

May 21, 2023
Feast of the Ascension

Gathering: All Are Welcome (Haugen) ... BB421

Vs. 1: Let us build a house
Where love can dwell
And all can safely live
A place where
Saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive
Built of hopes and dreams and visions
Rock of faith and vault of grace
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place

Vs. 2: Let us build a house where prophets speak
And words are strong and true
Where all God's children dare to seek
To dream God's reign anew
Here the cross shall stand as witness
And a symbol of God's grace
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place

Vs. 3: Let us build a house where love is found
In water, wine and wheat
A banquet hall on holy ground
Where peace and justice meet
Here the love of God, through Jesus
Is revealed in time and space
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place

Kyrie: Spoken

Gloria: Mass of Renewal (Kauffman)

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught, until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.

He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the reign of God.

While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for "the promise of God about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

When they had gathered together they asked him, "Jesus, are you at this time going to restore the reign to Israel?"

He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons which have been set by God's authority.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.

While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two people dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said,

"Galileans, why are you standing there looking at the sky?"

This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."

The Word of our God.

Responsorial 8 am: Let All the Earth (Haugen) ... G61

Refrain: Let all the earth cry out with joy to the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 10am:

In the Morning I Will Sing (Haugen)

Refrain

In the morning I will sing, I will sing glad songs to you

I will sing glad songs of praise to you, I will sing glad songs of praise to you.

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and glory. **Refrain**

For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. **Refrain**

On my bed I remember you, on you I muse through the night
For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice
My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. **Refrain**

Second Reading

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the people of Ephesus

Brothers and sisters:

May the God of Christ Jesus, the God of glory,
give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation
resulting in knowledge of our God.

May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened,
that you may know what is the hope that belongs to God's call,
what are the riches of glory
in the inheritance among the holy ones,
and what is the surpassing greatness of God's power
for us who believe,
in accord with the exercise of God's great might,
which was worked in Christ,
raising Christ from the dead
and seating Christ at God's right hand in the heavens,
far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion,
and every name that is named
not only in this age but also in the one to come.

And God put all things beneath Christ's feet
and gave him as head over all things to the church,
which is Christ's body,
the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

The Word of our God.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Acclamation Mass of God's Promise (Schutte)

Alleluia!, Alleluia!, Alleluia! (2 times, after cantor)

"Go and teach all nations, says the Lord."

I am with you always. Until the end of the age."

Alleluia!, Alleluia!, Alleluia! (2 times)

Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

The eleven disciples went to Galilee,
to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them.
When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted.
Then Jesus approached and said to them,
"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,
teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.
And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."
The Good News of salvation.

Homily

Sprinkling Rite: River of Glory (Schutte) ... BB652

Refrain

River of glory, springs of our birth,
flood of God's riches poured on the earth.
We are born from the darkness
and clothed in the light!
We are bathed in the glory of God!

1. Fountain of mercy,
grace flowing free,
streams of salvation,
spilling with love from a tree!
2. Here there is haven,
healing and health,
joy for the asking,
love in abundance of wealth!
3. Bread for our journey
God will provide.
Hope for all ages,
Jesus, companion and guide!

4. Darkness is banished,
night turned away.
Christ is our sunlight,
lifting and leading our way!
(Refrain)

Universal Intercessions

Response: **Healing God, hear our prayer.**
(Healing God, hear our prayer.)

For the Church: that, empowered by the Spirit, we may faithfully give witness to the Gospel and continue Christ's mission of bringing hope and healing to those in need, let us pray...

For a spirit of consolation: that all who are saddened by the departure of a loved one or the end of a relationship may experience peace through Christ's abiding presence, let us pray...

For peace throughout the world: that God will turn hearts from violence and give all parties the desire to dialogue and find peaceful resolutions to conflicts, let us pray...

For a healing of racism and sexism: that all nations and peoples may recognize the value and dignity that God has given each person and that we may work together to bring forth the reign of God in the world, 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: Christ, Be Our Light (Farrell) ... BB601

Verse 1: Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see. **REFRAIN**

Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts,
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Verse 2: Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. **REFRAIN**

Verse 3: Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed. **REFRAIN**

Verse 4: Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
Walls made of living stone. **REFRAIN**

Verse 5: Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come. **REFRAIN**

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: Earthen Vessels (Foley SJ) ... BB419

Refrain: We hold a treasure
Not made of gold
In earthen vessels, wealth untold
One treasure only, the Lord, the Christ
In earthen vessels.

Vs. 1: Light has shown in our darkness
God has shown in our hearts
With the light of the glory
Of Jesus the Lord.

Vs. 2: He has chosen the lowly
Who are small in this world
In his weakness His Glory
In Jesus the Lord

Communion 2: Christ in Me Arise

Refrain: Christ In me, arise, and dispel all the darkness.
Christ in me, arise, with your mercy and your love.
Christ in me pour out your blessing and healing.
Christ in me, arise, and I shall rise with you.

V1: Be now my vision; open these eyes, showing me all that I must see.
Christ in me, arise; you are the way. Arise in me and I shall rise with you.

V2: Be now my footsteps, leading the way, taking me where I must go.
Christ in me, arise; you are the way. Arise in me and I shall rise with you.

V3: You know my heart and you know my ways;
you who formed me in my mother's womb.
I live and move in you, my whole being thrives in you.

Prayer after Communion

Announcements

Go in peace,
Thanks be to God.

Sending: Go Make a Difference (Angrisano & Tomaszek) ... BB499

Refrain

Go make a difference.
We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world.
Go make a difference.
We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world.

Verse 1

We are the salt of the earth,
called to let the people see
the love of God in you and me.
We are the light of the world,
not to be hidden but be seen.
Go make a difference in the world.

Refrain**Verse 2**

We are the hands of Christ
reaching out to those in need,
the face of God for all to see.
We are the spirit of hope;
we are the voice of peace.
Go make a difference in the world.

Refrain**Verse 3**

So let your love shine on,
let it shine for all to see.
Go make a difference in the world.
And the spirit of Christ
will be with us as we go.
Go make a difference in the world.

Refrain