



May we too feel inspired to set out in the footsteps of the lord Jesus to become with him and in him signs of messengers of hope for all, in every place and circumstance that God has granted us to live.

May all the baptized as missionary disciple of Christ make his hope shine forth in every corner of the earth

Welcome and Quiet Time:

HYMN: I the Lord of Sea & Sky (Daniel Schutte SJ)

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them – whom shall I send?

CHORUS: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You lead me; I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My Word to them – whom shall I send? (Chorus)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them; My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them – whom shall I send? (Chorus)

THE GLORIA: Response: Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo (x2)

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.
Source of our being, eternal and loving One, we worship You,
we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. (Response).

Jesus our companion, empowering our freedom and new life,
Compassionate face of the living God, You take away the sin of the world:
bring healing to your people; and renew the face of our earth.

(Response) You show us the way, the truth, and the life. You shepherd us
into pastures ever
fresh and green. We acclaim the goodness of your holy name, in union with
the Holy Spirit, to the glory of the Holy One who lives and reigns forever.
(Response)

FIRST Reading: A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

The word of the LORD came to me, saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born, I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.” “Alas, LORD,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.” But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid for I am with you and will rescue you,” says the LORD.

Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.” *The Word of the Lord*



PSALM: God's Spirit Is In My Heart (Kevin Mayhew Ltd, 1982)

God's Spirit is in my heart, God has called me and set me apart;
This is what I have to do, what I have to do.

Chorus: God sent me to give the Good News to the poor,
Tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more
Tell blind people that they can see, and set the downtrodden free.
And go tell everyone the news that the Kingdom of God has come;
And go tell everyone the news that God's Kingdom has come.

Just as the Father sent me, so I'm sending you out to be
My witnesses throughout the world, the whole of the world. (Chorus)

Don't worry what you have to say, don't worry because on that day,
God's Spirit will speak in your heart, will speak in your heart (Chorus).

SECOND READING: A Reading from the letter to St Paul to Timothy

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true;
remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child,
you have known the holy scriptures. from these you can learn the wisdom
that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the
dead,

I put this duty to you: in the name of his appearing and of his kingdom,
proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it.

Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience
and with the intention of good teaching. *The Word of the Lord.*



Ireland expanded its Official Development Assistance (ODA) budget to €840 million for 2026. Irish NGOs continue operating in highly volatile conflict and disaster zones—including Gaza, Sudan, Myanmar, and Somalia

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of your mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

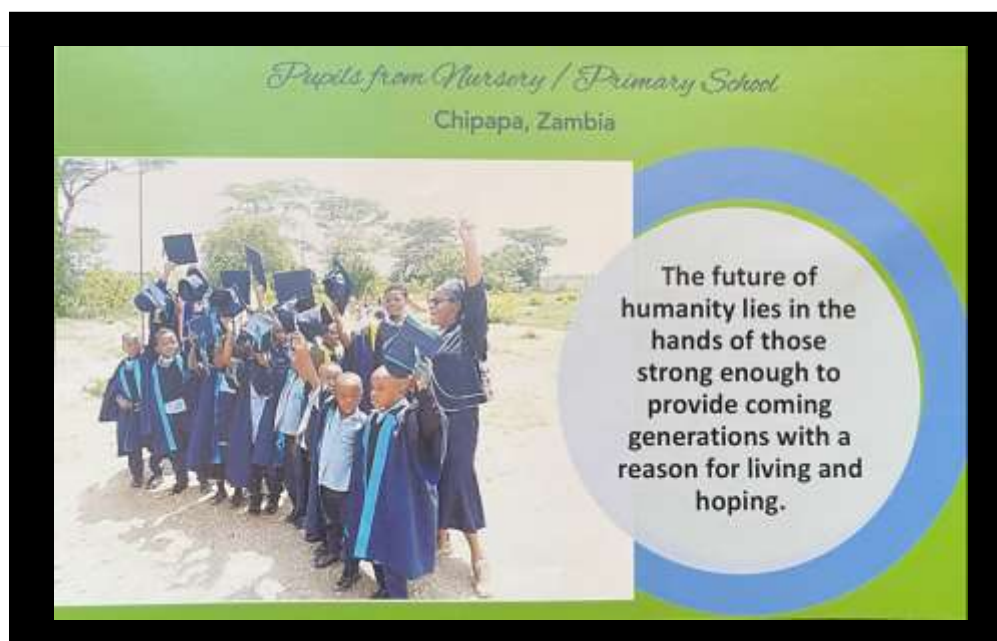
GOSPEL A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus called the disciples together and sent them forth with these instructions. Go and preach, 'The Kingdom of heaven is near at hand. Heal the sick, console the afflicted, and drive out demons. You have received without charge, so give without charge. Do not carry any gold, silver, or copper money in your pockets.

When you go into a house, say, 'Peace be with you. If the people in that house welcome you, let your greeting of peace remain; and if some home or town will not welcome you or listen to you, then leave that place and shake the dust off your feet.

