this celebration.**

*A brief pause for silence follows.*

**I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,**

**to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

*The sole participant or the leader says:*

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

*Response: Amen.*

### COLLECT

*The sole participant or leader says the Collect Prayer:*

**Almighty ever-living God,  
grant that we may always conform our will to  
yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.  
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.**

*Response: Amen.*

### READINGS

After each reading a brief silence is observed. It is desirable to take all the readings with the responsorial psalm, all of which are available in the Sunday Missal. Where all readings of the Sunday cannot be taken, the Gospel (printed below) is read. The one who reads the Gospel, if not a priest or deacon, does not say "The Lord be with you" but begins with "A reading from the holy Gospel according to...".

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1,4-6

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 95(96):1-3-5,7-10

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Gospel Acclamation: Jn17:17

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

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

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him

a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

## **The Gospel of the Lord**

### **REFLECTION**

*The sole participant or leader reads a homily prepared by the priest; or may give a short reflection on the scripture readings of the day. The reflection is followed by a period of silence.*

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*The creed is said:*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

### **GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

*The General Intercessions are said.*

*Leader:* Christians live in two dimensions, citizens of the city of God, citizens of the world. Let us pray for the needs of this world, with our hearts set on the endless kingdom that is to come.

*Reader:* Let us pray for those members of the Church who are called to prophetic witness against inhuman crimes and injustices. Lord, in your mercy

*Response:* Hear our prayer.

*Reader:* Let us pray for the leaders of nations who are entrusted with "what belongs to Caesar".

Lord, in your mercy

*Response:* Hear our prayer.

*Reader:* Let us pray for a sense of social responsibility as citizens, voters and taxpayers. Lord, in your mercy

*Response:* Hear our prayer

*Reader:* Let us pray that those who are sick with the coronavirus may regain their health through quality medical care and may those who have died from the virus find eternal rest with God. Lord, in your mercy

*Response:* Hear our prayer.

*Reader:* Let us pray for our sick and housebound parishioners, that they may be strengthened through the power of the Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy

*Response:* Hear our prayer.

*Reader:* In thanksgiving to the Lord, we pray for parishioners who mark their birthdays this week:

Kath Bowling, Katherine Oshisanya, Michael O'Connell, Alessandra Cianci, Linda Biagioni. May the Lord bless and keep them. Lord, in your mercy

*Response:* Hear our prayer.

*Reader:* Let us pray to our Father in the words Our Saviour taught us: **Our Father, who art in heaven...**

### **ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

*After a brief period of silence, the Prayer of Spiritual Communion is said by all.*

**My Jesus, I believe that 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.**

*A song of thanksgiving may be sung after the prayer of spiritual communion.*

### **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

*The sole participant or leader says the concluding prayer:*

**May your healing work, O Lord, free us, we pray, from doing evil and lead us to what is right. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The sole participant or leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the Sign of the Cross while saying the following:*

**May almighty God bless us, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**