

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 7 November 2021

Hear the Word

After praising a scribe in last week's reading (not read this year), today starts with a rebuke for scribes in general. Scribes were lawyers and their behaviour was a target for Jesus's criticism, although not all of them (see last week). They were open to the temptation that faces any religious person, of self-righteousness and feelings of superiority over those who are seen as not as observant as themselves. We could all be that sort of person. The Gospel today has two parts; after the censure of the scribes comes a total contrast - a poor woman (a widow (see 1R and the Psalm), one of the most vulnerable classes of people in Judaism), who did something of extraordinary generosity, to give all the money she had into the treasury, after many rich people had put in much larger amounts which they could well afford. Jesus might intend to anticipate his coming passion and death, when he too gives all he has. 1R is an older story of a widow who gives everything she has - the food which she was going to cook for herself and her son, after which they would have nothing to eat. The joyful Psalm response expresses the joy in the reward that the widow receives: her food supply miraculously is not used up. • 2R is another meditation on the sacrifice of Christ, to be read with attention.

Roman Lectionary
1 Kings 17:10-16
Ps 145(146)
Hebrews 9:24-28
✠ MARK 12:38-44 (41-44)

CWL (principal service)
3rd Sunday before Advent
Jonah 3:1-5.10
Ps 62:6-14
Heb 9:24-28
✠ MARK 1:14-20

PSALM 146 (145). A hymn. We sang this psalm only a few Sundays ago (see p.71) but the obvious reason for the choice this time is the 'widows' in the third stanza. This brings into focus the other people on the list: the oppressed, the hungry, the poor, the blind, the stranger, the orphan. The Lord protects them all.

Look at the Liturgy The Church's duty of love and care extends to everyone, all the time. There should not be sporadic calls to 'do something for the poor' but a permanent awareness of human needs of all kinds (cf Psalm). Is our liturgy the 'source and summit' of our whole life, or a time when we make promises we then proceed to forget? It is better (see below) to attribute to the Lord the great deeds of care and providence, which is the proper way to approach the Penitential Act: 'You came to heal..'

Respond in Song

Scripture keywords: i: The welcoming community; ii: The poor and needy; iii: Praise to God who provides; iv: Giving all you have
Antiphons: CAi: B-191, other Psalm 23s, see p.62 CAii: Emmaus and Jerusalem (Hurd, 1RL)

Psalm settings My soul give praise to the Lord (Dean, RSB/Decani); Praise the Lord, my soul: (Cooney/Daigle, PCY4); Bless the Lord, my soul (Haugen, PCY2); As long as I live (Haas, PCY9). with the alt. response (see above) Maranatha, Alleluia! (Wellicome, PsS1/14); Common Psalm (Farrell, CBL.) • Hymn versions Praise the God of our salvation (Dudley Smith) PsT; Alleluia! I will praise the Father (C/CFE) I'll praise my maker (Watts), PD

ANTIPHONS EA: cf. Ps 87 (88):3
Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord. + Ps 87 (88) or Ps 26 (27):7-14
CAi: cf. Ps 22 (23):1-2 The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,
near restful waters he leads me. + Ps 22 (23)
CAii: cf. Lk 24:35 The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread. + Ps 22 (23) or Ps 103 (104):10-15, 27-29, 33-34

HON		H O & N/Cel/		Celebration		L*	Refs, & possible use
1989 ed	1994(red)	Liturgical	Laudate	Complete	CFE		
-	-	-	All are welcome	-	-	458	i
25	16	119	All my hope on God is founded	389	21	959	iii
28	19	122	All that I am	11	23	600	iv
-	-	-	All who hunger	-	-	477	iii
34	29	129	Almighty Father, Lord most high	17	39	602	iv
-	-	-	Bread for the world	-	92	625	ii
104	95	214	Come, Lord Jesus	436	128	873	iv
138	119	-	Feed us now	72	-	-	iii
-	170	327	Gather us in	752	253	475	i-iii
175	145	286	God forgave my sin	477	209	849	iv
242	196	361	Immortal, invisible	134	301	725	iii
716	209	390	Jesus Christ is waiting	-	323	889	ii, iv
-	-	-	Listen, Lord	-	-	930	iii
-	-	-	Lord, whose love in humble service	-	-	885	ii, iv
373	-	-	Now come to me, all you who seek	208	510	-	ii, iii
-	-	-	Now in this banquet	774	511	623	iii
394	298	516	O God, we give ourselves	224	530	-	iv
-	-	-	Poor folk won't always be forgotten	-	-	891	ii
449	345	576	Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven	260	602	807	iii
459	350	586	Praise we our God with joy	266	610	784	iii
509	386	639	Take my hands	296	676	608	iv
510	-	640	Take my life	608	677	874	iv
765	402	658	The cry of the poor	-	704	892	ii, iii
-	-	-	The gift of the Holy Spirit [C, F]	797	693	894	ii
-	-	-	The prophet in his hunger (1R)	314	710	-	-
-	-	-	The word of God (cf Resp Ps)	801	720	-	-
578	434	699	Upon this table, Lord	637	756	606	iv
-	-	-	We come to share our story	-	774	473	i, iii
-	-	-	We come as guests invited	-	-	630	i, iii

