

Sunday, October 29, 2023
The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gathering: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (trad.) (V1,V3) ... BB555

Vs. 1) Joyful, Joyful we adore Thee
God of glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light

Vs. 3) Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing ever blest
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happiness!
God Creator, Christ our Savior, All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

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

First Reading

A reading from the book of Exodus

Thus says the Lord: "You shall not molest nor suppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt.
You shall not wrong any widow or orphan.
If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows and your children orphans.
If you lend money to one of your poor neighbors among my people, you shall not act like an extortioner by demanding interest.
If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, you shall return it before sunset; for this cloak is the only covering this person has. What else can the person use for sleeping?
If your neighbor cries to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate."

The Word of our God.

Responsorial: Here Am I, Lord (Angrisano)

Refr Here am I, Lord; here am I, Lord.
I come to do your will.
I come to do your will.

V1 I have waited for the Lord,
You stooped towards me and heard my cry,
Placed a new song in my mouth, to sing;
Sing out praises to my God.

V2 Now your law is written in my heart;
And to do your will is my delight.
You have given me the ears to hear,
So behold I come to you.

V3 I announce to all that you are God.
I have not restrained my lips.
God, your justice reigns for all in need;
For your people, Lord, I sing.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the people of Thessalonica

Sisters and brothers: You know what sort of people we were among you for your sake.

And you became imitators of us and of the Lord Jesus, receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit; so that you became a model for all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

For from you the word of God has sounded forth not only in Macedonia and in Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything.

For they themselves openly declare about us what sort of reception we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to await God's Son from heaven, who was raised from the dead, Jesus, who delivers us from the coming wrath.

The Word of our God.

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

*"Live in the love of our God; put your life in order.
with compassion and joy – be love for the stranger."*

Gospel Reading

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law tested him by asking,

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

Jesus said to him,

"You shall love the Lord, your God,

with all your heart,

with all your soul,

and with all your mind.

This is the greatest and the first commandment.

The second is like it:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

The Good News of Salvation

Homily

Universal Intercessions

Response: Compassionate God, hear our prayer.

(Compassionate God, hear our prayer.)

For an evangelizing spirit: that our faith may shine forth and be an invitation to others to come to know the God who made them and loves them, let us pray...

For refugees, immigrants and all who live in a strange land, particularly children: that we may reach out to them, treat them as brothers and sisters and assist them in their transition, let us pray...

For a healing of the wounds of racism: that God help us turn from prejudice and give us the courage to work for inclusion and recognition of all people, let us pray...

For government leaders: that God will guide them in confronting the evils and challenges of our day, particularly those faced by the weak, powerless and vulnerable, let us pray...

And for what else shall we 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: Song of St. Patrick (Haugen) ... G505

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

Vs1.) Christ be ever before us, Christ be ever behind us,
Christ be ever within us.

Vs. 2) Christ upon our left hand watching,
At our right hand guiding.
Christ above, beneath us guarding, near to us abiding.

Vs.3) Christ be in each holy silence, Christ be in our speaking,
Christ in every work we offer, ever in our seeking.

Vs. 4) Let us be God's light in darkness,
Let us be God's kindness, Let us be God's justice and mercy,
Hands and feet of Christ.

Vs. 5) God creator, bless and keep us, Christ be ever near us,
Spirit be the light before us, gentle be our pathway..

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: We Are Many Parts (Haugen) ... BB587

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

Communion2: Return to God (Haugen) ... G283

Ref: Return to God with all your heart, the source of grace and mercy;
Come seek the tender faithfulness of God

Vs. 1) Now the time of grace has come, the day of salvation;
Come and learn now the way of our God. (Refrain)

Vs. 2) I will take your heart of stone and place a heart within you,
A heart of compassion and love. (Refrain)

Vs. 3) If you break the chains of oppression,
If you set the pris'ner free;
If you share your bread with the hungry,
Give protection to the lost;
Give shelter to the homeless,
Clothe the naked in your midst,
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn. (Refrain)

Prayer after Communion

Announcements

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

Sending: Send Down the Fire (Haugen) (V1,V2) ... G327

Refrain: Send Down the Fire
Send down the fire of your justice,
Send down the rains of your love;
Come, send down the Spirit,
breathe life in your people, and we shall be people of God.

Vs 1) Call us to be your compassion,
Teach us the song of your love;
Give us hearts that sing,
Give us deeds that ring,
Make us ring with the song of your love.

Vs. 2) Call us to learn of your mercy,
Teach us the way of your peace;
Give us hearts that feel,
Give us hands that heal,
Make us walk in the way of your peace.

Vs. 3) Call us to answer oppression,
Teach us the fire of your truth;
Give us righteous souls,
'Til your justice rolls,
Make us burn with the fire of your love.

Vs. 4) Call us to witness your Kingdom,

Give us the presence of Christ;
May your holy light
Keep us shining bright,
Ever shine with the presence of Christ.