

Fourth Sunday of Easter Liturgy
May 8, 2022

Entrance Hymn: Sing a New Song (BB 550)

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.

Shout with gladness! Dance for joy! O come before the Lord.
And play for God on glad tambourines, and let your trumpet sound. **Refrain**

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

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. **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

Refrain (2x in beginning)

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 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. **Refrain**

Collect

Let us pray:

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. 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 Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas continued on from Perga and reached Antioch in Pisidia. On the sabbath they entered the synagogue and took their seats. Many Jews and worshipers who were converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who spoke to them and urged them to remain faithful to the grace of God.

On the following sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and with violent abuse contradicted what Paul said.

Both Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said,

“It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first, but since you reject it and condemn yourselves as unworthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us,

I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth.”

The Gentiles were delighted when they heard this and glorified the word of the Lord. All who were destined for eternal life came to believe, and the word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region.

The Jews, however, incited the women of prominence who were worshipers and the leading men of the city, stirred up a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their territory.

So they shook the dust from their feet in protest against them, and went to Iconium. The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The Word of our God

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Refrain

The Lord is kind and merciful; the Lord is kind and merciful.
Slow to anger, rich in kindness, the Lord is kind and merciful.

Bless the Lord, O my soul; all my being bless God's name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul; forget not all God's blessings. **Refrain**

The Lord is gracious and merciful., slow to anger, full of kindness.
God is good to all creation, full of compassion. **Refrain**

The goodness of God is from age to age, blessing those who choose to love.
And justice toward God's children; on all who keep the covenant. **Refrain**

Second Reading Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count,
from every nation, race, people, and tongue.

They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm
branches in their hands.

Then one of the elders said to me,

“These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress;
they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

“For this reason they stand before God's throne and worship God day and night in the
temple.

The one who sits on the throne will shelter them. They will not hunger or thirst anymore,
nor will the sun or any heat strike them.

For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them
and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from
their eyes.”

The Word of our God.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia Mass of a Joyful Heart

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,

Let your heart rejoice in the Lord, let your word proclaim God's deeds.
Let your voice sing out to the world that our God has come to save!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,

Gospel John 10:27-30

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:

“My sheep hear my voice;
I know them, and they follow me.
I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.
No one can take them out of my hand.

My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all,
and no one can take them out of the God's hand.
The Father and I are one.”

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?)

The Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Addressing the congregation

Fr. Jack: I invite you to respond “*We Do*”
as a sign that we are committed, as a community,
to renewing our promise
to live our baptismal responsibilities,
and to support in one another,
the call of the Holy Spirit.

Speakers are addressing the assembly as a whole

Do you recognize God the Holy One – as author of the cosmos – who recreates us in the Divine image, and is Sovereign over all of creation, and all time?

I do.

Do you accept Jesus as the Word Made Flesh – who, One-in-Being with the God-of-All – redeemed us from our bondage to sin and death – and is the model for how we can live our lives?

I do.

As a follower of Jesus, do you pledge to pray daily, to meditate on the Word of God, to build community, to live a life marked by hope, and to celebrate the Sacraments with faith, especially the Eucharist?

I do.

Do you acknowledge your need for compassion and forgiveness – and your vocation to be compassionate and forgiving toward those who might offend you?

I do.

Do you commit yourself to a gospel spirit of poverty and detachment – to resist the spirit of consumerism and materialism – to live a life of generosity – and to exercise a preferential option for the poor?

I do.

Do you dedicate yourself to seek justice in your personal interaction with others, and in the world at large – to help others in their needs, and in their aspirations – to work to end oppression – and to reject evil?

I do.

Do you believe the Holy Spirit is at work in our midst, that the church is universal, that we are graced with a cloud of witnesses to the love of God, that sin is forgiven, that God's love for all of creation is un-ending, and that life is ever-lasting?

I do.

Fr. Jack: This is our faith. This is the faith of our Church. We are proud to profess this faith in Christ Jesus. And let the Church say:

Amen

Sprinkling Rite: Rain Down (BB 614)

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**

Universal Intercessions

Response: God, our Shepherd, hear us.
(God, our Shepherd, hear us.)

For the church: that we may demonstrate courage and comfort to all who seek to live and spread the Gospel ... we pray,

For all who have shepherded us, particularly parents, pastors, teachers, and mentors: that God will continue to work through them and guide them in sharing their gifts so that others may grow... we pray,

For all Mothers and those who have been like a mother to us: that God will bless and strengthen them and inspire us to greater love by their witness of love and concern...we pray,

For those who need courage to raise their children in faith ... we pray,

For all who are in any kind of danger; and who need comfort and protection, especially vulnerable children and refugees, the poor and the marginalized ... we pray,

For what other intentions shall we pray...

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

***Preparation of the Gifts* Where Charity and Love Prevail (BB 492)**

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
Brought her together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear God's charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess;
And let us love each other well in Christian holiness/

Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease;
Be God's the glory that we seek, be ours God's holy peace.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells God's begotten Son;
As members of his body joined, we are in Christ made one.

No race nor creed can love exclude, if honored by God's name;
Our family embraces all whose Father is the same.

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.

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy. 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: Mass of Glory (BB 901)

Communion Song Gift of Finest Wheat (BB 329)

Refrain

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat,
Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
So when you call your family, Lord, we follow and rejoice. **Refrain**

With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude,
That you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heavenly food. **Refrain**

Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf declare our one-ness in the Lord? **Refrain**

The mystery of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell. **Refrain**

You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in your name in truth and charity. **Refrain**

Communion Meditation Song Song of St. Patrick (G 505)

Refrain

May the spirit of Christ be our hope through the day,
Be our guard through the night, our companion on the way.

Christ be ever before us, Christ be ever behind us, Christ be ever within.

Christ upon our left hand watching, at our right hand guiding,
Christ above, beneath us guarding, near to us abiding. **Refrain**

Christ be in each holy silence, Christ be in our speaking,
Christ in every work we offer, ever in our seeking. **Refrain**

Let us be God's light in the darkness, Let us be God's kindness;
Let us be God's justice and mercy, hands and feet of Christ. **Refrain**

God Creator, bless and keep us Christ, be ever near us;
Spirit be the light before us, gentle be our pathway. **Refrain**

Prayer After Communion

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen

Final Blessing

May almighty God bless you through today's Easter Solemnity and, in his compassion, defend you from every assault of sin. **Amen**

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.

Dismissal

Go in peace,
Thanks be to God

Song of Sending: God Has Chosen Me (BB 387)

God has chosen me, God has chosen me to bring good news to the poor.
God has chosen me, God has chosen me to bring new sight to those searching for light.
God has chosen me, chosen me.

Refrain

And to tell the world that God's reign is near, to remove oppression and break down fear.
Yes, God's time is near, God's time is near, God's time is near, God's time is near.

God has chosen me, God has chosen me to set alight a new fire.
God has chosen me, God has chosen me to bring to birth a new reign on earth.
God has chosen me, chosen me.

Refrain