



Liturgy Cycle C

# **Thirty-Third Sunday Of The Year**

## **Witnessing To Christ In A World Of Confusion**

### **Introduction**

As Christians we do not live in a special world. We live in the real world, a world which is full of confusion and trouble of every kind. It is in the midst of this world that we are expected to be witnesses to Christ. Are we? Could I honestly say that even in a small way I let the light of Christ's truth or goodness shine in the world?

### **First Reading (Malachi 3:19-20)**

For evil does the Day of the Lord will be a day of judgement; but for the upright it will be a day of salvation.

### **Second Reading (2 Thessalonians 3:7-12)**

As far as possible, each person must try to earn the food that he eats.

### **Gospel (Luke 21:5-19)**

This foretells the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem. The disciples are warned to beware of false prophets and to be ready to face persecutions of every kind.

### **Prayer Of The Faithful**

Let us pray that we may be courageous witnesses to Christ and his Gospel in the midst of a confused and chaotic world.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the followers of Christ: that they may not be deceived by false prophets, even when they claim to speak in his name; and that they may not lose heart in times of trial and persecution. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all world leaders: that in spite of innumerable setbacks they may persevere in their efforts to bring about a just and peaceful world. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all those who are lost or confused and who are easy prey for false prophets. Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, hear our prayer.



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**That we may bear witness to Christ by lives of truth, honesty and goodness. Let us pray to the Lord.**

**R: Lord, hear our prayer.**

### **Communion Reflection**

**Everything God made was a consolation to me,  
even grief itself -  
it would make me think deeper.**

**It is a simple life we lived  
but nobody could say that it was comfortable.  
Often during life I have known God's holy help,  
because I was often in the grip of a sorrow  
from which I could not escape-  
When the need was greatest  
God would lay his merciful eye on me,  
and the clouds of sorrow would be gone without a trace.  
In their place would be a spiritual joy  
whose sweetness I cannot describe here.**

**There are people who think that this island is a lonely place,  
but the peace of the Lord is here.  
I am living in it for more than forty years,  
and I didn't see two neighbours fighting in it yet.  
We helped each other  
and lived in the shelter of each other.**

**But now my life is spent, as a candle,  
and my hope is rising every day,  
that I'll be called into the eternal kingdom.  
May God guide me on this long road  
I have not travelled before.  
I think everything is folly except for loving God.**