

## Trinity 11 (22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year C)

### Opening Prayer

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### First Reading

*Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20.28-29*

My son be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble.

There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sages dream.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 67*

**R: In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.**

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,  
They shall exult and dance for joy.

O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;  
Rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **R**

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,  
Such is God in his holy place.

God gives the lonely a home to live in;  
He leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **R**

You poured down, O God, a generous rain:  
When your people were starved you gave them new life.  
It was there that your people found a home,  
Prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **R**

### Second Reading

*Hebrews 12:18-19.22-24*

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

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### Gospel Acclamation

#### Gospel

*Luke 14:1.7-14*

On a Sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For

everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

### Prayer over the Gifts

We have sought you, Lord Jesus, in our prayer; may we recognise you in the breaking of bread, and find you in all who come our way this day, you whom we shall one day know fully, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### Prayer after Communion

God most high, we have been fed at your table with the bread of heaven. Strengthen your love in our hearts and inspire us to serve you in our brothers and sisters. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

### Gloria

**Glory to God, glory in the highest  
Peace to his people, peace on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
Almighty God and Father. (Refrain)**

**We worship you, glory in the highest  
Give you thanks, glory in the highest  
Praise you for your glory. (Refrain)**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us; have mercy on us  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer receive our prayer (Refrain)**

**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 glory of God the  
Father. (Refrain)  
Amen! Amen!**

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**Choir: Jesus, Lamb of God and source of life:  
Jesus, loving bearer of our sins:**

**All: Hear our prayer, have mercy;  
hear our prayer, have mercy; give us your peace.**

**Choir: Jesus, Son of God and Son of Man:  
Jesus, true redeemer of the world:**

**All: Hear our prayer ...**

**Choir: Jesus, Lord of life and Lord of light:  
Jesus, here in form of bread and wine:**

**All: Hear our prayer ...**