Singing the Mass

The hymns/songs which are appropriate need to express our solidarity with the poor; but the best ones are those which do not direct attention to ourselves (with risky promises of what we are going to do) but at other people (e.g. Beatitudes) and at the Lord who saves. *Beatitudes*: See All Saints (Nov 1st)
Taizé Ubi caritas; Seek first the kingdom
At Communion, settings of Ps 34 (33) e.g. 'The cry of the poor', or of Ps 115(116) *How can I repay the Lord?*

From all sources	Where	©	Refs/use
Blessed are your poor (Bell)	LFB		1Lic
Bread for the world (Farrell)	GBAN		1Lic
Come Lord, and save us (O'Hara)	AK		1Lic
Gather us in (Haugen)	var		1Lic
Hey my love (Bell)	WG1		1Lic
How can I repay the Lord (Dean)	MM/O		1Lic
I'll praise my maker (Watts)	var		PD
Poor folk won't always be forgotten (Bell)	L&A/L		1Lic
Song of the Body of Christ (Haas)	var		1Lic
Take, Lord, receive (Foley)	SS3/SLJ		1Lic
The cry of the poor (Foley)	var		1Lic
The greatness of the small (Bell)	LFB		1Lic
The harvest of justice (Haas)	TS		1Lic
The Word of God (O'Hara)	AK		1Lic

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Remembrance Sunday
World day of the Poor

Hear the Word

The Year of Mark ends today as the Gospel next week is from John. We have come full circle as today's passage is the first part of the reading of Advent Sunday 1B, back last December. Advent in effect starts today. 'At that time' (1R) and 'In those days' (Gospel) tell us we are looking forward to the Day of the Lord when the Lord will come again. For some this will be something of great remoteness whereas for others it will be the source of extraordinarily detailed speculation, which all comes to grief on the persistent claim that we do not know the day or the hour (repeated at the end of the gospel today). So 'the time of great distress' of 1R is seen in every misfortune, from the eruption of Vesuvius to the Covid pandemic; and the statement that 'your own people will be spared' is an excuse for false righteousness and condemnation of most of humanity. The details are not important; all we know is that the world will come to an end and Christ will come in glory - we proclaim this at every Mass. We also look at various human activities which might hasten this - global warming or nuclear war. But this is probably hubris, overstating our power over the world. God will decide. In the meantime we have to love the world and care for it, as Pope Francis says in *Laudato Si*. • 2R presents a vision of Christ in glory at the right hand of God, having offered a single sacrifice for sin.

Roman Lectionary

Daniel 12:1-3
Psalms 16(15):5.8-11
Hebrews 10:11-14.18
✠ *MARK 13:24-32*

CWL (principal service)

2 before Advent
Continuous
1 Sam 1:4-20
Daniel 12:1-3
Psalms 16
Heb 10.11-14.

PSALM A psalm of confidence. The End Times (which could happen at any moment) will be ones in which we will be tested to the utmost; it would be well to have the words of this psalm ready to sing. Even if we don't live to see the end of the world, as is likely, we will all meet our own Apocalypse. 'Since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm' are words to arm ourselves with.

Look at the Liturgy

The psalm today is one recommended for use at the Rite of Election; it is also in the Easter Vigil; so its connection with Initiation is well established. The parish should be kept aware of catechumens or enquirers in its midst. • There are two extra intentions for today. Remembrance Sunday is likely to predominate, but today is also World Day of the Poor, set up in 2016 when Pope Francis instituted it as 'the worthiest way to prepare for the celebration of [Christ the King] who identified with the little ones and the poor and who will judge us on our works of mercy' *Misericordia et Misera*, §21. One could combine them in preaching by acknowledging that it is always the poor who suffer most from upheavals such as war, disease and climate change.

