

# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA, MUMBLES

## HOME PRAYER SERVICE FOR SUNDAYS

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (B), 21 March 2021

*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.*

**Give me justice. O God,  
and plead my cause against a nation that is  
faithless.  
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,  
for you, O God, are my strength.**

*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:*

**O come, let us worship God  
and bow low before the God who made us,  
for he is the Lord our God.**

*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 promised: "I will forgive their iniquity and  
never call their sin to mind." Today we consider  
the cost of that forgiveness: the tears of Christ; his  
avowal: "Now my soul is troubled."**

### 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:*

**By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God,  
may we walk eagerly in that same charity  
with which, out of love for the world,  
your Son handed himself over to death.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, 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...".

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| First Reading:      | Jeremiah 31:31-34      |
| Responsorial Psalm: | Psalm 50(51):3-4,12-15 |
| Second Reading:     | Hebrews 5:7-9          |
| Gospel Acclamation: | Jn12:26                |
| Gospel:             | John 12:20-33          |

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

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: 'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it;

anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life.  
If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too.  
If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.  
Now my soul is troubled.  
What shall I say:  
Father, save me from this hour?  
But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.  
Father, glorify your name!  
A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.  
'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.  
And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.'  
By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

## **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:* By dying to self, we are born to eternal life. In that spirit of self-denial and penance, let us come to our Father in prayer.

*Leader:* Let us pray that all members of the Church may profit richly from the Graces which God offers them in their Lenten duties. Lord, in your mercy  
*Response:* Hear our prayer

*Reader:* Let us pray that the faithful obedience of believers in all nations may attract non-believers to Christ, "the source of eternal salvation".  
Lord, in your mercy

*Response:* Hear our prayer.

*Reader:* Let us pray that this community may shine out as a sign of Christ "lifted up from the earth", drawing all to himself. 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: Carolyn Cullen, Eileen Jones, Judy Mulcahy, Seren Jones, Julie Beaumont-Rees, Ethan Jones, Paul Richards. 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.**