

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All the earth shall bow down before you,
O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

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 Father.
Amen.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
who govern all things,
both in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the pleading of your people
and bestow your peace on our times.
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.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Is 49:3, 5-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord said to me, "You are my servant, Israel,
in whom I shall be glorified";
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
my God was my strength.
And now the Lord has spoken,
he who formed me in the womb to be his
servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
to gather Israel to him:
"It is not enough for you to be my servant,
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back
the survivors of Israel;
I will make you the light of the nations
so that my salvation may reach to the ends of
the earth."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

s 39:2, 4, 7-10

Response:

Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God (R.)
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. (R.)
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. (R.)
4. Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Cor 1:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians.

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle,
together with brother Sosthenes,
send greetings to the church of God in Corinth,
to the holy people of Jesus
Christ, who are called to take their place among
all the saints everywhere
who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their
Lord no less than ours.
May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
send you grace and peace.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on the King who comes,
in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven
and glory in the highest heavens!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 1:29-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said,
"Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away
the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke
of when I said: A man is coming after me who
ranks before me because he existed before
me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to
reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with
water." John also declared, "I saw the Spirit
coming down on him from heaven like a dove
and resting on him. I did not know him myself,
but he who sent me to baptise with water had
said to me, 'The man on whom you see the
Spirit come down and rest is the one who is
going to baptise with the Holy Spirit.' Yes, I have
seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen
One of God."

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

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with
the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
(all bow during the next three lines)
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the
dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,
that we may participate worthily in these
mysteries,
for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is
celebrated
the work of our redemption is accomplished.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that
quenches my thirst.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love,
and in your kindness
make those you have nourished
by this one heavenly Bread
one in mind and heart.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sunday Message

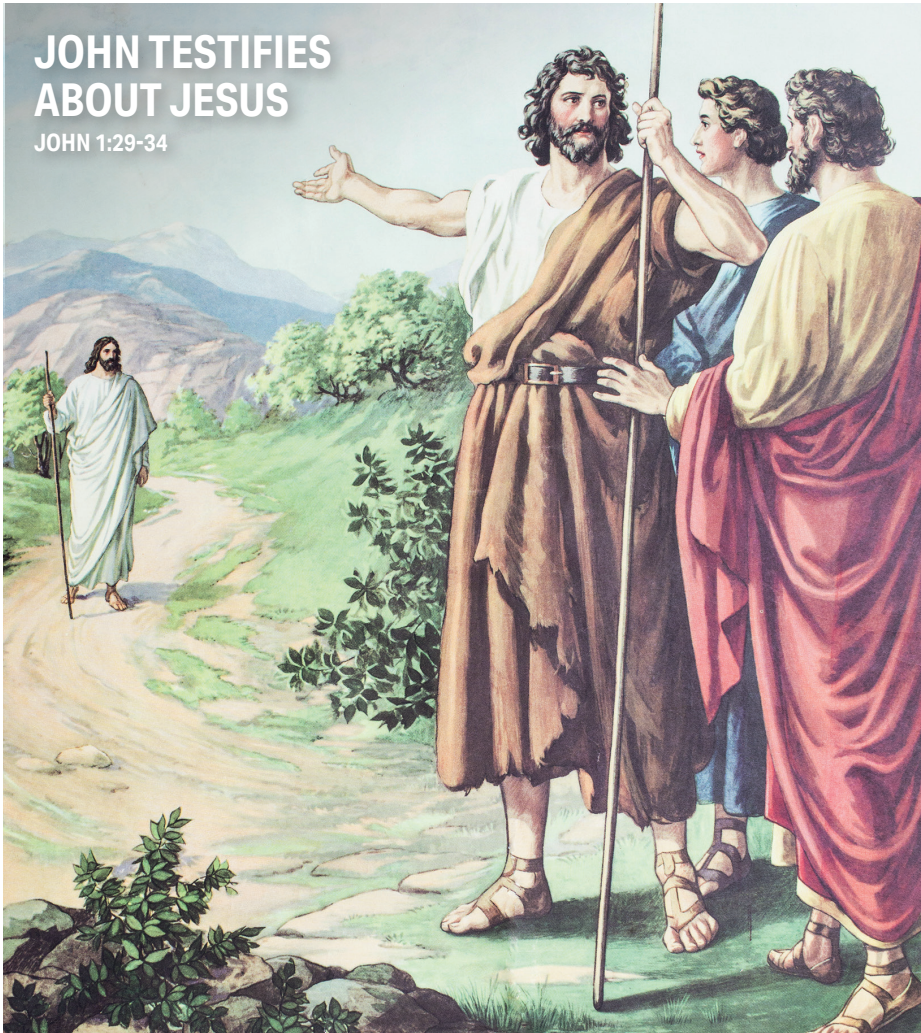
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

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JOHN TESTIFIES ABOUT JESUS

JOHN 1:29-34



In this passage, John the Baptist sees Jesus coming toward him and calls Him “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”

This is a powerful title. A lamb was often used in Jewish tradition as a sacrifice to God, symbolizing the removal of sin. John is telling us that Jesus is the perfect sacrifice who will take away our sins once and for all.

John also says he saw the Spirit come down from heaven like a dove and stay on Jesus. This was a sign from God showing that Jesus is the chosen one — the Son of God. John admits he didn't fully know who Jesus was at first, but this experience made it clear.

The Spirit's presence shows that Jesus has a special mission: to bring new life and forgiveness. John's testimony helps us see that Jesus is more than just a teacher or prophet — He is God's Son sent to save us.

This passage invites us to trust in Jesus as the one who takes away our sins and to follow Him with faith, knowing that God's Spirit is with Him and with us. ■

REFLECT

When John the Baptist sees Jesus, he points him out as “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” Think about that: Jesus is the Lamb — gentle, humble, but powerful enough to carry away the weight of all our mistakes, all our failures.

John's words invite us to pause and reflect. Do we really believe that Jesus can take away our sins? Do we allow Him to carry those burdens, or do we try to carry them alone? Sometimes, we hold on to guilt or shame, forgetting that Jesus offers true freedom.

John also tells us about the Spirit descending like a dove — a quiet, gentle sign that Jesus is God's chosen one. Sometimes God's presence in our lives is not loud or dramatic, but quiet and steady, like a dove resting on us.

This passage calls us to trust — to trust Jesus with our struggles, our fears, our guilt. It reminds us that forgiveness is not just a word, but a gift freely given by God's Lamb.

Today, let's open our hearts to Jesus in a new way. Let Him be the Lamb who lifts your burdens and leads you into freedom. And let the Spirit rest gently on you, guiding you to live in peace and love. ■

SAY

St. John the Baptist, faithful witness to the Lamb of God, pray for us that we may recognize Jesus in our lives, trust His mercy, and follow Him with courage and love. Amen.



DO

Take a moment today to bring your worries or mistakes to Jesus in prayer, asking Him to take them away and to fill you with His peace and forgiveness.

LEARN

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away our sins — a gentle, loving Savior who offers us forgiveness and calls us to trust Him completely.