

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Saint Jerome, Priest, Confessor, Doctor of the Church

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However much the old habits of self-sufficiency and false ideals may plague a Christian, each of us is forever called to be a "new person." The distinct doctrine and ethics we inherit at our rebirth are everywhere true, and everywhere they are the way to heaven. No career, no science, no art, no political or social system can be a god of salvation for any person. Christ in His social teaching, His life, His Church, and His sacraments, must be accepted and sincerely lived. Serving Christ in other people is an essential of the Christian way of salvation and the surest expression of Christian love.



Saint Jerome, born c. 27 March 347, Stridon, Dalmatia—died 30 September 419/420, Bethlehem, Palestine, was a priest, confessor, theologian, and historian. He was a biblical translator and monastic leader, traditionally regarded as the most learned of the Latin Fathers. He lived for a time as a hermit, became a priest, served as secretary to Pope Damasus I, and about 389 established a monastery at Bethlehem. His influence has been far-reaching and profound, on the early Middle Ages in particular: primarily through the Vulgate (the Latin version of the Bible that he translated), but importantly also through his work as an exegete and humanist and because he transmitted much of Greek thought to the West. Jerome was known for his teachings on Christian moral life, especially to those living in cosmopolitan centers such as Rome. In many cases, he focused his attention on the lives of women and identified how a woman devoted to Jesus should live her life. This focus stemmed from his close patron relationships with several prominent female ascetics who were members of affluent senatorial families.

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INTROIT

"I Am the salvation of the people," says the Lord. "In whatever tribulation they shall cry to Me, I will hear them; and I will be their Lord forever." Ps. 77:1. Attend, O My people, to My law; incline your ears to the words of My mouth. Glory be . . ."I am the salvation..."

COLLECT

Almighty and merciful God, graciously shield us from all that is harmful, so that both in body and soul we may be eager to do Your will. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Commemoration of Saint Jerome

O God, Who graciously gave Your Church blessed Jerome, Your Confessor and peerless teacher, to explain the Holy Scriptures, grant, we beseech You, that, with the help of his merits and by Your assistance, we may be able to put into practice what he has taught us by his life and works.

Through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord

EPISTLE Eph. 4:23-28

[The Apostle exhorts us to put on the new nature, to be renewed in the spirit.]

Be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new nature, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. Therefore, putting away falsehood, let every one speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his hands, so that he may be able to give to those in need.

GRADUAL Ps. 14:2

Let my prayer be directed as incense in Your sight, O Lord. V.: The lifting up of my hands as evening sacrifice. Alleluia, alleluia. V.(Ps. 104. 1). Give glory to the Lord, and call upon His Name: declare His deeds among the Gentiles. Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matt. 22:1-14

[Parable of the marriage guests. All people are called to the heavenly, beatific union, but few are chosen: those who wear the nuptial robe of Baptism and of the state of grace.]

And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.' But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.' And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment; and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

OFFERTORY Ps. 137:7

If I shall walk in the midst of tribulation, You will quicken me, O Lord: and You will stretch forth Your hand against the wrath of my enemies; and Your right hand shall save me.

SECRET

Grant, we beseech You, O Lord, that these gifts, which we offer in the sight of Your Majesty, may be unto us for salvation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You . . .

Commemoration of Saint Jerome

*By Your heavenly gifts, grant us, O Lord, we pray, to serve You with a free mind, so that the offerings we present, may, by the intercession of blessed Jerome, Your Confessor, lead us to heavenly glory.
Through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord...*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps. 118:4-5

You have commanded Your commandments to be kept most diligently: O that my ways may be directed to keep Your justifications!

POSTCOMMUNION

May Your healing grace, O Lord, mercifully free us from our perverse inclinations, and make us ever to cleave to Your commandments. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit . . .

Commemoration of Saint Jerome

*Filled with heavenly food, we beseech You, O Lord, that by the intercession of blessed Jerome, Your Confessor, we may be found worthy to obtain the favor of Your mercy.
Through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord...*