

**CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF FAITH  
THROUGH THE TEACHING OF VATICAN II**



**Holy Hour for November 2012  
Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World  
Gaudium et Spes, 7 December 1965**

**May all the faithful in solidarity with the whole human family be attentive to the needs of all so that sharing their grief and pain, their joy and hope they may press onwards to the Kingdom of the Father bearing the good news of salvation.**

*As the Blessed Sacrament is exposed during this series of Holy Hours to mark the YEAR OF FAITH let us sing each time the hymn that bears these words from St Paul 'We Walk By Faith And Not By Sight'*

**'WE WALK BY FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT'**

*Celebration For Everyone No 789/ Laudate No 284*

**COLLECT**

Almighty ever-living God, whose will it is that all should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth grant to your faithful people the gifts of the Spirit that they may seek always the just advancement of their neighbour and that through the service of your Church at work in the world every human person may be brought to perfection, every division may be removed, and equity and justice be established in human society.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN**

**Reader 1:**

'We do not know the moment at which the earth and mankind will have run their course. Nor do we know the way in which all things will be transformed. The shape of this world, deformed as it is by sin, will pass away. But we are taught that God is preparing a new dwelling place and a new earth where justice will abide: the happiness of that place will fulfil and surpass all the longings for peace which spring up in the human heart. Then when death has been conquered, the children of God will be raised up in Christ. What was sown in weakness and corruption will be clothed with incorruptibility. While charity and its fruits endure, the whole of creation, which God made on account of humanity, will be set free from its slavery to empty show.'

*(from the Documents of the II Vatican Council.*

*Constitution on the Church in the Modern World (Gaudium et Spes) No 39)*

**A PAUSE FOR QUIET REFLECTION**

**Reader 2**

**FIRST READING**

**ECCLESIASTES 3:1-11 (Lectionary II, pg 784)**

**'THERE IS A SEASON FOR EVERYTHING'**

**12 MINUTE SILENT ADORATION**

*To conclude this time of adoration and reflection we sing:*

**I CANNOT TELL**

*Liturgical Hymns Old & New No 351 (sheet attached)*

*Other suitable hymns may be used highlighting the theme of God's reign.*

**Reader 1:**

'The Church, in preaching the Gospel to all peoples and dispensing the treasures of grace in accordance with its divine mission, makes a contribution to the strengthening of peace over the whole world and helps to consolidate the foundations of familial communion among peoples and nations. This it does by imparting the knowledge of the divine and the natural law. Accordingly the Church ought to be present in the community of peoples, to foster and stimulate cooperation...; motivated by the sole desire of serving all peoples, it contributes both by means of its official channels and through the full and sincere collaboration of all Christians. This goal will be more effectively brought about if all the faithful are conscious of their responsibility as people and as Christians and work in their own environments to arouse generous cooperation with the international community. In their religious and civil education special attention should be given to the training of youth in this matter.'

*(from the Documents of the II Vatican Council.*

*Constitution on the Church in the Modern World (Gaudium et Spes) No 89)*

*A PAUSE FOR QUIET REFLECTION*

Reader 2

**SECOND READING** St Paul's First letter to Timothy 6:6-11.17-19 (*Lectionary III, pg 576*)

**'WE BROUGHT NOTHING INTO THE WORLD, AND WE CAN TAKE NOTHING OUT OF IT.'**

**12 MINUTE SILENT ADORATION**

*To conclude this time of adoration and reflection we sing:*

**FOR THE HEALING OF THE NATIONS**

*Celebration For Everyone No 179 / Liturgical Hymns Old & New No 262/ Laudate No 886*

*Other suitable hymns may be used highlighting the theme of God's peace and justice in the world.*

**Reader 1:**

'Economic development...is not to be left to the judgement of a few individuals or groups possessing too much economic power, nor of the political community alone, nor of a few strong nations.'... 'God destined the earth and all it contains for all humanity and for all peoples so that all created would be shared fairly by all mankind under the guidance of justice tempered by charity...In their use of things men and women should regard the external goods they legitimately own not merely as exclusive to themselves but common to others also, in the sense that they can benefit others as well as themselves. Therefore everyone has the right to possess a sufficient amount of the earth's goods for themselves and their family..Faced with a world today where so many people are suffering from want, the Council asks individuals and governments to remember the saying of the Fathers: 'Feed the man dying of hunger, because if you do not feed him you are killing him,' and it urges them according to their ability to share and dispose of their goods to help others...'

