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FOLLOW ME

and You will
Experience

MERCY

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Do you have a person whom you look up to? Someone whom you want to be like someday? Someone whose footsteps you want to follow? A person who invites you to follow his ways by his words and deeds?

I always have had great admiration for my former instructors. When I was still a student, I kept on reminding myself that I wanted to be as adept as them. And to do this, I followed their good example. I imitated their right attitude. Now that I have put on the shoes they once wore, many appreciate the same character I show which I appropriate from those who have gone before me.

When I realized that God is calling me to pursue my vocation to the priesthood, Jesus now became my ultimate role model. Truly, in Jesus, you can never go wrong. Despite all the obstacles I experienced growing up, I persisted, because

I fixed my gaze upon Jesus who is the source and end of every vocation. Through Jesus, God always reminded me of my calling. Thus, after finishing college, I immediately entered the seminary. And in following the path he intended me to follow, I experienced God's love and mercy.

Sisters and brothers, Jesus is inviting us today to follow him in everything that we do. Our individual vocations in life vary. You maybe are a president of a nation, a teacher, a doctor, a nurse, a parent, a priest, or a religious. Whatever vocation you currently have though, consider that as an invitation from Jesus to follow him.

Let Jesus transform our heart into a listening one. Let us be

more sensitive to the movement of the Spirit in Scriptures and living Tradition, so that we may respond more fully to Jesus' call. Let us ask Jesus for the courage and endurance to follow him so that we may experience his mercy despite the many discouragements we may encounter. Let us follow the example of St. Matthew whose call we witness in today's gospel. May we imitate the radical response of Matthew to Jesus' radical calling towards discipleship.

Like St. Matthew, may we be ready to turn back from our past life and follow Jesus as our role model. Let us follow Jesus so that we too may become the face of God's love and mercy towards each other.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon (Ps 47 [46]:2)
(Recited when there is no opening song.)

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy.

Greeting

(The sign of the cross is made here.)

P—The Lord be with you.
All—And with your spirit.

Introduction

(These [or similar words] may be used to address the assembly.)

P—In the Gospel, we hear the story of the call of the tax collector, Matthew. Later, Jesus sits at table with other tax collectors and those regarded by ancient Jewish society as sinners. This offends the Pharisees who object to such a table association. Jesus comes as a divine physician who heals people of their ailments. But he cannot help those who are self-righteous, those who feel they do not need God's mercy.

Penitential Act

P—Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.
(Pause)

P—Have mercy on us, O Lord.
All—For we have sinned against you.

P—Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
All—And grant us your salvation.

P—May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
All—Amen.

P—Lord, have mercy.
All—Lord, have mercy.
P—Christ, have mercy.
All—Christ, have mercy.
P—Lord, have mercy.
All—Lord, have mercy.

Collect

P—Let us pray. *(Pause)*

O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth.

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.
All—Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD



First Reading

(Am 8:4–6, 9–12) *(Sit)*

Amos, the prophet of justice, castigates those who trample the poor and the needy and even use the festivals of the Lord for sordid gain. The Lord will certainly punish those who persist in their wickedness.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Amos

HEAR THIS, you who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land! "When will the new moon be over," you ask, "that we may sell our grain, and the sabbath, that we may display the wheat? We will diminish the containers for measuring, add to the weights, and fix our scales for cheating! We will buy the lowly man for silver, and the poor man for a pair of sandals; even the refuse of the wheat we will sell!"

On that day, says the Lord GOD, I will make the sun set at midday and cover the earth with darkness in broad daylight. I will turn your feasts into mourning and all your songs into lamentations. I will cover the loins of all with sackcloth and make every head bald. I will make them mourn as for an only son, and bring their day to a bitter end.

Yes, days are coming, says the Lord GOD, when I will send famine upon the land: Not a famine of bread, or thirst for water, but for hearing the word of the LORD. Then shall they wander from sea to sea and rove from the north to the east in search of the word of the LORD, but they shall not find it.

—The word of the Lord.
All—Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 119)

R—One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

1. Blessed are they who observe his decrees, who seek him with all their heart. **(R)**

2. With all my heart I seek you; let me not stray from your commands. **(R)**

3. My soul is consumed with longing for your ordinances at all times. **(R)**

4. The way of truth I have chosen; I have set your ordinances before me. **(R)**

5. Behold, I long for your precepts; in your justice give me life. **(R)**

6. I gasp with open mouth in my yearning for your commands. **(R)**

Alleluia (Mt 11:28) *(Stand)*

All—Alleluia, alleluia. Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel (Mt 9:9–13)

P—A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
All—Glory to you, O Lord.

AS JESUS passed by, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the customs post. He said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. While he was at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat with Jesus and his disciples. The Pharisees saw this and said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" He heard this and said, "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, *I desire mercy, not sacrifice*. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."