Respond in Song

Scripture keywords: i: The Day; iil: Coming of the Lord; iiii: protected by God; iv: Seeing the Lord

Antiphons: EA: Psalms A-193, B-192

Psalm settings Settings of the Resp. Text: *Keep me safe, O God* (Inwood, EM/ GW/L4ob); *Preserve me, God* (Walker, LML/Res), Psalms B-193. Songs based on this psalm: *Centre of my life* (Inwood), ; *Keep me safe* (Foley, WEG); *You are all we have* (O'Brien, YAH); *For you are my God* (Foley), *The path of life* (Soper, Can/O-9793) all © Cal.

ANTIPHONS

EA: Jer 29:11, 12, 14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you,

and I will lead back your captives from every place. + Ps 84 (85) or Ps 125 (126)

CAi: Ps 72 (73):28 To be near God is my happiness,

to place my hope in God the Lord. + Ps 72 (73):1-2, 21-28 or Ps 62 (63):2-9

CAii: Mk 11:23, 24 Amen, I say to you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you will receive,

and it shall be given to you, says the Lord. + Ps 60 (61) or Ps 85 (86)

Singing the Mass

You can start singing Advent music now (e.g. the children's Gospel Acclamation *Stay awake* (Walker, CC/L) or the Bidding Prayer response *Come Lord Jesus, Maranatha* (CFE/L).
Taizé I *For yours is the kingdom* (=MM1 43);
Maranatha; Benedictus (=MM57); II: *Wait for the Lord; Nada te turbe* (HONL/L)

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Alleluia! Hurry the Lord is near (Lee/Sands) MM1/O-7175 1Lic ii
Come, Lord, and save us (O'Hara) AK 1Lic ii
How far is the night (Huijbers/Oosterhuis) WYP 1Lic i
Jesus Christ, Son of God among us (Bell) T1AU 1Lic iii, iv
Lo! he comes with clouds descending var PD i, ii
Nations hear the prophet's word (Dufner) SNC 1Lic i
Stay awake, stand ready (Walker) var. 1Lic
*The day of the Lord (Bell) WG1/L89 1Lic i, ii
*Wake your power (Löwenthal) WYP/C806 1Lic

Remembrance Sunday

The **Order of Christian Funerals** says that music for Masses for the Dead should 'affirm hope in the Resurrection' (§86). Everyone knows the Abide with me, the O God our help in ages past, and so on. As at every Mass, though, first things should be chosen first: what psalm is to be sung? 22, 24, 26, 42, 62, 102, 121, 129 (Lectionary.) What about the Alleluia? See the Funeral section of the hymnbook, McCrimmon's funeral music book or Iona's collection **When grief is raw**

HON		H O & N/Cel/			Celebration			Refs, & possible use	
1989 ed	1994(red)	Liturgical	Laudate	Complete	CFE	L*			
678	-	178	Blest be the Lord	411	91	954	iii		
-	-	-	Centre of my life (Psalm)	-	543	423	iii		
137	-	-	Fear not, rejoice	457	169	-	ii		
-	-	-	God is working his purpose out	480	217	86	i		
-	-	-	Hills of the north	498	255	983	i, ii		
244	-	-	In Christ there is no East or W.	136	303	831	ii		
-	-	-	In God's good time	-	-	985	i, ii		
-	-	-	In the day of the Lord	-	-	986	ii		
-	-	-	Jesus, lead the way	763	327	-	iii		
300	229	418	Let all mortal flesh	166	355	607	ii PG		
-	-	240	Lo, he comes with clouds	-	373	109	i, ii		
337	257	461	Love divine, all loves excelling	184	398	801	ii		
378	-	-	Now watch for God's coming	563	514	101	ii, iii		
-	-	-	O Christ, the great foundation	-	-	829	ii		
397	302	521	O Jesus Christ, remember	233	435	982	ii		
403	311	529	O Lord my God	227	568	721	ii		
-	-	-	One thing I ask of the Lord	670	-	990	iv		
-	-	-	885 Ostende nobis	711	583	839	ii		
-	-	-	Promised Lord and Christ	267	613	103	ii		
-	253	453	Shine, Jesus, shine	768	388	770	ii		
497	375	-	Songs of thankfulness (vv 1,3,4)	286	661	172	ii		
518	391	647	The Church's one foundation	300	688	830	ii, iii		
-	-	-	The day of the Lord	-	-	89	i, ii		
544	-	-	There will be signs	-	726	-	i, ii		
569	426	688	Though the mountains may fall	630	739	785	i, iii		
-	-	-	Trust in the Lord	635	-	-	iii		
775	439	897	Wait for the Lord	805	762	88	i, ii		
-	-	-	Wake up! the dawn	640	764	-	i, ii		
-	-	-	When the King shall come again	820	806	90	i, ii		

L* = Laudate 2012 edition