

Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time Liturgy
September 4, 2022

Entrance Hymn: Come To Me (G 538)

Come to me, come to us, you who are burdened. Come to the word, and come to the meal.
Come without question or pressure or price: Come, be embraced by the body of Christ.

Come to me, come to us, pilgrim or stranger, looking for change, or challenge or light.
We are the people whose calling is care, bearers of mercy, nourished in prayer.

Come to me, come to us, broken or building. Come with your children, your choices, your chains.
All are invited to friendship or rest, to share in our struggle, our call and our quest.

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

Refrain

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 King.

O God, almighty Father. **Refrain**

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. **Refrain**

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. **Refrain**

Collect

Let us pray: O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever

Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Wisdom 9:13-18b

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what the Most Holy God intends?

For the deliberations of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans. For the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns.

And scarce do we guess the things on earth, and what is within our grasp we find with difficulty; but when things are in heaven, who can search them out?

Or who ever knew your counsel, except you had given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high?

And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight.

The Word of our God.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Refrain

O God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you, your love is finer than life.

As a dry and weary desert land, so my soul is thirsting for my God
and my flesh is faint for the God I seek, for your love is more to me than life.. **Refrain**

I think of you when at night I rest, I reflect upon your steadfast love,
I will cling to you, O Lord my God, in the shadow of your wings I sing. **Refrain**

I will bless your name all the days I live, I will raise my hands and call on you.
My joyful lips shall sing your praise, you alone have filled my hungry soul. **Refrain**

Second Reading Philemon 9-10, 12-17

A reading from the Letter of Paul to Philemon

I, Paul, an old man, and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus, urge you on behalf of my child Onesimus, whose father I have become in my imprisonment;

I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I should have liked to retain him for myself, so that he might serve me on your behalf in my imprisonment for the gospel, but I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that the good you do might not be forced but voluntary.

Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a brother, beloved especially to me, but even more so to you, as a man and in the Lord.

So if you regard me as a partner, welcome him as you would me.

The Word of our God.

Thanks be to God

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Follow me, says the Lord; reach out, restore, forgive.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel Luke 14:25-33

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them,

“If anyone comes to me without hating father and mother, wife or husband and children, brothers and sisters, and even one’s own life, that person cannot be my disciple.

Whoever does not carry his or her own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding yourself unable to finish the work onlookers would laugh at you and say, ‘This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.’

Or what ruler marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops that ruler can successfully oppose another ruler advancing toward them with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while the troops are still far away, this ruler will send a delegation to ask for peace terms.

In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all your possessions cannot be my disciple.”

The Good News of Salvation.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

Universal Intercessions

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

That the Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, consider carefully the lived experience of its members, let us pray...

That national and local leaders withstand the urges of special interests and seek the common good, let us pray...

That working conditions in our nation and in other countries reflect the true respect for the dignity of each person, let us pray...

That those who form this assembly give thanks for our sisters and brothers in Christ, let us pray...

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

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation Song: May We Praise You (G 392)

May we praise you O Lord, with heart and hand and voice.
And since life itself is your gift to us, then may all that we are be yours.

May our living be true. May all return to you.
And when life is done let our passing be like a birth into light of day.

Let your step guide our path. Let shades of dark not last.
May the sun of justice return on high, and your love be our road and guide.

To the Father be praise; to Son and Spirit, praise.
Unto God the one let all praise be done, till the dawn of the lasting day, may we praise.

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.

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that, through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. 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.)

Service Music: Missa Pacem (H/O)

Communion Song: In Every Age (BB 470)

Refrain

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. **Refrain**

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 at the end of day. **Refrain**

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. **Refrain**

Communion Meditation Song: I Say “Yes,” Lord (G 421)

To the God who cannot die: I say “Yes,” my Lord. I say “Yes,” my Lord.
To the One who hears me cry: I say “Yes,” my Lord. I say “Yes,” my Lord.
To the God of the oppressed: I say “Yes,” my Lord, I say “Yes,” my Lord,
To the God of all justice: I say “Yes,” my Lord, I say “Yes,” my Lord,

Refrain

I say “Yes,” my Lord, in all the good times, through all the bad times.
I say “Yes,” my Lord, to every word you speak.

I am a servant of the Lord: I say “Yes,” my Lord, I say “Yes,” my Lord,
I’m a worker in the fields: I say “Yes,” my Lord, I say “Yes,” my Lord,
I’m a prisoner of their wars: I say “Yes,” my Lord, I say “Yes,” my Lord,
Like a politician, inevitably, I say “Yes,” my Lord, I say “Yes,” my Lord, **Refrain**

For the dream I have today: I say “Yes,” my Lord, I say “Yes,” my Lord,
To be a healer of all pain: I say “Yes,” my Lord, I say “Yes,” my Lord,
To come to love my enemies: I say “Yes,” my Lord, I say “Yes,” my Lord,
For your peace in all the world: I say “Yes,” my Lord, I say “Yes,” my Lord, **Refrain**

Like that of Job, unceasingly: I say “Yes,” my Lord, I say “Yes,” my Lord,
Like that of Maria wholeheartedly: I say “Yes,” my Lord, I say “Yes,” my Lord,
Like that of David in a song: I say “Yes,” my Lord, I say “Yes,” my Lord,

Like Israel, for you I long: I say “Yes,” my Lord, I say “Yes,” my Lord, **Refrain**

Prayer after Communion:

Let us pray: Grant that our faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son’s great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen**

Go in peace,
Thanks be to God.

Song of Sending: Though The Mountains May Fall (B 434)

Refrain

Though the mountains may fall and the hills turn to dust, yet the love of the Lord will stand
As a shelter for all who will call on God’s name. Sing the praise and the glory of God.

Could the Lord ever leave you? Could the Lord forget to love
Though a mother forsake her child, God will not abandon you. **Refrain**

Should you turn and forsake God, God will gently call your name.
Should you wander away, God will always take you back. **Refrain**