

HOLY HALF HOUR FOR NOVEMBER 2019

(Kindly adapt the Holy Half Hour to the Pastoral needs of your Parish)

Entrance Hymn: Joyful Celebration (221) Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All
Jesus says “*Come to me all you who labour and are heavy burdened and I will give you rest*”.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, we have come here today, not of our own accord, Jesus has called each one of us by name and we have responded positively to His call. He loves us very dearly and is happy to be present amongst us. Jesus is ever present on the Altar and has many graces to offer us. He is surrounded by a host of Angels; singing and bowing down in Adoration and praying to him. Let us welcome him as His heart speaks to our hearts and let us listen to Him as he speaks. Yes, Jesus is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. Talk to him. Share your innermost feelings with him. Confess your sins and failures and thank him for his presence in your life. For a few minutes and in complete silence and surrender, let us pause and fix our gaze on Jesus, our Saviour and King **(3 minutes)**

Opening Hymn: (Joyful Celebration 453) When I look into your holiness.

Prayer: Lord Jesus we accept you as our Saviour and King. You are Lord and Master of our lives. You have called us here not because we love you, but because of your infinite love for us. We are sinners and yet Lord you have called us into your house to spend time with you. You are our Saviour and so we have come to you knowing that only you can save us from sin and temptation. Yes Lord, you are the Saviour of the World. And now Lord Jesus, we surrender our lives to you and we ask you to transform us and give us new life. Jesus we praise you, thank you, love you and adore you. We worship you and glorify your name on high **(pause 30 seconds)**

Hymn: (No.179) Humbly we adore Thee

Scripture Reading: Luke 23:35-43

- 1) Reflection: Yes, my dear Brothers and Sisters,
 - ❖ How often do we stand before the Cross?
 - ❖ How often do we gaze at our Saviour?
 - ❖ We stand and gaze helplessly at him and in total despair **Pause (2 mins)**

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you are the Living God. You accepted death on the Cross, so that we might be saved. Jesus, at this moment we can feel your presence in our hearts and so we ask you Lord to hear our prayer.

Our Response: Lord, hear our prayer

1. For all who are broken hearted, Lord we pray "Teach us to Love" Our R/-
2. For those who are in need of prayer and have no one to pray for them. Lord we pray "Answer our prayers" Our R/-
3. For those who are living in fear and doubt. Lord we pray "Strengthen our faith in your Saving help". Our R/-

Hymn: No.33 Joyful Celebration All to Jesus I surrender

Reflection II:

Scripture Reading: Lk 23:35-36

The soldiers and leaders jeered at Jesus and mocked him while he was dying on the Cross. They said, *"He saved others, let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen one. If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself"*.

Prayer: Jesus, so often we are like the soldiers and leaders who mocked you. When things are not going the way we want them to go; when we place our will before the will of our Heavenly Father, we say " Everything is possible for God." We quote scripture but do not have sufficient faith in you; neither are we prepared to accept and do the Will of God.

Lord Jesus we turn to you once again and we ask you to grant our petitions as we pray, "Lord hear our prayer". Please repeat...

1. For our friends and families, that with the Grace of God we may discern God's will in our lives. We pray Lord, hear our prayer.
2. For those whom we have distanced ourselves from and who are longing to bridge the gap between broken relationships. Lord give us the strength to do your will, we pray Lord, hear our prayer.
3. For all of us who repent and desire to allow Jesus to transform us that with His grace and our faith in Jesus we may pray, "Everything is possible for God". We pray Lord, hear our prayer(**Pause 2 mins**)

Hymn: No. 164 Joyful Celebration Have Thine own way Lord.

Reflection III: Scripture Reading: Lk 23:38-40

"Have you no fear of God at all?" This was the reply that one of the criminals gave when the other criminal abused Jesus and said, *"Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us as well."*

Dear friends we too at times get angry with God and with each other. We say things we may not mean or understand. Often we do not even realize what we are saying. We may not say things to God or others intentionally but out of anger and frustration.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you know each one of us by name. We are created in your image and likeness. We belong to the Father. We are his creation and yet Lord we turn away from your Heavenly Kingdom and are happy to belong to the earthly kingdom. Lord Jesus give us the courage to come back to you and we plead with you -

Our response: Lord hear our prayer

1. For all of us who do not let our conscience guide us, that we may turn to Jesus and fear God especially in times of trials and tribulations. Our Response: Lord hear our prayer.

2. For those of us who well deserved to pay for the wrong we did, that Jesus gives us the wisdom and strength to seek pardon and return to God our Father. Our response: Lord, hear our prayer.

3. For each of us to answer the call to love others in Christ's name and be worthy of His Kingdom. Our Response: Lord, hear our prayer

Concluding Prayer: Father we praise and thank you for giving us your son Jesus to be our Saviour and King

Hymn: No.444 - Joyful Celebration What a friend we have in Jesus.....

Silence:

Benediction:

Final Hymn: Any suitable hymn of your choice from Joyful celebration

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