

Sunday, January 26, 2025
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gathering: Our God Is Here (Muglia) ... BB301

Here in this time, here in this place,
Here we are standing face to face.
Here in our hearts, here in our lives,
Our God is here.
Here for the broken, here for the strong,
Here in this temple we belong.
Here in our hearts, here in our lives,
Our God is here.
And we cry
"Holy! Holy! Holy are you!"
We cry: "Holy! Holy! Holy and true!"
Amen, we do believe our God is here.
Our God is here.

Here in the Word, God is revealed,
Here where the wounded can be healed.
Here in our hearts, here in our lives,
Our God is here.
Here we become what we receive,
Here in this Eucharistic feast.
We are his body, living as one;
Our God is here.
And we cry
"Holy! Holy! Holy are you!"
We cry: "Holy! Holy! Holy and true!"
Amen, we do believe our God is here.
Our God is here.

Gloria: Mass of Creation

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Nehemiah

Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, which consisted of men, women, and those children old enough to understand. Standing at one end of the open place that was before the Water Gate, he read out of the book from daybreak till midday, in the presence of

the men, the women, and those children old enough to understand; and all the people listened attentively to the book of the law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the occasion. He opened the scroll so that all the people might see it — for he was standing higher up than any of the people —; and, as he opened it, all the people rose. Ezra blessed the Most High, the great God, and all the people, their hands raised high, answered, “Amen, amen!”

Then they bowed down and prostrated themselves before the Most High God, their faces to the ground. Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read.

Then Nehemiah, that is, His Excellency, and Ezra the priest-scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people: “Today is holy to the Most High, your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep” — for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law.

He said further: “Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared; for today is holy to our God. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the Most High God must be your strength!”

The word of God.

Responsorial Psalm: Your Words Are Spirit and Life (V1,V2,V3) (Farrell) ... BB559

Refrain: Your words are spirit and life, O Lord
Richer than gold, stronger than death
Your words are spirit and life, O Lord
Life everlasting

Vs. 1: God's law is perfect, refreshing the soul
Reviving the weary spirit
God's rule can be trusted: bringing us wisdom
Bringing God's wisdom to birth

Vs. 2: God's precepts keep us, their purpose is right.
They gladden the hearts of the people.
God's command is so clear it brings us new vision;
Bringing God's light to our eye.

Vs. 3: Living by God's truth is holy and sure
God's presence is everlasting
God's truth is eternal, bringing us justice
Bringing God's justice to earth

Second reading

A reading from the first Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Sisters and brothers: As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

Now the body is not a single part, but many. If a foot should say, "Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body," it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. Or if an ear should say, "Because I am not an eye I do not belong to the body," it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

But as it is, God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as God intended. If they were all one part, where would the body be? But as it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I do not need you," nor again the head to the feet, "I do not need you." Indeed, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are all the more necessary, and those parts of the body that we consider less honorable we surround with greater honor, and our less presentable parts are treated with greater propriety, whereas our more presentable parts do not need this.

But God has so constructed the body as to give greater honor to a part that is without it, so that there may be no division in the body, but that the parts may have the same concern for one another. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy.

Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it. Some people God has designated in the church to be, first, apostles; second, prophets; third, teachers; then, mighty deeds; then gifts of healing, assistance, administration, and varieties of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work mighty deeds? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

The word of God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*"Bring glad tidings to the poor;
proclaim liberty to the captives."*

Gospel Reading

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received.

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all.

He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

The Spirit of God is upon me,
because God has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.
God has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Most High God.

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. Jesus said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

The Good News of Salvation.

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Universal Intercessions

Response: God, our strength, hear our prayer.

(God, our strength, hear our prayer.)

For the Church: that we may recognize the gifts that the Spirit has given us and use them to build up the Body of Christ and promote the common good, let us pray...

For all who read, preach or teach the Word of God: that the Spirit will deepen their encounter with God and help them to live this Word each day, let us pray...

For all who struggle with emotional and mental illness: that they may come to know a time of God's favor and receive peace and relief from their struggles, let us pray...

For the President and members of Congress: that the Spirit will open new understanding of the issues before them and help them find ways to move forward for the good of all, let us pray...

For whom else shall we pray...

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts

Offertory: I Have Been Anointed (Balhoff, Daigle, Ducote)

[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.

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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.)*

**Holy: Missa Pacem (Babin) ... H/O**

**Mem: Missa Pacem (Babin) - When We Eat This Bread ... H/O**

**Amen: Missa Pacem (Babin) ... H/O**

**Lamb of God: Mass of the Goodness of God (Kendzia) ... H/O**

**Communion 1: We Are Many Parts (Haugen) ... BB604**

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

Vs. 1: God of all, we look to You  
We would be Your servants true  
Let us be Your love for all the world

Vs. 2: So my pain is pain for you,  
In your joy is my joy, too;  
All is brought together in the Lord.

Vs. 3: All you seekers great and small  
Seek the greatest gift of all  
If you love, then you will know the Lord

**Communion 2: Somos El Cuerpo De Cristo (Cortez & Hurd) ... H/O & #63-pews**

**Refrain:** Somos el cuerpo de Cristo.  
We are the body of Christ.  
Hemos oído el llamado;  
we've answered "Yes" to the call of the Lord.  
Somos el cuerpo de Cristo.

We are the body of Christ.  
Traemos su santo mensaje.  
We come to bring the God's News to the world.

**Vs. 1** Dios viene al mundo a través de nosotros  
Somos el cuerpo de Cristo  
God is revealed when we love one another  
We are the body of Christ.  
Al mundo a cumplir la misión de la iglesia  
Somos el cuerpo de Cristo  
Bringing the light of God's mercy to others,  
We are the body of Christ. **Refrain**

**Vs. 2:** Cada persona es parte del reino;  
Somos el Cuerpo de Cristo  
Putting a stop to all discrimination,  
We are the body of Christ.  
Todas las razas que habitan la tierra,  
Somos el Cuerpo de Cristo.  
All are invited to feast in the banquet,  
We are the body of Christ. **Refrain**

**Vs. 3:** Que nuestras acciones reflejen justicia;  
Somos el cuerpo de Cristo.  
Stopping abuse and relieving the hungry,  
We are the body of Christ.

Vamos al mundo a cuidar su rebaño.  
Somos el cuerpo de Cristo.  
Serving each other we build up the kingdom;  
We are the body of Christ. **Refrain**

### **Prayer after Communion**

### **Announcements**

### **Sending : Take the Word of God with You (Walker) ... BB387**

Take the word of God with you as you go.  
Take the seeds of God's word and make them grow.  
Go in peace to serve the world, in peace to serve the world.  
Take the love of God, the love of God with you as you go.

Take the peace of God with you as you go.

Take the seeds of God's peace and make them grow.

Go in peace to serve the world, in peace to serve the world.

Take the love of God, the love of God with you as you go.