

Twenty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time
August 22, 2021

Entrance Hymn: Our God Is Here (BB 415)

Here in this time, here in this place, here we are standing face to face.
Here in our hearts, here in our lives, our God is here.
Here for the broken, here for the strong, here in this temple we belong.
Here in our hearts, here in our lives, Our God is here.

Refrain

And we cry, "Holy! Holy! Holy are you!" We cry "Holy! Holy! Holy and true!"
Amen, we do believe our God is here. Our God is here.

Here in the world, God is revealed, here where the wounded can be healed.
Here in our hearts, here in our lives, our God is here.
Here we become what we receive, here in this Eucharistic feast,
Here in our hearts, here in our lives, our God is here. **Refrain**

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

Glorify 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:

God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. 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 Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people:

“Now, Israel, hear the statutes and decrees which I am teaching you to observe, that you may live, and may enter in and take possession of the land which the Most High, the God of your ancestors, is giving you.

In your observance of the commandments of the Most High, your God,
which I enjoin upon you, you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it.

Observe them carefully, for thus will you give evidence of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations, who will hear of all these statutes and say,

‘This great nation is truly a wise and intelligent people.’

For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us whenever we call upon God?

Or what great nation has statutes and decrees that are as just as this whole law which I am setting before you today?"

The Word of God
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

In every age, O God, you have been our refuge.
In every age, O God, you have been our hope.
In every age, O God, you have been our refuge.
In every age, O God, you have been our hope

Long before the mountains came to be and the land and sea and stars of the night.
Through the endless seasons of all time, you have always been, you will always be.

In every age, O God, you have been our refuge.
In every age, O God, you have been our hope

Destiny is cast, and at your silent word we return to dust and scatter to the wind.
A thousand years are like a single moment gone, as the light that fades as the end of day.

In every age, O God, you have been our refuge.
In every age, O God, you have been our hope

Teach us to make use of the time we have. Teach us to be patient even as we wait.
Teach us to embrace our every joy and pain, to sleep peacefully, and to rise up strong.

In every age, O God, you have been our refuge.
In every age, O God, you have been our hope

Second Reading James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

A reading from the letter of James

Dearest brothers and sisters:

All good giving and every perfect gift is from above,
coming down from the Creator of lights,
with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change.

God willed to give us birth by the word of truth
that we may be a kind of first fruits of God's creatures.

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.

Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves.

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God our Creator is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The Word of our God.
Thanks be to God.

Alleluia (Missa Pacem)

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

Open our hearts to the Word; do justice, the work of God.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands.

—For the Pharisees and, in fact, all Jews, do not eat without carefully washing their hands, keeping the tradition of the elders. And on coming from the marketplace they do not eat without purifying themselves. And there are many other things that they have traditionally observed, the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds. —

So the Pharisees and scribes questioned him, “Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?”

He responded, “Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: *This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts.* You disregard God’s commandment but cling to human tradition.”

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.

“From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery,

greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile.”

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 of peace, hear our prayer.
(God of peace, hear our prayer.)

For the Church: that we may experience ever deeper conversion of mind and heart as we allow God’s Word to instruct and free us, let us pray...

For Pope Francis and all bishops: that God will give them courage and wisdom as they address the conflicting factions within the Church and struggle to truly accept all people and acknowledge the interests of the laity, let us pray...

For refugees and displaced persons: that God will guide to safety all who have fled violence and persecution, and help them find welcome in new communities, let us pray...

For Peace: that the Spirit will renew the dedication of those working for peace and help all to work together to defeat the common enemies of disease, ignorance and poverty, let us pray...

And for what other intentions do we want to pray...

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts Christ Be Our Light (BB 587)

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice. **Refrain**

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for hope, many despair.
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. **Refrain**

Longing for shelter, many are homeless, Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. **Refrain**

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come. **Refrain**

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.

May this sacred offering, O Lord, confer on us always the blessing of salvation, that what it celebrates in mystery, it may accomplish in power. 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: Missa Pacem

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: City of God (BB 385)

Awake from your slumber, arise from your sleep. A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great light. The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Refrain

Let us build the city of God. May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love, has turned the night into day.

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.
The One who has loved us has brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be a light for his people to set their hearts free. **Refrain**

God is light; in him there is no darkness. Let us walk in his light, his children one and all.
O comfort my people, make gentle your words. Proclaim to my city the day of her birth.

Refrain

O city of gladness, no lift up your voice! Proclaim the good tidings that all may rejoice! **Refrain**

Communion Meditation Just Like You (H/O)

Refrain

Like a burning fire Be my one desire
I wanna be holy, just like You I wanna go where You lead me to
With reckless abandon to Your truth I wanna fall deeper in love with You

Revive my heart, renew my soul In You, oh Lord, I am made whole
No more in fear will I wander 'Cause you're my God My Lord and Savior **Refrain**

Oh lift me up, God my Mother. In all this world, there is no other
I'm dancing in Your holy presence. And Your glory fills all my senses **Refrain**

Prayer after Communion:

Let us pray:

Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table, we beseech you, Lord, that, being the food of charity, it may confirm our hearts and stir us to serve you in our neighbor. 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: Let Justice Roll Like a River (G 516)

Refrain

Let justice roll like a river, and wash all oppression away.
Come, O God, and take us, move and shake us
Come now, and make us anew,
that we might live justly like you.

Take from me your holy feasts, all your offerings and your music;
Let justice flow like waters, and integrity like an ever-flowing stream. **Refrain**

How long shall we wait, O God, for the day of your mercy to dawn,
the day we beat our swords into ploughs, when your peace reigns over the earth? **Refrain**