

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
July 18, 2021

Entrance Hymn: Gather Us In (BB 303)

Here is this place, new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in the lost and forsaken, Gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young our lives are a mystery, we are the old who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, Gather us in the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away,
But here in this place the new light is shining, now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever, Gather us in, and make us your own.
Gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Greeting

In the name of the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

And with your spirit.

God have Mercy

You come to heal the contrite. God, have mercy. **God, have mercy.**
You come to call sinners. Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
You plead for us at the right hand of the Father. God, have mercy. **God, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
We give you thanks for your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly One, O God, almighty Father.

Lord, Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.
You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer,
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen

Collect

Let us pray:

Show favor, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands.
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.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from the book of the Prophet Jeremiah

Woe to the shepherds
who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture,
says the Almighty God.

Therefore, thus says the God of Israel,
against the shepherds who shepherd my people:
You have scattered my sheep and driven them away.
You have not cared for them,
but I will take care to punish your evil deeds.

I myself will gather the remnant of my flock
from all the lands to which I have driven them
and bring them back to their meadow;
there they shall increase and multiply.
I will appoint shepherds for them who will shepherd them
so that they need no longer fear and tremble;
and none shall be missing, says our God.

Behold, the days are coming,
when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David;
as king he shall reign and govern wisely,
he shall do what is just and right in the land.
In his days Judah shall be saved,
Israel shall dwell in security.
This is the name they give him:
“Almighty God, our justice.”

The Word of God
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

God alone may lead my spirit far away from want and fear,
for the Lord is my true Shepherd and I know the Lord is near.
**God alone may lead my spirit far away from want and fear,
for the Lord is my true Shepherd and I know the Lord is near.**

I am led beside God's peaceful water and I sleep in the arms of the earth.
Who guides me along paths of honour? Who refreshes my life from my birth?

**God alone may lead my spirit far away from want and fear,
for the Lord is my true Shepherd and I know the Lord is near.**

Though I wander the valley of dying, I shall know that I walk in Your sight,
with Your staff that is ever before me and Your rod to guard at my right.

**God alone may lead my spirit far away from want and fear,
for the Lord is my true Shepherd and I know the Lord is near.**

You have spread Your banquet before me in the unbroken sight of my foes,
while my head is anointed with kindness and the cup of my life overflows.

**God alone may lead my spirit far away from want and fear,
for the Lord is my true Shepherd and I know the Lord is near.**

Only mercy and goodness pursue me while that breath and that justice endure.
And I'll dwell in the house of God's keeping Who has opened the mouths of the poor.

**God alone may lead my spirit far away from want and fear,
for the Lord is my true Shepherd and I know the Lord is near.**

Second Reading Ephesians 2:13-18

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

Brothers and sisters:
In Christ Jesus you who once were far off
have become near by the blood of Christ.

For Christ is our peace, Christ who made both one
and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his flesh,
abolishing the law with its commandments and legal claims,
that he might create in himself one new person in place of the two,
thus establishing peace,
and might reconcile both with God,
in one body, through the cross,
putting that enmity to death by it.

Christ came and preached peace to you who were far off
and peace to those who were near,
for through Christ we both have access in one Spirit to the Most High.

The Word of our God.
Thanks be to God.

Alleluia (BB 874)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

My sheep hear my voice says the Lord;
I know them and they follow me.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel Mark 6:30-34

The Lord be with you.
And with your Spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
Glory to you, O Lord.

The apostles gathered together with Jesus
and reported all they had done and taught.

He said to them,
“Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.”

People were coming and going in great numbers,

and they had no opportunity even to eat.
So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place.

People saw them leaving and many came to know about it.
They hastened there on foot from all the towns
and arrived at the place before them.

When Jesus disembarked and saw the vast crowd,
his heart was moved with pity for them,
for they were like sheep without a shepherd;
and he began to teach them many things.

The Good News of Salvation
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily (take a moment to reflect on the readings - what word or phrase stood out to you?)

Universal Intercessions

Response: God, our Shepherd, hear our prayer.
(God, our Shepherd, hear our prayer.)

For all who are overwhelmed by busyness: that God will help them slow down and be aware of the gifts and blessings that are in their life each day, let us pray...

For all who exercise leadership: that they may place their gifts unselfishly in the service of others and draw forth the gifts of others, let us pray...

For all bishops and others in church leadership: that they may have the hearts of true shepherds and guide all members of the church closer to Jesus, let us pray...

For refugees, migrant workers, the homeless, and the oppressed: that God may show them a shepherd's care and raise up effective leaders to assist them, let us pray...

