

### Communion Antiphon

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled.  
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they shall have their fill.

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### Encircled in Thine Arms

O Saviour, thou art good to me.

Encircled in thine arms, I find  
the salve for every weeping wound,  
the balm to ease my troubled mind.

Thou lovest me through every trial  
with grace sufficient for my needs.  
Thou hast the power to heal the soul,  
to soothe the aching heart that pleads.

Stay with me, Lord; embrace my woes.

I would not wander far from thee.

Thou art the Master of my soul,  
my Shepherd for eternity.

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FIFTH ORDINARY SUNDAY (B)  
7 FEBRUARY 2021

### Readings



“That evening, after sunset,  
they brought to him all who were sick  
and those who were possessed by devils.  
The whole town came crowding round the door,  
and he cured many who were suffering  
from diseases of one kind or another.”

(Mark 1:32-34)

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

**Job 7:1-4,6-7**

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service,

his time no better than hired drudgery?

Like the slave, sighing for the shade,

or the workman with no thought but his wages,

months of delusion I have assigned to me,

nothing for my own but nights of grief.

Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'

Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'

Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.

Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed,

and vanished, leaving no hope behind.

Remember that my life is but a breath,

and that my eyes will never again see joy.

### Responsorial Psalm 146(147):1-6

### Second Reading

**1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23**

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

### Gospel

**Mark 1:29-39**

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### The pledge of the Eternal Passover

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 in you we live and move and have our being,  
and while in this body  
we not only experience the daily effects of your care,  
but even now possess the pledge of life eternal.  
For, having received the first fruits of the Spirit,  
through whom you raised up Jesus from the dead,  
we hope for an everlasting share in the Paschal Mystery.  
And so, with all the Angels, we praise you,  
as in joyful celebration we acclaim ...