

**May 7, 2023**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Gathering: Sing a New Song (Schutte) ... BB556**

**Refrain:** Sing a new song unto the Lord  
let your song be sung from mountains high.  
Sing a new song unto the Lord,  
singing alleluia.

**Vs. 1:** Yahweh's people dance for joy.  
O come before the Lord.  
And play for him on glad tambourines,  
and let your trumpet sound.

**Vs. 2:** Rise, O children, from your sleep  
your Savior now has come.  
He has turned your sorrow to joy,  
and filled your soul with song.

**Vs. 3:** Glad my soul for I have seen  
the glory of the Lord.  
The trumpet sounds the dead shall be raised.  
I know my Savior lives.

**Kyrie: Spoken**

**Gloria:** Mass of Renewal (Kauffman)

**First Reading**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles  
As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Hellenists  
complained against the Hebrews because their widows were  
being neglected in the daily distribution.  
So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and  
said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at  
table. So select from among you seven reputable men, filled with  
the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task,  
whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry  
of the word."  
The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they  
chose Stephen, a person filled with faith and the Holy Spirit, also  
Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas of

Antioch, a convert to Judaism.

They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them.

The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly; even a large group of priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

**The Word of our God.**

**Responsorial : Let Us Rejoice (Haugen) ... G102**

**(Refrain) This is the day the Lord has made,  
Let us rejoice and be glad.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's mercy endures for ever;  
Let the house of Israel say: "God's mercy endures forever."
2. The hand of the Lord has struck with power, God's right hand is exalted,  
I shall not die, but live anew, declaring the works of the Lord.
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,  
the Lord of love and mercy has brought wonder to our eyes!

**Second Reading**

A reading from the first letter of Peter

Beloved:

Come to Christ, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

For it says in Scripture:

Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion, a cornerstone, chosen and precious, and whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame.

Therefore, its value is for you who have faith, but for those without faith:

The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone, and

A stone that will make people stumble, and a rock that will make them fall.

They stumble by disobeying the word, as is their destiny.

You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of God's own, so that you may announce the praises" of the One who called you out of darkness into this wonderful light.

**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 way, and the truth and the life.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled.  
Have faith in God and Me."*

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 to his disciples:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In God's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way."

Thomas said to Jesus,

"Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?"

Jesus said to him,

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to God except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know God and have seen God."

Philip said to Jesus,

"Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us."

Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. God who dwells in me is doing these works.

Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."

### ***Homily***

## **Sprinkling Rite: 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)**

### **Universal Intercessions**

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

For the Church: that we may grow in our awareness that Christ is in us  
and see the hand of God in the people, the events in our lives and in the  
created world around us, let us pray...  
For wisdom for how to care for the earth:  
that God will give us insight  
and courage as we seek to preserve God's gifts of water, land, and  
climate for our good and the good of those who come after us, let us pray...

For all recovering from natural disasters: that God will fill them with  
courage, renew their strength and guide them as they rebuild their lives,  
let us pray...

For all government leaders: that God will inspire them to act justly,  
listen to the needs of society and promote the truth, let us pray...

For the St Cronan Community and the families of our newest members,  
as we welcome them into our hearts and our church: Aoeife (Ee-fa),

Annabelle, Isla (I-la), Aliyah (A-lee-ah), Kaylen, and Riley, 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: We Are (For Each Child Is Born) (Barnwell)**

For each child that's born  
a morning star rises and sings  
to the universe who we are (3X)

We are our grandmothers prayers  
we are our grandfathers dreamings  
we are the breath of the ancestors  
we are the spirit of God

We are Mothers of courage  
fathers of time  
Daughters of dust  
sons of great visions  
we are sisters of mercy  
brothers of love

lovers of life and the builders of nations

We're seekers of truth  
and keepers of faith  
makers of peace, wisdom of ages

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For each child that's born  
a morning star rises and sings  
to the universe who we are (4X)

We are one

*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: Unless a Grain of Wheat (Farrell) ... BB504**

## **Unless a Grain of Wheat (G 509)**

### **Refrain:**

Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and die,  
it remains but a single grain with no life.

Verse 1: If we have died with him then we shall live with him;  
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him. **Refrain**

Verse 2: If anyone serves me then they must follow me;  
wherever I am my servants will be. **Refrain**

Verse 3: Make your home in me as I make mine in you;  
those who remain in me bear much fruit. **Refrain**

Verse 4: If you remain in me and my word lives in you,  
then you will be my disciples. **Refrain**

Verse 5: Those who love me are loved by my Father;  
we shall be with them and dwell in them. **Refrain**

6 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you;  
peace which the world cannot give is my gift. **Refrain**

### **Communion 2: I Have Been Anointed (Balhoff/Daigle/Ducote) ... H/O**

[V1] To bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the broken heart,  
I have been anointed.  
To proclaim liberty to captives, release to prisoners,  
I have been anointed.

[Refrain] Your Spirit, O God, is upon me,  
I have been anointed.

[V2] To announce a year of favor, to comfort those who mourn,  
I have been anointed.  
To give to them the oil of gladness, and share the mantle of joy,  
I have been anointed.

### **Prayer after Communion**

### **Announcements**

Go in peace,  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sending: Canticle of the Turning (Cooney) ... G376**

**Vs 1:** My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
That the God of my heart is great  
And my spirit sings of the Wondrous things  
That you bring to the ones who wait  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight  
And my weakness you did not spurn  
So from east to west shall my name be blest  
Could the world be about to turn? **REFRAIN**

**REFRAIN:** My heart shall sing of the day you bring  
Let the fires of your justice burn  
Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near  
And the world is about to turn!

**Vs. 2** Though I am small, my God, my all, you  
Work great things in me  
And your mercy will last from the Depths  
Of the past to the end of the age to be  
Your very name puts the proud to shame  
And to those who would for you yearn  
You will show your might  
Put the strong to flight  
For the world is about to turn. **REFRAIN**

**Vs. 3:** From the halls of power to the fortress tower  
Not a stone will be left on stone  
Let the king beware for your  
Justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne  
The hungry poor shall weep no more  
For the food they can never ears  
There are tables spread, ev'ry  
Mouth be fed  
For the world is about to turn **REFRAIN**

**Vs. 4:** Though the nations rage from age to age  
We remember  
Who holds us fast  
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp  
This saving word that out forebears



Heard is the promise which holds us bound  
'Til the spear and rod can be  
Crushed by God  
Who is turning the world around **REFRAIN**