

**January 29, 2023**  
**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Gathering: Lead Me, Lord (Becker) ... BB739**

**Vs. 1:** Blessed are the poor in spirit  
Longing for their Lord  
For God's coming kingdom shall be theirs  
Blessed are the sorrowing  
For they shall be consoled  
And the meek shall come to rule the world

**Refrain:** Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord  
By the light of truth  
To seek and to find the narrow way  
Be my way, be my truth  
Be my life, my Lord  
And lead me, Lord, today.

**Vs. 2** Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs  
And the pure in heart shall see their God  
Blest are they whose hunger only holiness can fill  
For I say they shall be satisfied.

**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.**

**Gloria: Mass of Creation (Haugen) ... BB884 & H/O**

**First Reading**

**A reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah**

Seek our God, all you humble of the earth,  
who have observed God's law;  
seek justice, seek humility;  
perhaps you may be sheltered  
on the day of the Most High God's anger.  
But I will leave as a remnant in your midst  
a people humble and lowly,  
who shall take refuge in the name of our God:  
the remnant of Israel.

They shall do no wrong  
and speak no lies;  
nor shall there be found in their mouths  
a deceitful tongue;  
they shall pasture and couch their flocks  
with none to disturb them.

**The Word of our God.**

### **Responsorial 8am: The Cry of the Poor (Foley) ... G46**

#### **Refrain**

The Lord hears the cry of the poor. Blessed be the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times, with praise ever in my mouth.  
Let my soul glory in the Lord, who will hear the cry of the poor. **Refrain**

Let the lowly hear and be glad: the Lord listens to their pleas;  
And to hearts broken God is near; who will hear the cry of the poor. **Refrain**

We proclaim your greatness O God, your praise ever in my mouth;  
Ev'ry face brightened in your light, for you hear the cry of the poor. **Refrain**

#### **Second Reading**

##### **A reading from the first Letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

Consider your own calling, sisters and brothers.  
Not many of you were wise by human standards,  
not many were powerful,  
not many were of noble birth.  
Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise,  
and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong,  
and God chose the lowly and despised of the world,  
those who count for nothing,  
to reduce to nothing those who are something,  
so that no human being might boast before God.  
It is due to God that you are in Christ Jesus,  
who became for us wisdom from God,  
as well as righteousness, sanctification, and redemption,  
so that, as it is written,  
"Whoever boasts, should boast in our God."

**The Word of our God.**

### ***Gospel Acclamation***

Missa Pacem (Babin) ... H/O

“Rejoice, all you lowly;  
Your reward will be great in heaven.”

### ***Gospel***

The Lord be with you.

**And with your Spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain,  
and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.  
He began to teach them, saying:  
"Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are they who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the land.  
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be satisfied.  
Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.  
Blessed are the clean of heart,  
for they will see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.  
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you  
and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.  
Rejoice and be glad,  
for your reward will be great in heaven.”

**The Good News of Salvation.**

### ***Homily***

**Universal Intercessions**

**Response: God of the poor, hear our prayer.**

(God of the poor, hear our prayer.)

For the grace to be poor in Spirit: that we may recognize our poverty whenever God is not at the center of our life and decisions, let us pray...

For peacemakers, for those who promote dialogue and understanding within families or between nations, racial groups, or gangs: that God will bless and make fruitful their efforts, let us pray...

For all who suffer for the sake of Christ, for those who live in communities that are hostile to Christians, for those imprisoned or persecuted because of the Gospel: that they may have courage and hope as they live the paschal mystery today, let us pray...

For the members of legislatures: that their hearts may be sensitive to the needs of the poor and voiceless as they formulate new policies and budgets, let us pray...

For Baby Theodore Charles and his Family, that he may grow in God's love and the love of this community, let us pray...

For what other intention do we want to pray...

(after the intentions, please blow out the candles by the ambo)

**The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

*Preparation of Gifts*

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.**

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that, through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven. 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 Songs below.)

***Preparation of Gifts: Sing for Peace (Murray/Haugen) ... G01***

**V1** Everything that has voice, sing for peace, sing for peace,  
Given chance, given choice, work for peace, write for peace,  
Resonating everywhere, echoing our common care:  
Everything that has voice, sing for peace!

**V2** All the world longs for peace, cries for peace, dies for peace;  
Let the children every place sleep in peace, grow in peace,  
Home and country safe to be where the Spirit rises free:  
All the world longs for peace, cries for peace.

**V3** Everyone who has breath, you and I, passers by,  
Every tenant of the earth, plant for peace, gather peace,  
Cultivate a neighborhood, cherishing our neighbor's good:  
Everyone who has breath, live in peace.

***Service Music:***

**Holy: Missa Pacem (Babin) ... H/O**

**Mem: Missa Pacem - When we eat this bread (Babin) ... H/O**

**Amen: Missa Pacem (Babin) ... H/O**

**Lamb of God: Missa Pacem (Babin) ... H/O**

***Communion 1: Eye Has Not Seen (Haugen) ... BB473***

Refrain: Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has ready for those who love him;  
Spirit of love, come, give us the mind of Jesus, teach us the wisdom of God.

When pain and sorrow weigh us down, be near to us, O Lord,  
forgive the weakness of our faith, and bear us up within your peaceful word. **REFRAIN**

Our lives are but a single breath, we flower and we fade,  
yet all our days are in your hands, so we return in love what love has made. **REFRAIN**

To those who see with eyes of faith, the Lord is ever near,  
reflected in the faces of all the poor and lowly of the world. **REFRAIN**

***Communion 2: We Are (For Each Child Is Born) (Barnwell) ... H/O***

Refrain:

“For each child is born, a morning star rises  
And sings to the universe who we are.”

## **Prayer after Communion**

### **Announcements**

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

### ***Sending: Anthem (Conry) ... BB500***

Ref:

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.

Vs. 1: 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.

Vs. 2: 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 are light.

Vs. 3: Then shall we not empty at the altar of our dreams:  
When he promised us ourselves. Who mark time against tomorrow.  
Who are justice for the poor. Who was rage against the night.  
Who was hope for peaceful people. Who are light.