For whom else shall we pray....

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts Open My Eyes (BB 393)

Open my eyes, Lord, Help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord, Help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord, Help me to hear your voice.
Open my ears, Lord, Help me to hear.

Open my heart, Lord, Help me to love like you.
Open my heart, Lord, Help me to love.

I live within you, Deep in your heart, O Love.
I live within you, Rest now in me.

Offertory Prayers

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.
Blessed be God forever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.
Blessed be God forever.

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice brought to completion varied offerings of the law, accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel, so that what each has offered to the honor of your majesty may benefit the salvation of all.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Eucharistic Prayer (if you are watching the video or listening to the audio, please follow along and participate with Fr. Jack; and continue with the Communion Reflection Song below. If you are using this at home with your family, continue with the Spiritual Eucharist below)

Service Music: Mass of Renewal (BB 876-881)

Spiritual Communion

*Invite the Family to **stand** for the Our Father. Although without a Priest, we cannot offer the Mystery of Jesus' Sacrifice on the Cross, we can join with the Church throughout the world in offering a Spiritual Communion until such time as we can again participate in the great Sacrifice of the Mass.*

Our Father

Leader: At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

Family: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Leader: Deliver us Lord we pray from every evil, and grant us peace in our days that by the help of your mercy we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Family: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign forever and ever.

Family: Amen.

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with us always.

Invite the family to kneel if practical. The following formula of prayers can be prayed together as a family, inviting Jesus spiritually into our hearts.

Leader: Together with the whole Church throughout the world, let us profess an Act of Faith in Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist.

All: O my God, I firmly believe that you are one God in three divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

I believe that your divine Son became man and died for our sins and that he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches because you have revealed them who are eternal truth and wisdom, who can neither deceive nor be deceived.

In this faith I intend to live and die.

Amen.

Leader: Through His sacrifice on the cross, Jesus made the ultimate act of love by offering himself as expiation for our sins. Let us now make our own act of love as we pray:

All: O Lord God, I love you above all things and I love my neighbor for your sake because you are the highest, infinite and perfect good, worthy of all my love. In this love I intend to live and die. Amen.

Leader: With a humble and contrite heart, we ask the Lord to come to us just as He would if we were able to receive the sacrament.

All: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Communion Song: Take and Eat (BB 357)

Refrain

Take and eat; take and eat: this is my body given up for you.

Take and drink; take and drink: this is my blood given up for you.

I am the Word that spoke and light was made; I am the seed that died to be reborn;
I am the bread that comes from heaven above, I am the vine that fills your cup with joy. **Refrain**

I am the way that leads the exile home; I am the truth that sets the captive free;
I am that life that raises up the dead; I am your peace, true peace my gift to you. **Refrain**

I am the Lamb that takes away your sin; I am the gate that guards you night and day;
You are my flock; you know the shepherd's voice; You are my own; your ransom is my blood.
Refrain

I am the cornerstone that God has laid; A chosen stone and precious in God's eyes;
You are God's dwelling place, in me you rest; Like living stones, a temple for God's praise.
Refrain

I am the light that came into the world; I am the light that darkness cannot hide;
I am the morning star that never sets; Lift up your face, in you my light will shine. **Refrain**

I am the first and last, the Living One; I am the Lord who died that you might live;
I am the bridegroom, this my wedding song; You are my bride, come to the marriage feast.
Refrain

Communion Meditation A Place At the Table (H/O)

For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,

Refrain

And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share,
With wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair. **Refrain**

For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong,
Refrain

For just and unjust, a place at the table, abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
In anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy, for just and unjust, a new way to live, **Refrain**

For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be,

To work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free. **Refrain**

For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free, **Refrain**

Prayer after Communion:

Let us pray:

Graciously be present to your people we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Concluding Rite

Final Blessing

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Creator, and the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit come down on you and remain with you forever.

Amen

Go in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

Song of Sending: Anthem (BB 500)

Refrain

We are called, we are chosen. We are Christ for one another.
We are promised to tomorrow, while we are for him today.
We are sign, we are wonder. We are sower, we are seed.
We are harvest, we are hunger. We are question, we are creed.

Then where can we stand justified? In what can we believe?
In no one else but he who suffered, nothing more than he who rose.
Who was justice for the poor. Who was rage against the night.
Who was hope for peaceful people. Who was light. **Refrain**

Then how are we to stand at all, this world of bended knee?
In nothing more than barren shadows. No one else but he could save us.
Who was justice for the poor. Who was rage against the night.
Who was hope for peaceful people. Who was light. **Refrain**