

Sunday, November 19, 2023
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
St. Cecilia, Patron Saint of Musicians (Nov. 22)

Gathering:

Sing of the Lord's Goodness (Sands) ... G373

Vs. 1) Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom, come to him and bless his name.
Mercy he has shown us, his love is for ever, faithful to the end of days.

Refrain: Come, then, all you nations, sing of your Lord's goodness, melodies of praise and thanks to God.

Ring out the Lord's glory, praise him with your music, worship him and bless his name.

Vs. 2) Power he has wielded, honor is his garment, risen from the snares of death.
His word he has spoken, one bread he has broken, new life he now gives to all.

Vs. 3) Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow, Spirit of our God most high;
solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner, splendor of the living God.

Vs. 4) Praise him with your singing, praise him with the trumpet, praise God with the lute and harp;
praise him with the cymbals, praise him with your dancing, praise God till the end of days.

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

First Reading

A reading from the book of Proverbs

When one finds a worthy wife,
her value is far beyond pearls.
Her husband, entrusting his heart to her,
has an unfailing prize.
She brings him good, and not evil,
all the days of her life.
She obtains wool and flax
and works with loving hands.
She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her fingers ply the spindle.
She reaches out her hands to the poor,
and extends her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting;
the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Give her a reward for her labors,
and let her works praise her at the city gates.

The Word of our God.

Responsorial: Blest Are Those Who Love You (Haugen) ... G111

Refrain

Blest are those who love you,
Happy those who follow you,
Blest are those who seek you O God

Verse 1.

Happy all those who fear the Lord, And walk in God's pathway,
You will find what you long for, The riches of our God.

Refrain

Verse 2.

You shall be like a fruitful vine in the midst of you home,
You shall flourish like olive plants rejoicing at your table.

Refrain

Verse 3.

May the blessings of God be yours all the days of your life,
May the peace and the love of God live always in your heart.

Refrain

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

As to the times and the seasons, sisters and brothers in Christ,
you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know well
that the day of the Lord Jesus will come like a thief at night.

When people are saying, "Peace and security," then
sudden disaster comes upon them, like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not
escape.

But you, sisters and brothers, are not in darkness,
for that day to overtake you like a thief.

For all of you are children of the light and

children of the day. We are
not of the night or of darkness.

Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.

The Word of our God.

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

"Walk ever in the Lord; open your hearts to the stranger.

Will you share the gifts entrusted to us by God?"

Gospel Reading

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

Jesus told the disciples this parable: "For it will be as when a householder going on a journey called the servants and entrusted to them some property; to one was given five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to the servant's ability.

Then the householder went away.

The servant who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them and made five talents more. So also, the one who had the two talents made two talents more.

But the servant who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid the householders' money. After a long time the householder in charge of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

The servant who had received the five talents came up, bringing five talents more, saying, 'You delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.'

The householder replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of my realm.'

The servant also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'You delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.'

The householders replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of my realm.'

The servant who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'I knew you to be hard to deal with, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is back.'

But the householder replied, 'You wicked and lazy servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed?

Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from this servant, and give it to the one who has the ten talents.

For to everyone who has, more be given, for their increase; but from the one who has not, even what he or she has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness, where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

The Good News of Salvation

Homily

Universal Intercessions

Response: God of light, hear our prayer

(God of light, hear our prayer)

For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, Archbishop Rozanski, and all church leaders, that they will continue to proclaim Christ's love and compassion for the poor as they educate the Church about the need to work for justice in our world, we pray....

For world leaders, that they may build their nations on the foundation of a culture of life, morality and justice, especially in war-torn areas, we pray...

For the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, for all who work

to address poverty in this country and for our church community, that we may follow Christ's example of love and solidarity with those who live in poverty, we pray...

For us, the People of God, that we will open our hearts and souls to justice so that we will speak and act to eliminate poverty and injustice in this country and throughout the world, we pray...

And for what else shall we pray?...

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: The Lord is Near (Balhoff, Ducote, Daigle) ... G431

Refrain: The Lord is near to all who call,
Rest in God alone, rest alone.

Vs. 1: God will guard your coming and your going; and will be the one to guard your life.
The sun will not harm you in the daylight, and the Lord will watch you through the night.

Vs. 2: God has seen a thousand years go past; swiftly as a morning fades to night.
So come and be filled with God's wisdom, to number all your days aright.

Vs. 3: Lord, in you I come to take my refuge; through the night you ever counsel me.
O Lord, you have formed me to be holy and to rest within you peacefully.

Vs. 4: Trust in God forever, O my people; Pour out all your hearts before the Lord.
Your God is a rock of strength, your glory; in the Lord is all your hope restored.

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.)*

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: The Summons (Iona Community) ... BB387

Vs. 1: Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Vs. 2: Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Vs. 3: Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Vs. 4: Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Vs. 5: Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Communion2: How Can I Keep From Singing? (trad.) ... BB446

My life goes on in endless song
Above earth's lamentations,
I hear the real, though far-off hymn
That hails a new creation. **REFRAIN**

REFRAIN: No storm can shake my inmost calm,
While to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love is lord of heaven and earth
How can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife
I hear its music ringing,
It sounds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing? **REFRAIN**

While though the tempest loudly roars,
I hear the truth, it liveth.
And though the darkness 'round me close,
Songs in the night it giveth. **REFRAIN**

When tyrants tremble in their fear
And hear their death knell ringing,
When friends rejoice both far and near
How can I keep from singing? **REFRAIN**

Prayer after Communion

Announcements

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

Sending: Rain Down (Cortez) ... BB621

(Refrain)
RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN,
RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE
ON YOUR PEOPLE,
RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN,
RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE, GOD OF LIFE.

Faithful and true is the word of our God.
All of God's works are so worthy of trust.
God's mercy falls on the just and the right;
full of God's love is the earth. (Refrain)

We who revere and find hope in our God
Live in the kindness and joy of God's wing.
God will protect us from darkness and
death;
God will not leave us to starve. (Refrain)

God of creation, we long for your truth;
You are the water of life that we thirst,
Grant that your love and your peace
touch our hearts, all of our hope lies in you.
(Refrain)