



Liturgy Cycle C

# **Twelfth Sunday Of The Year**

## **Who Do People Say That I Am?**

### **Introduction**

At a crucial point in his public ministry Christ asked the apostles: 'Who do people say that I am?' The ordinary people had all sorts of false ideas. Only Peter gave the correct answer: 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.'

Christ asks the same question of you and me. Let us reflect for a moment to ask ourselves what answer we would give. Who is Christ for me? What does he mean to me?

Lord Jesus, you are the Son of God and our Brother.  
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are the Saviour of the world who takes away all our sins.  
Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are the Light of the world, and our Teacher and Guide.  
Lord, have mercy.

### **First Reading (Zechariah 12:10-11)**

This looks forward to a time when a new spirit will be poured out on the people (as happened at Pentecost), and they will mourn over the one they put to death (namely, Christ).

### **Second Reading (Gal 3:26-29)**

Paul states that for those who have been baptized there must be no more distinctions. Because of Christ all have equal access to the blessings promised to Abraham.

### **Gospel (Luke 9:18-24)**

This tells about Peter's confession of faith in Christ, and how immediately after it Christ told his disciples that he was destined to be rejected and to be put to death. Suffering too awaits all true followers of him.

### **Prayer Of The Faithful**

Let us pray that our faith in Christ may be both pure and strong, and that we may follow him courageously and generously.

R: Lord, graciously hear us.



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**For all Christians: that they may not only courageously proclaim their faith in Christ before the world but also strive to act accordingly. Lord, hear us.**

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

**For all politicians and people who are in the public eye: that they may not seek cheap popularity but strive to speak the truth and to act justly. Lord, hear us.**

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

**For all those who suffer for their belief in Christ: that God may sustain them in their trials. Lord, hear us.**

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

**That we may always strive to be ourselves and not to be unduly worried either by flattery or criticism. Lord, hear us.**

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

### **Communion Reflection**

**Lord,  
when I was young, I never knew  
half of the things that now I do.  
I never realised that fame  
could prove an empty hollow game.**

**That wealth, despite all it can do,  
rarely brings contentment too.  
That beauty, though its power be strong,  
cannot hide the emptiness for long.**

**By the faith.  
that flowers show when they bloom unbidden;  
by the calm of the river's flow to a goal that is hidden;  
by the trust of the tree that clings to its deep foundation;  
by the courage of wild birds on the long migration;  
teach me, good Lord, to do my best;  
then I will confide in you and find my rest.**