



Liturgy Cycle A

# Eleventh Sunday Of The Year

## He Had Compassion On Them

### **Introduction**

In the Gospel we will read how Jesus looked at the people who had come to him, saw how harassed and miserable they were, and had compassion on them. 'Sheep without a shepherd' was how he described their plight. We have our own worries, problems and pain. Christ has compassion on us too.

### **First Reading (Exodus 19:2-6)**

God tells the Israelites that he wants them to be holy because they are his very own people.

### **Second Reading (Romans 5:6-11)**

God showed his immense love for us by the fact that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

### **Gospel (Matthew 9:36-10:8)**

We get the glimpse of the kind of person Christ was- a person of immense compassion for the sufferings of people.

### **Prayer of the faithful**

Let us pray that, having experienced the compassion of Christ in our own lives, we may be willing to show compassion to others in their pain and need.

R: Lord, graciously hear us.

That Christians may not be content merely to pray for the relief of the suffering in the world, but that they may be ready to do something about it. Lord, hear us.

R: Lord, graciously hear us.

For all our political and civil leaders: that they may show special concern for the poor, the unemployed, and those suffering hardship and deprivation. Lord, hear us.

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**For all sick and all those undergoing serious operations: that Christ may comfort and strengthen them. Lord, hear us.**

**R: Lord, graciously hear us.**

**That when we feel lonely and unloved we may remember that in Christ we have a compassionate Brother and Friend. Lord, hear us.**

**R: Lord, graciously hear us.**

### **Communion Reflection**

**The person in misery does not need  
a look that judges and criticizes,  
but a comforting presence  
that brings peace, hope and life.**

**In other words, what he or she needs is compassion.**

**Compassion is word full of meaning.**

**It means:**

**sharing the same passion,  
sharing the same suffering,  
sharing the same agony,  
accepting into my heart  
the misery is yours.**

**Your pain calls out to me.**

**It touches my heart.**

**It awakens something within me,  
and I become one with you in your pain.**

**I may not be able to relieve your pain,  
but by understanding it and sharing it,  
I make it possible for you to bear it  
in a way that enhances your dignity  
and helps you to grow.**