

## Ordinary Time Liturgy

### Call to Worship

Ordinary time during the liturgical year is far from ordinary. While it is neither a time of fasting or feasting, Ordinary Time celebrates Jesus' call for us to be his disciples, to follow his loving example and marks our joyful wait for his second coming. Let us take a few moments in prayer to celebrate this special time of the year.

### Gathering Prayer

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

Loving Father,

You call us to follow your Son's example, to love others and to do good works. During his Sermon on the Mount Jesus tells us that we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Help us to be a light bringing faith, hope and love to those around us.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ.

+Amen.

### Reading (Isaiah 58.7-10)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD:

Share your bread with the hungry,  
shelter the oppressed and the homeless;  
clothe the naked when you see them,  
and do not turn your back on your own.  
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your wound shall quickly be healed;  
your vindication shall go before you,  
and the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.  
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer,  
you shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I am!  
If you remove from your midst  
oppression, false accusation and malicious speech;  
if you bestow your bread on the hungry  
and satisfy the afflicted;  
then light shall rise for you in the darkness,  
and the gloom shall become for you like midday.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

***R. The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.***

Light shines through the darkness for the upright;  
he is gracious and merciful and just.  
Well for the man who is gracious and lends,  
who conducts his affairs with justice.

***R. The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.***

He shall never be moved;  
the just one shall be in everlasting remembrance.  
An evil report he shall not fear;  
his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.

***R. The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.***

His heart is steadfast; he shall not fear.  
Lavishly he gives to the poor;  
His justice shall endure forever;  
his horn shall be exalted in glory.

***R. The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.***

## Gospel (Matthew 5.13-16)

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples:

“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Prayers of the Faithful

The response is: ***Lord hear our prayer.***

For the leaders of Church, Pope (Francis), the bishops, the clergy and all holy men and women:  
That through their good works, they inspire people to follow their example and spread the glory of God throughout the world.

We pray to the Lord.

***R. Lord hear our prayer.***

For the leaders of government:  
That they work toward building societies that care for those most in need whether in body, mind or spirit.

We pray to the Lord.

***R. Lord hear our prayer.***

For the people in our     (Insert school name here)     community:  
That we continually work toward being the salt of the earth and the light of the world, sharing God's goodness with those around us.

We pray to the Lord.

***R. Lord hear our prayer.***

For the prayers that lie deep within our hearts...(pause)..  
We pray to the Lord.

***R. Lord hear our prayer.***

Let us join our hearts and voices in the prayer that Jesus taught us...

Our Father, ....  
+Amen.

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