

Sunday, October 15, 2023
The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gathering: God of Day and God of Darkness... BB643

God of day and God of darkness,
Now we stand before the night;
As the shadows stretch and deepen,
Come and make our darkness bright.
All creation still is groaning
For the dawning of your might,
When the Sun of peace and justice
Fills the earth with radiant light.

Still the nations curse the darkness,
Still the rich oppress the poor;
Still the earth is bruised and broken
By the ones who still want more.
Come and wake us from our sleeping,
So our hearts cannot ignore
All your people lost and broken,
All your children at our door.

Show us Christ in one another,
Make us servants strong and true.
Give us all your love of justice
So we do what you would do.
Let us call all people holy,
Let us pledge our lives anew,
Make us one with all the lowly,
Let us all be one in you.

You shall be the path that guides us,
You the light that in us burns;
Shining deep within all people,
Yours the love that we must learn,
For our hearts shall wander restless
'Til they safe to you return;
Finding you in one another,
We shall all your face discern.

Gloria – Mass of Christ the Savior (Schutte) ... BB914

First Reading

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah

On this mountain the God of hosts
will provide for all peoples
a feast of rich food and choice wines,
juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines.
On this mountain God will destroy
the veil that veils all peoples,
the web that is woven over all nations;
God will destroy death forever.
The Most High God will wipe away
the tears from every face;
the reproach of the people God will remove
from the whole earth; for our God has spoken.
On that day it will be said:
"Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us!
This is the Almighty for whom we looked;
let us rejoice and be glad that God has saved us!"
For the hand of the Most High God will rest on this mountain.

The Word of our God.

Responsorial: My Shepherd Is the Lord (Gelineau, SJ) ... BB759

Refrain: My shepherd is the Lord, nothing indeed shall I want.

Verses:

(1) The Lord is my shepherd;
There is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
(2) He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk
in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook
and your staff;

with these you give me comfort.
(3) You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil,
my cup is overflowing.
(4) Surely goodness and kindness
shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the people at Philippi

Sisters and brothers:
I know how to live in humble circumstances;
I know also how to live with abundance.
In every circumstance and in all things
I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry,
of living in abundance and of being in need.
I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me.
Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress.
My God will fully supply whatever you need,
in accord with God's glorious riches in Christ Jesus.
To our God and Creator, glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of our God.

Gospel Acclamation: Celtic Alleluia (O'Carroll & Walker)

*"Come, say 'yes' to God's banquet; let us be clothed in Christ;
Clothed in faith, hope and love, today and forever!"*

Gospel Reading

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those invited: Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast.'"

Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of the king's servants, mistreated them, and killed them.

The king was enraged and sent in troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.'

The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests.

But when the king came in to meet the guests, he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment. The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?'

But the man was reduced to silence.

Then the king said to his attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'

Many are invited, but few are chosen."

The Good News of Salvation

Homily

Universal Intercessions

Response: God of hope, hear our prayer.

(God of hope, hear our prayer.)

For the Church and especially the participants in the Synod Process, that the Holy Spirit will lead them to manifest a Church that follows and acts on Christ's teaching, let us pray...

For fruitfulness of our faith: that our lives may manifest a wedding garment made of deeds of justice and acts of charity that proclaim the goodness of God to all, let us pray...

For all who live in areas of violence, especially in the Middle East and Ukraine, that God will preserve them and help them to be strong in faith, hope and love, and that their leaders will find pathways toward peace, let us pray...

For all world and national leaders, that egos may be set aside so that they attend to the needs of the people they serve, let us pray...

And for what else shall we as a community pray...

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: A Banquet Is Prepared (Kavanaugh, SJ) ... H/O

Refrain: A banquet is prepared with my cup running over;
My head is anointed with oil.

V1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall want nothing.
God leads me to rest in green fields;
God leads me always on the path of fidelity
To waters of cool refreshment.

V2 If I have to wander through the valleys of darkness,
No evil at all will I fear.
God shall be present, guiding with kindness;
God's shepherd's staff giving me comfort.

V3 A banquet is prepared with my cup running over;
My head is anointed with oil.
Strength and forgiveness are always with me,
At peace in the house of the Lord.

Holy: Mass of Christ the Savior (Schutte) ... BB917

Mem: Christ the Savior - When We Eat This Bread (Schutte) ... BB919

Amen: Mass of Christ the Savior (Schutte) ... BB921

Lamb of God: Mass of Christ the Savior (Schutte) ... BB922

Communion1: Table of Plenty (Schutte) ... BB311

REFRAIN: Come to the feast of heaven and earth

Come to the table of plenty

God will provide for all that we need

Here at the table of plenty

O come and sit at my table

Where saints and sinners are friends

I wait to welcome the lost and lonely

To share the cup of my love **REFRAIN**

O come and eat without money

Come to drink without price

My feast of gladness will feed your spirit

With faith and fullness of life **REFRAIN**

My bread will ever sustain you

Through days of sorrow and war

My wine will flow like a sea of gladness

To flood the depths of your soul **REFRAIN**

Communion2: I Say "Yes" Lord/Digo "Si" Senor (Donna Pena) ... G421

1 To the God who cannot die: I say 'Yes', my Lord ...

To the one who hears me cry: I say 'Yes', my Lord ...

To the God of the oppressed: I say 'Yes', my Lord ...

To the God of all Justice: I say 'Yes', my Lord ...

Refrain

I say 'Yes', my Lord in all the good times,

Through all the bad times,

I say 'Yes' my Lord to every word you speak.

2 I am a servant of the Lord: I say 'Yes', my Lord....

I'm a worker in the fields: I say 'Yes', my Lord ...

I'm a prisoner of their wars: I say 'Yes', my Lord ...

I say like a politician inevitably: I say 'Yes', my Lord ...

3 For the dream I have today: I say 'Yes', my Lord ...
To be a healer of all pain: I say 'Yes', my Lord ...
To come to love my enemies: I say 'Yes', my Lord ...
For your peace in all the world: I say 'Yes', my Lord ...

4 Like that of Job, unceasingly: I say 'Yes', my Lord ...
Like that of Mary wholeheartedly: I say 'Yes', my Lord ...
Like that of David in a song: I say 'Yes', my Lord ...
Like Israel, for You I long: I say 'Yes', my Lord ...

Prayer after Communion

Announcements

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

Sending: God Has Chosen Me (Farrell) ... G488

God Has Chosen Me
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:
And to tell the world that God's kingdom 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 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 kingdom on earth.
God has chosen me, chosen me:
And to tell the world that God's kingdom 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 is calling me,
God is calling me in all whose cry is unheard.
God is calling me,
God is calling me to raise up the voice with no power or choice.
God is calling me, calling me:
And to tell the world that God's kingdom 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.