

Sunday, October 8, 2023
The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gathering: This Is the Day (Joncas) ... BB808

[Refrain]

This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.

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[Verse 1]

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his mercy endures forever;
let the house of Israel say:
"His mercy endures forever."

[Refrain]

[Verse 2]

The Lord's right hand has struck with pow'r,
the Lord's right hand is exalted;
I shall not die, but live
and declare the works of the Lord.

[Refrain]

[Verse 3]

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the Lord has this been done;
it is wonderful in our eyes!

[Refrain]

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

First Reading

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah

Let me now sing of my friend,
my friend's song concerning a vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside;
this friend spaded it, cleared it of stones,

and planted the choicest vines;
within it my friend built a watchtower,
and hewed out a wine press.
Then my friend looked for the crop of grapes,
but what it yielded was wild grapes.

Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard:
What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done?
Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes,
did it bring forth wild grapes?

Now, I will let you know what I mean to do with my vineyard:
take away its hedge, give it to grazing,
break through its wall, let it be trampled!
Yes, I will make it a ruin:
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
but overgrown with thorns and briars;
I will command the clouds not to send rain upon it.

The vineyard of the God of hosts is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah are God's cherished plant;
God looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed!
for justice, but hark, the outcry!

The Word of our God.

Responsorial: Lord, Make Us Turn to You (Haugen) ... G70

Refrain: Lord, Make Us Turn To You, show us your face
And we shall be saved.

Vs. 1: Sheperd of Israel, harken not your throne and shine forth,
O Rouse your power, and come and save us. REFRAIN

Vs. 2: We are your chosen vine, only by your care do we live,
Reach out your hand, O Lord, unto your people.

Vs. 3: If you will dwell with us, we shall live anew in your love,

O shine upon us, great Lord of life.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters:

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God.

Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, sisters and brothers,
whatever is true, whatever is honorable,
whatever is just, whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious,
if there is any excellence
and if there is anything worthy of praise,
think about these things.

Keep on doing what you have learned and received
and heard and seen in me.

Then the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of our God.

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

*"God will restore the vineyard. Will you tend the ground?
God will give us new life, that we shall be saved."*

Gospel Reading

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people:

"Hear another parable. There was a couple who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country.

When the season of fruit drew near, the couple sent some servants to the tenants, to get their fruit; and the tenants took their servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. Again they sent other servants, more than the first; but the tenants did the same to them.

Afterward they sent their son to them, saying, 'They will respect

our son.'

But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves,
'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.'
And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him.
When therefore the owners of the vineyard come, what will they
do to those tenants?"

They said to him, "They will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let
out the vineyard to other tenants who will give them the fruits in their
seasons."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The very stone which the builders rejected
has become the head of the corner;

this was God's own doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes'?

Therefore I tell you, the reign of God will be taken away from you and given
to a nation producing the fruits of it."

The Good News of Salvation

Homily

Universal Intercessions

Response: God of peace, hear our prayer.

(God of peace, hear our prayer.)

For justice and peace: that God will give courage to all who are working
for justice and peace, especially in the St. Louis area; that our hearts will
be open to new opportunities to resolve differences and vote with love,
Let us pray...

For all who experience anxiety or who are filled with worry in these
very difficult times: that the peace of God which surpasses all
understanding may fill their minds and hearts, let us pray...

For a conversion from violence: that God will lead our hearts on the way
of peace and help us find new ways of settling conflicts, let us pray...

For all refugees and displaced persons, that they will be welcomed into a
new community where they can grow to their full potential, and that our
government will recognize their needs, 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: Servant Song (McGargill) ... BB383

What do you want of me, Lord?
Where do you want me to serve you?
Where can I sing your praises.
I am your song.
Jesus, Jesus, you are the Lord.
Jesus, Jesus, you are the way.

I hear you call my name, Lord,
and I am moved within me.
Your Spirit stirs my deepest self.
Sing your songs in me.
Jesus, Jesus, you are my Lord.
Jesus, Jesus, you are the way.

Above, below, and around me.
Before, behind and all through me
your Spirit burns deep within me.
Fire my life with your love.

Jesus, Jesus, be warmth of my heart.
Jesus, Jesus, you are the way

You are the light in my darkness.
You are my strength when I'm weary.
You give me sight when I'm blinded.
Come see for me.
Jesus, Jesus, you are my light.
Jesus, Jesus, you are the way

I am your song and servant,
Singing your praises like Mary.
Surrendered to your spirit
Let it be done to me!
Jesus, Jesus, let it be done to me!
Jesus, Jesus, you are the way

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: Tend the Ground (Stephan) ... BB625

Refrain

We till the earth, we tend the ground, sowing hope and peace where none is found.
In selfless love, God's life abounds. We till the earth, we tend the ground.

Vs. 1: As God provides our every need, with grateful hearts, let us receive these gifts of love,
and make return to bless the world, to bless the world.

Refrain

Vs. 2: All creatures share one common home, one loving God, one song of hope.
The rocks cry out and praises ring. Rise up and sing, rise up and sing!

Refrain

Vs. 3: With open hand our Lord has giv'n his life for all that we might live.
No greater love is there than this, no greater love, no greater love.

Refrain

Vs. 4: Where hardened hearts have turned to greed, trampling upon the fledgling seed,
Help us to tend to others' needs, open our eyes, open our eyes.

Refrain

Communion2: Be the Hands, the Heart of God (Vogt & Friedman)

Refrain: Be the hands the heart of God
Go into the world and share God's Spirit
Spread the message be the song
Save a little bit then pass it on

Sons and daughters peace before you
Sisters brothers peace behind you
Peace around you one and all
Save a little bit then pass it on

Sons and daughters love before you
Sisters brothers love behind you
Love around you one and all
Save a little bit then pass it on

Sons and daughters light before you
Sisters brothers light behind you
Light surrounds you one and all
Save a little bit then pass it on

Sons and daughters Christ before you
Sisters brothers Christ behind you
Christ surrounds you one and all
Save a little bit then pass it on

Prayer after Communion

Announcements

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

Sending: Sing a New Song (Schutte) ... BB556

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.

Vs. 1: Yahweh's people dance for joy.
O come before the Lord.

And play for him on glad tambourines,
and let your trumpet sound.

Vs. 2: Rise, O children, from your sleep
your Savior now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
and filled your soul with song.

Vs. 3: 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.