

Sixth Sunday of Easter Liturgy
May 22, 2022

Entrance Hymn: Here I Am, Lord (BB 550)

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone. Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? **Refrain**

I, the Lord of wind and flame. I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? **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:

Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honor of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. 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 15:1-2, 22-29

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Some who had come down from Judea were instructing the brothers,
“Unless you are circumcised according to the Mosaic practice, you cannot be saved.”

Because there arose no little dissension and debate by Paul and Barnabas with them, it was decided that Paul, Barnabas, and some of the others should go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders about this question.

The apostles and elders, in agreement with the whole church, decided to choose representatives and to send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. The ones chosen were Judas, who was called Barsabbas, and Silas, leaders among the community.

This is the letter delivered by them:

“The apostles and the elders, your brothers, to the communities in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia of Gentile origin: greetings.
Since we have heard that some of our number who went out without any mandate from us have upset you with their teachings and disturbed your peace of mind, we have with one accord decided to choose representatives and to send them to you along with our beloved

Barnabas and Paul, who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. So we are sending Judas and Silas who will also convey this same message by word of mouth:

‘It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities, namely, to abstain from meat sacrificed to idols, from blood, from meats of strangled animals, and from unlawful marriage. If you keep free of these, you will be doing what is right. Farewell.’”

The Word of our God
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Refrain

Come, O Lord, and set us free. Come, and set us free.

Now I will hear what God proclaims, the Lord who speaks of peace.
Near to us now, God’s saving love for those who believe. **Refrain**

Mercy and faithfulness shall meet, in justice and peace, embrace.
Truth shall blossom from the earth as the heavens rejoice. **Refrain**

Our God shall grant abundant gifts, the earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before our God and guide us to peace. **Refrain**

Second Reading Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23
A reading from the Book of Revelation

The angel took me in spirit to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It gleamed with the splendor of God. Its radiance was like that of a precious stone, like jasper, clear as crystal.

It had a massive, high wall, with twelve gates where twelve angels were stationed and on which names were inscribed, the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites.

There were three gates facing east, three north, three south, and three west. The wall of the city had twelve courses of stones as its foundation, on which were inscribed the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw no temple in the city for its temple is the Most High God almighty and the Lamb.

The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb.

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 14:23-29

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:

“Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our dwelling with them.

Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine, but that of the One who sent me.

“I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will be sent in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me tell you,

‘I am going away and I will come back to you.’

If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I.

And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe.”

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: Song over the Waters (G 409)

Refrain

God, you have moved upon the waters,
You have sung in the rush of wind and flame;
And in your love, you have called us sons and daughters,
Make us people of the water and your name.

Come fill our waiting hearts with the spirit of Jesus,
Let us shine with your light and peace. **Refrain**

Give us a thirst for love, give us a hunger for justice,
Make us one with the mind of Christ. **Refrain**

Universal Intercessions

Response: God of Hope, hear our prayer
(God of Hope, hear our prayer)

For the Church: that we may always be attentive to the creative work of the Spirit so that many may encounter Christ without unnecessary burdens, let us pray...

For discernment: that the Holy Spirit will remind us of all that Jesus taught and help us apply it in our lives and to the challenges of our society, let us pray...

For peace: that God will heal the wounds of violence and oppression that impede healing and reconciliation between peoples and bring forth a new day of cooperation so that all may prosper, let us pray...

For those whose hearts are troubled and fearful, particularly refugees, the homeless, victims of crime, and the homebound: that the Spirit of Christ may dwell within them and bring them peace and wholeness, let us pray...

For federal and state legislators: that God will give them wisdom and insight as they develop policies and budgets so that those most in need may be assisted, let us pray...

For what other intentions do we want to pray...

The Liturgy of the Eucharist***Preparation of the Gifts We Are Many Parts (BB 586)*****Refrain**

We are many parts, we are all one body, and the gifts we have we are given to share.
May the Spirit of love make us one indeed;
One, the love that we share, one our hope in despair, one the cross that we bear.
God of all, we look to you, we would be your servants true,
Let us be your love to all the world. **Refrain**

So my pain is pain for you, in your joy is my joy, too.
All is brought together in the Lord. **Refrain**

All you seekers great and small, seek the greatest gift of all;
If you love, then you will know the Lord. **Refrain**

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.

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord, together with the sacrificial offerings, so that purified by your graciousness, we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love. 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 Now In This Banquet (G 600)

Refrain

Now in this banquet, Christ is our bread; here shall all hunger be fed.
Bread that is broken, wine that is poured, love is the sing 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 your 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 Song Eye Has Not Seen (BB 471)

Refrain

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has ready for those who love him;
Spirit of love, come, give us the mind of Jesus, teach us the wisdom of God.

When pain and sorrow weigh us down, be near to us, O Lord,
Forgive the weakness of our faith, and bear us up within your peaceful word. **Refrain**

Our lives are but a single breath, we flower and we fade,
Yet all our days are in your hands, so we return in love what love has made. **Refrain**

To those who see with eyes of faith, the Lord is ever near,
Reflected in the faces of all the poor and lowly of the world. **Refrain**

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

Alternate Meditation Song: Comfort, Comfort, O My People (BB 59)

Comfort, comfort, O my people, speak of peace, now says our God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness, morning neath their sorrows' load.
Speak unto Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;
Tell of all the sins I cover, And that warfare now is over.

Hark, the voice of one who's crying in the desert far and near,
Bidding all to full repentance since the kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet him and the hills bow down to greet him.

O make straight what long was coked, make the rougher places plain;
Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad;
And all flesh shall see the token that his word is never broken.

Prayer After Communion

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen

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.

Dismissal

Go in peace,
Thanks be to God

Song of Sending: I Want to Praise Your Name (BB 382)

Praise with the trumpet, praise with the harp, Praise with the timbrel, the dance and the lyre;
Let everything that has breath give praise to God.

Refrain

I want to praise your name, I want to sing your goodness. Glory, O God, Glory.

Mountains and valleys, rivers and seas, stars in the heavens and fish in the deep;
Let all creation give praise to God on high. **Refrain**

Mothers and fathers, daughters and sons, all of God's people, the old and the young.
Let all who hunger to do God's will give praise. **Refrain**