*(from the Documents of the II Vatican Council.*

*Constitution on the Church in the Modern World (Gaudium et Spes) No 65,69)*

*A PAUSE FOR QUIET REFLECTION*

**GOSPEL READING**

Luke 16:19-31 (*Lectionary III, pg 590*)

**'GOOD THINGS CAME YOUR WAY, JUST AS BAD THINGS CAME THE WAY OF LAZARUS.'**

**12 MINUTE SILENT ADORATION**

*To conclude this time of adoration and reflection we sing:*

**BROTHER, SISTER LET ME SERVE YOU**

*Liturgical Hymns Old & New No 186/ Laudate No 924*

*Other suitable hymns may be used highlighting the theme of the Church as servant.*

**Leader:**

In humility of heart let us pray to God who cares for everyone.

*Response to each prayer: Lord, strengthen the faith of your people*

**Reader 2:**

- Keep alive in your Church the strength of faith and the joy of believing. We pray to the Lord
- Guide your Church and help her to remain always free to continue the mission you entrusted to her to bring the good news of salvation to the ends of the earth. We pray to the Lord
- Strengthen Pope Benedict, Archbishop Patrick and all those involved in leadership within the Church, may their witness to Christ be a light that shines in the darkened corners of the world. We pray to the Lord
- Grant to your faithful people a greaer commitment to ensure a more just sharing of the world's resources and help us to appreciate the good things you have given to us for our well-being and for the good of others. We pray to the Lord
- Enlighten with the Spirit of wisdom government leaders throughout the world and guide them to seek after justice and strive to promote and preserve harmony among the nations We pray to the Lord
- Help those who are oppressed and those suffering because of warfare and violence give to them patience and relief, peace and justice. We pray to the Lord
- Grant to the dead eternal life. We pray to the Lord

**BENEDICTION PRAYERS AND HYMNS NOW FOLLOW**

**PEACE PERFECT PEACE**

*Celebration For Everyone No 597 / Liturgical Hymns Old & New No 574*

***Supplement sheet***  
***November Holy Hour***

I CANNOT TELL

*William Young Fullerton*

(Tune: Londonderry air/ Danny Boy)

1

I cannot tell how He, whom angels worship,  
should stoop to love the peoples of the earth,  
or why, as Shepherd, He should seek the wand'ers,  
with His mysterious promise of new birth  
But this I know, that He was born of Mary,  
when Bethl'hem's manger was His only home,  
and that He lived at Nazareth and laboured,  
and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.

2

I cannot tell how silently He suffered,  
as with His peace He graced this place of tears,  
or how His heart upon the Cross was broken,  
the crown of pain to three and thirty years.  
But this I know, He heals the broken-hearted,  
and stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,  
and lifts the burden from the heavy laden,  
for yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.

3

I cannot tell how He will win the nations,  
How He will claim His earthly heritage,  
how satisfy the needs and aspirations  
of east and west, of sinner and of sage.  
But this I know, all flesh shall see His glory,  
and He shall reap the harvest He has sown,  
and some glad day His sun shall shine in splendour  
when He the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.

4

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,  
when, at His bidding, ev'ry storm is stilled,  
or who can say how great the jubilation  
when ev'ry heart with perfect love is filled.  
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,  
and myriad, myriad human voices sing,  
and earth to heav'n, and heav'n to earth, will answer:  
at last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King.