

February 12, 2023
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our God Is Here (Muglia) ... BB304

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.
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 Word, 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.
We are his body, living as one;
Our God is here.
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.

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 Sirach

If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you;

if you trust in God, you too shall live;
God has set before you fire and water
to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand.
Before human beings are life and death, good and evil,
whichever they choose shall be given to them.
Immense is the wisdom of the Most High God;
God is mighty in power, and all-seeing.
The eyes of God are on those who fear God;
who understands humans' every deed.
No one does God command to act unjustly,
to none does God give license to sin.

The Word of our God.

**Responsorial : “Happy are the people, O God You have chosen;
chosen to be your own.” (Haugen) ... G43**

Refrain: Happy are the people, O God You have chosen; chosen to be your own.

Vs. 1: Your words, O God, are truth indeed,
And all your works are ever faithful;
You love justice and right, your compassion fills all creation.

Vs. 2: See how the eye of God is watching,
Ever guarding all who wait in hope,
To deliver them death and sustain them in time of famine.

Vs. 3: Exult you just, in the Lord,
For praise is the song of the righteous!
How happy the people of God, the ones whom God has chosen!

Vs. 4: Our soul is waiting for God,
For God is our help and our shield.
May your kindness, O God be on us who place our hope in you.

Second Reading

A reading from the first Letter of Paul to the Corinthians
Brothers and sisters:

We speak a wisdom to those who are mature,
not a wisdom of this age,
nor of the rulers of this age who are passing away.
Rather, we speak God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden,
which God predetermined before the ages for our glory,
and which none of the rulers of this age knew;
for, if they had known it,

they would not have crucified the Most High God of glory.

But as it is written:

What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard,

and what has not entered the human heart,

what God has prepared for those who love God,

this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.

For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.

The Word of our God.

Gospel Acclamation

Missa Pacem (Babin) ... H/O

*“Choose the wisdom of God;
lead us through life with love.”*

Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place.

Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven. I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

"You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment. But I say to you, whoever is angry with a brother or sister will be liable to judgment; and whoever says to this sister or brother, 'Raqa,' will be answerable to the Sanhedrin; and whoever says, 'You fool,' will be liable to fiery Gehenna.

Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your sister or brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.

Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court. Otherwise your opponent will hand you over to the judge, and the judge will hand you over to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison.

Amen, I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny.

"You have heard that it was said, You shall not commit adultery.

But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body thrown into Gehenna. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body go into Gehenna.

"It was also said, Whoever divorces his wife must give her a bill of divorce. But I say to you, whoever divorces his wife - unless the marriage is unlawful - causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow. But I say to you, do not swear at all; not by heaven, for it is God's throne; nor by the earth, for it is God's footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great Ruler. Do not swear by your head, for you cannot make a single hair white or black.

Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one."

The Good News of Salvation.

Homily

Universal Intercessions

Response: Holy God, hear our prayer.

For the gift of courage: that God will enlighten us to make decisions based on Gospel values and empower us to put them into practice, let us pray...

For all who have suffered violence: that God will heal their painful memories and that the Spirit will free them to live life fully, let us pray...

For leaders of government: that they may listen to the requests of those they represent and build a just and peaceful society, let us pray...

For all who are struggling with moral decisions: that the Spirit of God will inspire them with wisdom to recognize and courage to follow the gospel in every situation, let us pray...

For the people of Syria and Turkey, that they may be comforted and aided as they recover from the devastating earthquake, let us pray...

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

(after the intentions and Fr. Jack's prayer, 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: Holy Wisdom, Lamp of Learning (trad.) ... BB529

Vs. 1: Holy Wisdom, lamp of learning
bless the light that reason lends.
Teach us judgment as we kindle
sparks of thought your Spirit sends.
Sanctify our search for knowledge
and the truth that sets us free.
Come, illumine mind and spirit
joined in deepest unity.

Vs. 2: Vine of truth, in you we flourish;
by your grace we learn and grow.

May the word of Christ among us
shape our life, our search to know.
Joined to Christ in living, dying,
may we help the church convey
witness to the saving gospel,
bearing fruit of faith today.

Vs. 3: Holy God, the hope of nations,
Tune us toward your righteous will,
As the symbol of the ages claims our best our finest skill.
Shape our search for peace and justice
Through prophetic deed and word.
Christ, conduct us, set our rhythm,
That God's praise be ever heard.

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 I: Life-giving Bread, Saving Cup (Chepponis) ... G591

Refrain:

Life-giving bread, saving cup, we offer in Thanksgiving, O God.
Life-giving bread saving cup, we offer a sign of our love.

Vs. 1: For bread that is broken, we give thanks.
For wine that is poured, we give praise.
For life and for knowledge of the kingdom,
All praise to you until the end of time!

Vs. 2: We thank you, O Father, for your name
Which you give to dwell in our hearts.
You bring us together as one family:
All praise to you until the end of time!

Vs. 3: Creator of all, we offer thanks.
You give us a share in your life.
You strengthen our body and our spirit:
All praise to you until the end of time!

Vs. 4: Remember your Church which sings you praise.
Perfect it in truth and in love.
And gather your people all together
To praise you until the end of time!

Communion 2: By Our Love (Christy Nockels) ... H/O

Verse 1

Sisters, let us come together
Walking in the Spirit, there's much to be done...
We will come reaching, out from our comforts
And they will know us by our love...

Refrain

The time is now
Come Church arise...
Love with His hands
See with His eyes...
Bind it around you,
Let it never leave you,
And they will know us by our love...

Verse 2

Brothers, we were made for kindness
We can pierce the darkness as He shines through us...
We will come reaching, with a song of healing...
And they will know us by our love!

Verse 3

Children, You are hope for justice,
Stand firm in the Truth now, set your hearts above
You will be reaching, long after we're gone,
And they will know you by your love!

Prayer after Communion

Announcements

Go in peace,
Thanks be to God.

Sending: Rain Down (Cortez) ... BB621

(Refrain)

RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN,
RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE
ON YOUR PEOPLE,
RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN,

RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE, GOD OF LIFE.

Faithful and true is the word of our God.
All of God's works are so worthy of trust.
God's mercy falls on the just and the right;
full of God's love is the earth. (Refrain)

We who revere and find hope in our God
Live in the kindness and joy of God's wing.
God will protect us from darkness and
death;
God will not leave us to starve. (Refrain)

God of creation, we long for your truth;
You are the water of life that we thirst,
Grant that your love and your peace
touch our hearts, all of our hope lies in you.
(Refrain)