

Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time
September 19, 2021

Entrance Hymn: Gather Your People (BB313)

Refrain

Gather your people, O Lord. Gather your people, O Lord.
One bread, one body, one spirit of love. Gatherer your people, O Lord.

Draw us forth to the table of life:
brothers and sisters, each of us called to walk in your light **Refrain**

We are parts to the body of Christ,
needing each other, each of the gifts the Spirit provides. **Refrain**

No more harm on the mountain of God;
swords into plowshares. Free us, O Lord from hardness of heart. **Refrain**

Wash us, Lord in the waters of life;
Waters of mercy, waters of hope that flow from your side. **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 (Mass of Creation)

Refrain

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. (x2 at beginning)

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. **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, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbor, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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 Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

The wicked say:

Let us beset the just ones, because they are obnoxious to us;
they set themselves against our doings, reproach us for transgressions of the law
and charge us with violations of our training.

Let us see whether their words be true;
let us find out what will happen to them.

For if the just one is the son or daughter of God, God will defend them and
deliver them from the hand of their foes. With revilement and torture
let us put the just ones to the test that we may have
proof of their gentleness and try their patience.

Let us condemn them to a shameful death;
for according to God's own words, God will take care of them.

The Word of God
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

To you, O God, I lift up my soul; lift up my spirit to my Lord. to you I lift up my soul.
To you, O God, I lift up my soul; lift up my spirit to my Lord. to you I lift up my soul.

Make me to know your ways, O God; teach me your paths, guide me, You are my Savior.

To you, O God, I lift up my soul; lift up my spirit to my Lord. to you I lift up my soul.

Good and upright our gracious God, showing the way, guiding the humble to justice.

To you, O God, I lift up my soul; lift up my spirit to my Lord. to you I lift up my soul.

Steadfast and kind your ways, O God; all who revere your covenant know your friendship.

To you, O God, I lift up my soul; lift up my spirit to my Lord. to you I lift up my soul.

Second Reading James 3:16 - 4:3

A reading from the letter of James

Beloved:

Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist,
there is disorder and every foul practice.
But the wisdom from above is first of all pure,
then peaceable, gentle, compliant,
full of mercy and good fruits,
without inconstancy or insincerity.

And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace
for those who cultivate peace.

Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from?
Is it not from your passions that make war within your members?

You covet but do not possess.
You kill and envy but you cannot obtain; you fight and wage war.

You do not possess because you do not ask.
You ask but do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

The Word of our God.
Thanks be to God.

Alleluia (Missa Pacem)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

God is always with me, the Lord sustains my life.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Gospel Mark 9:30-37

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

Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciples and telling them,

“The Son of Humanity is to be handed over to evil people and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Humanity will rise.”

But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him. They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them,

“What were you arguing about on the way?”

But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then Jesus sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them,

“If anyone wishes to be first, that person shall be the last of all and the servant of all.”

Taking a child, he placed it in the their midst, and putting his arms around it, said to them,

“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me;
and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.”

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

For all bishops in our church, that each may be encouraged by our prayers and support to lead God's people in building a culture that respects the human dignity of all migrants, let us pray...

For all Catholics, that God inspire them to act in their local communities to support and protect migrants and to advocate on their behalf, let us pray...

For our neighbors, coworkers, friends, fellow Christians, and all people, that they may grow in their awareness of the issue of migration and become a voice in the public square calling for greater protections for these populations, let us pray...

For migrants, refugees, and all other strangers in our midst, that they may find strength in our concern for justice and feel the warmth of our love, let us pray...

For all refugees who are forced to flee from their homes, that God bring peace to them, their families and their country of origin, let us pray...

For whom else shall we pray...

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts The Servant Song (B386)

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travelers on the road;
We are here to help each other, walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow 'til we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven we shall find such harmony,

Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

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.

Receive with favor, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries. 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: Now In This Banquet (G 600)

Refrain

Now in this banquet, Christ is our bread; Here shall all hungers be fed.
Bread that is broken, wine that is poured, Love is the sign of our Lord.

You who have touched us and graced us with love,

make us your people of goodness and light. **Refrain**

Let our hearts burn with the fire of your love,
open our eyes to the glory of God. **Refrain**

God who makes the blind to see, God who makes the lame to walk,
bring us dancing into day, lead our people in your way. **Refrain**

Hope for the hopeless, light for the blind
Strong is your name, Lord, Gentle and kind. **Refrain**

Call us to be your light, call us to be your love,
make us your people again **Refrain**

Come, O Spirit! renew our hearts!
We shall arise to be children of light. **Refrain**

Communion Meditation We've Come This Far by Faith (H/O)

Refrain

We've come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord. Trusting in his holy word,
You've never failed me yet. O, O, O Can't turn around, We've come this far by faith.

Don't be discouraged when trouble's in your life.
God will bear your burdens and move all misery and strive.
That's why we've **Refrain**

Just the other day, I heard someone say they didn't believe in God's word.
I can truly say God has made a way, and he's never failed me yet.
That's why we've **Refrain**

Prayer after Communion:

Let us pray:

Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess
your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our 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: Lead Me, Guide Me (B 398)

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, along the way, For if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

I am weak and I need thy strength and power
To help me over my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness thy face to see.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. **Refrain**

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. **Refrain**