

April 30, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Gathering: Come, Worship the Lord (Talbot) (V1,V2) ... BB303

Refrain: Come, worship the Lord
For we are God's people
The flock that God shepherds
Alleluia

Vs. 1 Come, let us sing to the Lord
And shout with joy to the rock who saves us
Let us come with thanksgiving
And sing joyful songs to the Lord

Vs. 2 Come, let us bow down and worship
Bending the knee for the Lord our maker
For we are God's people
We are the flock that he shepherds

Kyrie: Spoken

Gloria: Mass of Renewal (Kauffman)

First Reading

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven,
raised his voice, and proclaimed:
"Let the whole house of Israel know for certain
that God has made both Lord and Christ,
this Jesus whom you crucified."
Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart,
and they asked Peter and the other apostles,
"What are we to do, my friends?"
Peter said to them,
"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus
Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift
of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is made to you and to your
children and to all those far off, whomever the Most High our God
will call."
Peter testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them,
"Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."
Those who accepted his message were baptized,

and about three thousand persons were added that day.

The Word of our God.

Responsorial : My Shepherd Is the Lord (Gelineau SJ) (V1,V2,V4)

(Refrain) My shepherd is the Lord, nothing indeed shall I want.

(V1) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures, where you give me repose.
Near restful waters you lead me, to revive my wilting spirit.

(V2) You guide me along the right path; you are true to your name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness, no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and staff; with these you give me comfort.

(V4) Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me, all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell, for ever and ever.

Second Reading

A reading from the first Letter of Peter

Beloved:

If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good,
this is a grace before God.
For to this you have been called,
because Christ also suffered for you,
leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps.
He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.
When Jesus was insulted, he returned no insult;
when he suffered, he did not threaten;
instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly.
Jesus himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross,
so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.
By his wounds you have been healed.
For you had gone astray like sheep,
but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of our God.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Acclamation Mass of God's Promise (Schutte)

Alleluia!, Alleluia!, Alleluia! (2 times, after cantor)
I am the gate, and Good Shepherd.
Whoever enters through me will be saved, and live life abundantly!
Alleluia!, Alleluia!, Alleluia! (2 times)

Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said:

"Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber.

But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.

The gatekeeper opens it, and the sheep hear the shepherd's voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

When he has driven out all those sheep, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow, because they recognize the shepherd's voice.

But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers."

Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them.

So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them.

I am the gate.

Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

The Good News of Salvation.

Homily

Sprinkling Rite: Song of Fire and Water (Haugen) ... G132

Refrain: If we have died to ourselves in Jesus,
Then we shall arise in new life to him, Alleluia, alleluia.

Vs. 1: We are fire and water, we are symbol of sign and grace,
We are the myst'ry, we are the image of God's own face.

Vs. 2: In the water we seek him, in the wellspring of all that lives,
All who are thirsty, came and be filled with the live he gives.

Vs. 3: In the fire we seek him, in the hungers and pains we bear,

Hope for the hopeless, gently revealed in the we share.

Vs. 4: In the dying and rising, we shall follow where he has gone,
Pilgrims and lovers, he is our story and he our song.

Universal Intercessions

Response: Risen Christ, hear our prayer.
(Risen Christ, hear our prayer.)

For the church: that we may allow Christ to bring forth abundant life
within us and use our gift of life for God's glory, let us pray...

For the grace of discernment for all who are making major life
decisions: that they will recognize God's invitation and open their hearts
in trust and confidence to the God who loves them, let us pray...

For students who are taking final examinations:
that they may recall all that they have learned this semester and that God will help them clearly
express it and use it in their lives, let us pray...

For the growth of peace in human hearts: that God will give new vision
to all who are enemies to find a place where there is common ground to
begin a dialogue, let us pray...

For our First Communicants, who received the Eucharist for the first
time last evening, that they might grow in faith and love of God, 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.)

Prep: Gift of Finest Wheat [You Satisfy the Hungry Heart] (Kreutz) ... BB332

Refrain: You satisfy the hungry heart
With gift of finest wheat;
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
The bread of life to eat.

Vs. 1: As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
They know and heed his voice;
So when you call your family Lord,
We follow and rejoice.

Vs. 2: With joyful lips we sing to you,
Our praise and gratitude,
That you should count us worthy, Lord,
To share this heavenly food.

Vs. 3: Is not the cup we bless and share
The blood of Christ out-poured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
Our oneness in the Lord?

Service Music:

Holy: Mass of Glory (Canedo/Hurd) ... BB901

Mem: Mass of Glory (Canedo/Hurd) - We Proclaim ... BB902

Amen: Mass of Glory (Canedo/Hurd) ... BB905

Lamb: Mass of Glory (Canedo/Hurd) ... BB906

Communion1: Behold the Lamb of God (Dufford SJ) ... BB149

1. Behold the Lamb of God, Behold the Lamb of God,
who carries our burden, who knows our pain,
who bears the sins of the world.

Refrain:

Behold the Lamb of God, Behold the Lamb of God,

Jesus, Jesus is the Lamb of God.

2. Surely he has borne our grief
and carried the sorrows of us all.
Struck down in our stead, rejected and scorned,
and by his wounds we are healed.

Refrain

3. Father, forgive them; they do not understand.
They do not understand what they do.

Refrain

4. The kingdom of this world
has become the kingdom of Christ,
and he shall reign for endless days.
Worthy is the Lamb.

Refrain

Communion 2: This Bread That We Share (MacAllar) ... BB321 (in 2018 BB book)

[Refrain]

This bread that we share is the body of Christ,
this cup of blessing his blood.
We who come to this table
bring all our wounds to be healed.
When we love one another as Christ has loved us,
we become God's daughters and sons.
We become for each other the bread, the cup,
the presence of Christ revealed.

[Verse 1]

We who come to this table of hope,
come seeking strength for the journey.
Here alone are the weary refreshed,
the broken in spirit made whole.

[Refrain]

[Verse 2]

We who come to this table of peace,
carry within us the promise:
truth and justice shall flow through the land
and righteousness fill ev'ry heart.

[Refrain]

Prayer after Communion

Announcements

Go in peace,
Thanks be to God.

Sending: Tend the Ground (Stephan) ... BB625

Refrain

We till the earth, we tend the ground, sowing hope and peace where none is found.
In selfless love, God's life abounds. We till the earth, we tend the ground.

Vs. 1: As God provides our every need, with grateful hearts, let us receive these gifts of love,
and make return to bless the world, to bless the world.

Refrain

Vs. 2: All creatures share one common home, one loving God, one song of hope.
The rocks cry out and praises ring. Rise up and sing, rise up and sing!

Refrain

Vs. 3: With open hand our Lord has giv'n his life for all that we might live.
No greater love is there than this, no greater love, no greater love.

Refrain

Vs. 4: Where hardened hearts have turned to greed, trampling upon the fledgling seed,
Help us to tend to others' needs, open our eyes, open our eyes.

Refrain