

## 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Have mercy on me, O Lord,  
for I cry to you all the day  
long. O Lord, you are good  
and forgiving, full of mercy  
to all who call to you.

### COLLECT

God of might, giver of  
every good gift, put into our  
hearts the love of your  
name, so that, by deepening  
our sense of reverence,  
you may nurture in us what  
is good and, by your  
watchful care, keep safe  
what you have nurtured.  
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.  
**Amen**

### FIRST READING

*Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29*

My son, perform your tasks  
in meekness; then you will  
be loved by those whom  
God accepts. The greater  
you are, the more you must  
humble yourself; so you will  
find favour in the sight of  
the Lord. For great is the  
might of the Lord; he is  
glorified by the humble.

The affliction of the proud  
has no healing, for a plant

of wickedness has taken root  
in him. The mind of the  
intelligent man will ponder a  
parable, and an attentive ear  
is the wise man's desire.

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

### PSALM

*Ps 68(67):4-5ac. 6-7b. 10-11.  
R cf. 11b*

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

The upright shall rejoice at  
the presence of God;  
they shall exult with glad  
rejoicing. O sing to God;  
make music to his name.  
The Lord is his name. R

Father of orphans, defender  
of widows: such is God in  
his holy place. God gives the  
desolate a home to dwell in;  
he leads the prisoners forth  
into prosperity. R

You poured down, O God, a  
generous rain; when your  
heritage languished, you  
restored it. It was there that  
your flock began to dwell.  
In your goodness, O God,  
you provided for the poor. R

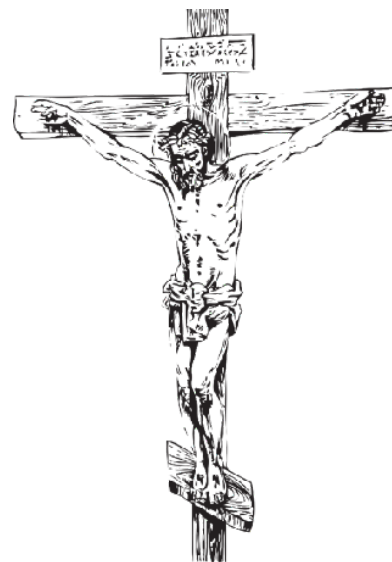
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home for the poor.**

### SECOND READING

*Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a*

Brothers and Sisters: You  
have not come to what may  
be touched, a blazing fire  
and darkness and gloom and  
a tempest and the sound of  
a trumpet and a voice whose  
words made the hearers beg  
that no further messages be  
spoken to them.

But you have come to  
Mount Sion and to the city  
of the living God, the  
heavenly Jerusalem, and to  
innumerable angels in festal  
gathering, and to the  
assembly of the firstborn  
who are enrolled in heaven,  
and to God, the judge of all,  
and to the spirits of the  
righteous made perfect, and  
to Jesus, the mediator of a  
new covenant.  
The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### **Alleluia, alleluia...**

Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

### **Alleluia...**

## GOSPEL

*Luke 14:1, 7-14*

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully.

Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honour, saying to them, 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honour, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, "Give your place to this person", and then you, with shame, will take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher." Then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at table with you.

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.'

He said also to the man who had invited him, 'When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends, or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbours, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this sacred offering, O Lord, confer on us always the blessing of salvation, that what it celebrates in mystery it may accomplish in power. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table, we beseech you, Lord, that, being the food of charity, it may confirm our hearts and stir us to serve you in our neighbour. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## REFLECTION

Invited to a wedding feast, the Lord looked round and noticed how all were choosing the first and most honourable places, each person wanting to take precedence over the others and to be raised above them. He then told them this parable [Luke 14:7-14], which even taken literally is most useful and appropriate for all who like to be honoured, and fear being put to shame. To those of lower station it accords courtesy, and to those of higher condition respect.

This wedding feast takes place in the Church every day. Every day the Lord makes a wedding feast, for every day he unites faithful souls to himself, some coming to be baptised, others leaving this world for the kingdom of heaven.

*St Bruno of Segni*