—The Gospel of the Lord.
All—Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily (Sit)

Prayer of the Faithful

P—Like Matthew, the tax collector, grant us, O Father, the courage to follow Jesus and leave behind whatever hinders us from being his faithful follower as we say:

R—Lord, hear our prayer.

C—May Church leaders make those who are suffering feel the presence of Christ; he who consoles and cares for the sick, heals every hurt, and liberates from sin through his forgiveness. We pray. **(R)**

C—May our civil leaders, find ways to ease the burden of all citizens and help those who urgently need health care by strengthening existing government programs meant for them. We pray: **(R)**

C—May those who are burdened by their sins, feeling of guilt and unworthiness, and despair find forgiveness and consolation through the tender voice of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. We pray: **(R)**

C—May those who find it hard to forgive others be moved by the merciful and gentle heart of Jesus, the face of Your love and mercy, O Father, here on earth. We pray: **(R)**

C—Together with all your angels and saints in heaven, welcome our beloved dead who heeded the call of Jesus to follow him in this valley of tears. We pray: **(R)**

C—Let us pray for the urgent concerns of our community and our personal intentions *(pause)*. We pray: **(R)**

P—Father, may we heed courageously the call of your Son, Jesus to remain in his Truth and walk in his Way until we finally come into the eternal Life you've promised and is won by him in your Spirit.

We ask this through the same Christ our Lord.

All—Amen.

**LITURGY OF
THE EUCHARIST**



Presentation of the Gifts
(Stand)

P—Pray, brethren...

All—May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

P—O God, who graciously accomplish the effects of your mysteries, grant, we pray, that the deeds by which we serve you may be worthy of these sacred gifts.

Through Christ our Lord.

All—Amen.

Common Preface IV

P—The Lord be with you.

All—And with your spirit.

P—Lift up your hearts.

All—We lift them up to the Lord.

P—Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All—It is right and just.

P—It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For, although you have no need of our praise, yet our thanksgiving is itself your gift, since our praises add nothing to your greatness but profit us for salvation through Christ our Lord.

And so, in company with the choirs of Angels, we praise you, and with joy we proclaim:

All—Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. (Kneel)

Acclamation (Stand)

All—We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

All—Our Father...

P—Deliver us, Lord...

All—For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

Invitation to Peace

Invitation to Communion
(Kneel)

P—Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All—Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon
(Ps 103[102]:1)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name. alleluia.

Prayer after Communion
(Stand)

P—Let us pray. *(Pause)*

May this divine sacrifice we have offered and received fill us with life, O Lord, we pray, so that, bound to you in lasting charity, we may bear fruit that lasts for ever.

Through Christ our Lord.

All—Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P—The Lord be with you.

All—And with your spirit.

Prayer over the People

P—Bow down for the blessing.
(Pause)

Be gracious to your people, O Lord, and do not withhold consolation on earth from those you call to strive for heaven.

Through Christ our Lord

All—Amen.

P—And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

All—Amen.

Dismissal

P—The Mass is ended. Go in peace.

All—Thanks be to God.



PRAYER TO THE **SACRED HEART** *of Jesus*

Divine Jesus, you have said, "Ask, and you shall receive; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Behold me kneeling at your feet, filled with a lively faith and confidence in the promises dictated by your Sacred Heart and pronounced by Your adorable lips. I come to ask these favors: (*Here, silently mention your petitions*).

To whom can I turn if not to you whose Heart is the source of all graces and merits? Where should I seek if not in the treasure which contains all the riches of your kindness and mercy? Where should I knock if not at the door through which God gives himself to us and through which we go to God? I have recourse to You, Heart of Jesus. In

you I find consolation when afflicted, protection when persecuted, strength when burdened with trials, and light in doubt and darkness.

Dear Jesus, I firmly believe that you can grant me the grace I implore, even though it should require a miracle. You have only to will it, and my prayer will be granted. I admit that I am most unworthy of your favors, but this is not a reason for me to be discouraged. You are the God of Mercy and you will not refuse a contrite heart. Cast upon me a look of mercy, I beg of you, and your kind Heart will find in my miseries and weaknesses a reason for granting my prayers.

O Sacred Heart, whatever may be your decision with regard to my request, I will never stop adoring, loving, praising and serving you. My Jesus, be pleased to accept this, my act of perfect resignation to the decrees of your adorable Heart which I sincerely desire may be fulfilled by me and all your creatures forever.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I know that there is but one thing impossible to you: to be without pity to those who are suffering or in distress. Look upon me, I beg of you, dear Jesus, and grant me the grace for which I humbly implore you through the Immaculate Heart of your most sorrowful Mother. You have entrusted me to her as her child, and her prayers are all-powerful with you. Amen.

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