And remember, I am sending you out just like sheep among wolves. You must be clever as serpents gentle as doves. When they bring you to trial, do not worry about what you are going to say or how you will say it; when the time comes, you will be given what you need to say. For the words you will speak will not be yours; they will come from the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. *The Gospel of the Lord*

Lectio



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION FOR MISSION SUNDAY

1. **(Sile)**. Let us pray for the Church in our time, that guided by the Holy Spirit, she may grow ever more deeply in a spirit of unity, and courageously proclaim the Gospel of Christ to all nations. Lord Hear Us.
2. **(Diarmuid)** Let us pray for Pope Leo, and all who lead the people of God in the ways of faith. And we pray for the missionaries of our time, that the Lord may strengthen their zeal, and grant them the joy of witnessing to God's love, especially in difficult circumstances.
Lord Hear Us.
3. **(Online 1)** Let us pray for Christian communities throughout the world, that they may be a sign of reconciliation, fraternity, and peace for humanity, so that the world may follow Christ, the Prince of Peace. Lord Hear Us.
4. **(Online 2)** Let us pray for young people, that the Lord may awaken in their hearts a spirit of generosity, and the courage to respond to the missionary calling, amid the challenges of modern life. Lord Hear Us.
5. **(Online 3)** Let us remember those who suffer amid war, poverty, persecution and loneliness, that through the compassionate care of fellow Christians, they may experience God's consolation and fresh hope. Lord Hear Us.
6. **(Online 4)** Let us pray for all gathered around the Eucharistic table today, that they may witness to the missionary spirit of our faith, in their families, communities, and in their daily lives. Lord Hear Us.



Irish missionaries and monks spread Christianity, literacy, and classical learning across Europe and the globe from the 6th through the 9th centuries to: **Great Britain**, the **Hebrides**, the **Faroe Islands**, **Iceland** **France**, **Switzerland**, **Germany**, **Austria**, **Czechia**, **Poland**, **Hungary**, and **Italy**. Later in the modern era missionaries went to Africa and Asia. At its height in the 1960s, over **6,000 Irish Catholic missionaries** were active across more than **80 countries**, particularly throughout parts of **Africa**, **Asia**.

The Lord's Prayer:

Eternal Spirit - Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all. Loving God, in whom is heaven.
The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.
(*New Zealand Prayer Book*).

Communion: HYMN Lourdes Magnificat (Michael Hodgetts)

Ant: *God fills me with joy, Alleluia. God's holy wisdom is my guide.
Alleluia*

I praise the source of life, the blessings all I savour.
Rejoice for who am I that God has shown such favour.
The world shall call me blest and ponder on my story.
In me is manifest God's greatness and God's glory.
For all who are God's friends and seek a life as holy.
God's mercy never ends, for all the meek and lowly.
But when power instigates, so proud and self-conceited,
The kings who sit in state are humbled and defeated.
God feeds the starving poor and guards our holy nation.
Fulfilling grace in store, as shown in revelation.
Then glorify with me – empowering God's endeavour,
One holy Trinity – forever and forever.

For the Road Ahead (Sile) - The Thirteenth Disciple

Jesus called Nathaniel, the recliner, the prejudiced one,
Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Nathaniel said.

Nathaniel lacked openness. Nathaniel wasn't ready.

Jesus called Philip the patriot. Philip wanted Jesus to be king, not the Nazarene. Philip lacked simplicity. Philip wasn't ready.

Jesus called Simon, the Zealot, Simon felt redemption required military and political force. Simon lacked non-violence. Simon wasn't ready.

Jesus called Andrew, the cynic. "Five loaves and 2 fish! What can anyone do with that?" Andrew lacked a sense of risk. Andrew wasn't ready.

Jesus called Thomas, the doubter. Thomas couldn't see beyond the obvious. Thomas lacked vision. Thomas wasn't ready.

Jesus called Judas, the pragmatist. Judas didn't want God; Judas wanted good business. Judas lacked spiritual maturity. Judas was **definitely** not ready.

Jesus called Matthew, the tax collector. Matthew was succeeding at the expense of others. Matthew lacked a sense of social sin. Matthew wasn't ready.

Jesus called Thaddeus, the realist Thaddeus was seeking credibility and certainty. But definitely not prophecy: "Reveal yourself to the world, don't leave the burden to us" Thaddeus lacked commitment. Thaddeus wasn't ready .

Jesus called James the lesser, the chauvinist. He insisted that Christianity was only for the Jews. James had no notion whatsoever of world redemption. He had tunnel vision, He wasn't ready .

Jesus called James and John, the sons of thunder.
They were well on their way to becoming bishops. They lacked a sense of servanthood. James and John were not ready.

Jesus called Peter the ROCK, and Peter! Peter wanted to lead the leader on his terms "Don't go up to Jerusalem", Jesus", Peter lacked courage. Peter was not ready.

In our time Jesus called Martin Luther King, the dreamer. Martin suffered bouts of depression, because he often lacked hope, in the face of defeat.

Martin Luther King was NOT ready. The point, you see is, that Jesus doesn't call **the ready**. Jesus Calls **THE WILLING**.

NOTICES & CONCLUDING PRAYER

HYMN: SENT FORTH BY God's Blessing

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,

The people of God from this worship take leave.

Our sacrifice ended, so now be extended,

The fruits of this Eucharist for all who believe.

The word of God's teaching, our inner souls reaching,

Shall blossom in action for God and for all.

God's grace did invite us, God's love shall unite us.

To work for God's kingdom and answer the call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,

The tasks of our everyday lives we embrace.

Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,

Including God's people of each tribe and race.

Your feast it has fed us, your light now will lead us;

Unite us as one in this life that we share.

Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving

Give honour to Christ mid the faith that we bear.



Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, 15 April 1895

