

Sunday, December 3, 2023
1st Sunday of Advent, Year B

Gathering:

Sing We Maranatha! (Cooney) (V1,V2)

Here in laughter, there in tears,
Each embrace that chases fears.
Ev'ry nightmare kissed away,
Inches forth your day.

Here in mourning, there in birth,
Ev'ry groaning of the earth.
In each tested love proved true,
Christ is born anew.

**Let us see you where you are,
Breath of lovers, seed of star.
Source and heart of ev'rything,
Sing we, Maranatha!**

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

You, O God, are a Father and a Mother to us;
our Redeemer from of old is your name.
O God, why do you let us stray from your ways
and harden our hearts, so that we fear you not?
Return for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your heritage.
O that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence.
When you did awesome things which we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From of old no one has heard,
or perceived by the ear.
No eye has seen a God besides you,
who works for those who wait for you.
You meet those that joyfully work righteousness,
those that remember you in their ways.
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;
We have been a long time in our sins,
and shall we be saved?

We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our sins, like the wind, take us away.
There are none that call upon your name,
that stir themselves to take hold of you;
for you have hid your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our own sins.
Yet, you, O God, are a Mother and Father to us;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

The word of God.

Responsorial: Awesome God/Ps19 (Mullins/adapt.)

Refrain:

Our God is an awesome God,
God leads from heaven above;
With wisdom, mercy and love,
Our God is an awesome God.

V1 God's love is precious, it fills our hearts,
Worth more than we dare imagine.
And sweeter than honey, God's love will lead us,
Bringing fulfillment and joy!

V2 God's mercy is perfect, refreshing the soul,
Reviving the weary spirit.
God's precepts are right, bringing new vision,
Bringing God's wisdom to birth!

V3 [---] Living by God's trust is holy and sure,
God's presence is everlasting.
God's truth is eternal, bringing us justice,
Bringing God's justice to all!

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

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to God always for you because of the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus, in whom you were enriched in every way with all speech and knowledge.

Testimony to Christ has been confirmed among you, so that you are not

lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revelation of Jesus our Savior.

God will sustain you to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is by God who is faithful that you were called into communion with Jesus Christ our Lord. **The Word of our God.**

Gospel Acclamation: Mass of Renewal (Stephan) ... BB877

Alleluia

“Make way for God in your life.
Wake Up! Be watchful! Be ready! Our God is here.”

Gospel Reading

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

Jesus said to the disciples: "Take heed, watch; for you do not know when the time will come.

It is like a couple going on a journey, when they leave home and put their servants in charge, each with their own work, and command the doorkeeper to be on the watch.

Watch, therefore – for you do not know when the owners of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning – lest coming suddenly they find you asleep.

And what I say to you I say to all: Watch."

The Good News of Salvation

Homily

Universal Intercessions

Response: God of hope, hear our prayer.

(God of hope, hear our prayer.)

For the Church, that we may be guided to perform small deeds with great love, let us pray...

For world leaders: that they may choose to protect and promote life and peace for all people, especially nations in conflict, let us pray...

For all refugees, immigrants and displaced persons who are awaiting a

new home or a return to their home: that God will give them patience, help all to understand the issues and challenges that they face and guide lawmakers in developing policies to address these issues, let us pray...

For an end to violence: that those who are burdened with suffering, injustice, and persecution may find people who engage in productive and life-giving ways to work for change, let us pray...

And for what else shall we pray?...

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts

Offertory: You Call Us Lord/Creator of the Stars of Night ... H/O & BB68

Refrain:

Come, O Lord and bring your light, O radiant star and heart's delight,
O God within us Emmanuel, with your love, the dark dispel.

V1 Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call. Refrain.

V2 In sorrow that the ancient curse, should doom to death a universe,
You came, O Savior, to set free, your own in glorious liberty. Refrain.

V3 When this old world drew on toward night, You came but not in splendor bright,
Not as a monarch, but the child of Mary, blameless mother mild.

V4 At Your great Name, O Jesus, now, all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
All things on earth with one accord, like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.

V5 Come in Your holy might, we pray, Redeem us for eternal day;
Defend us while we dwell below from all assaults of our dread foe.

V6 To God Creator, God the Son, And God the Spirit, three in One,
Praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally.

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 Renewal (Stephan) ... BB879

Mem: Mass of Renewal - When We Eat This Bread (Stephen) ... BB881

Amen: Mass of Renewal (Stephan) ... BB883

Lamb of God: Mass of Renewal (Stephan) ... BB884

Communion1: God, Beyond All Names (Farrell) ... BB431

God, beyond our dreams, you have stirred in us a memory,
You have placed your powerful spirit in the hearts of humankind.

Refrain

All around us, we have known you;
All creation lives to hold you,
In our living and our dying
We are bringing you to birth.

God, beyond all names, you have made us in your image,
We are like you, we reflect you, we are woman, we are man.

God, beyond all words, all creation tells your story,
You have shaken with our laughter, you have trembled with our tears.

God, beyond all time, you are laboring within us;
We are moving, we are changing, in your spirit ever new.

God of tender care, you have cradled us in goodness,

You have mothered us in wholeness, you have loved us into birth.

Communion2: : Come, O Lord, and Set us Free (Balhoff/Daigle/Ducote) ... G74

[Refrain] Come; O Lord, and set us free,
Come and set us free.

Now I will hear what God Proclaims,
The Lord who speaks of Peace.
Near to us now, God's saving love for those who believe. [Refrain]

Mercy and faithfulness shall meet,
In justice and peace, embrace.
Truth shall blossom from the earth as the heavens rejoice. [Refrain]

Our God shall grant abundant gifts,
The earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before our God and guide us to peace. [Refrain]

Prayer after Communion

Announcements

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

Sending: Let the Valleys Be Raised (Schutte) ... BB50

Let the valleys be raised, and the mountains made low,
Every meadow and field overturn.
Make the pathway straight; and the highway run smooth,
For the coming of God in our day.

1.
God has come to His people,
As He promised of old.
He has raised up a Savior,
In the sight of us all.

2.
You little child, go before Him,
Like the prophets of old.
Bringing news of His coming,
By the mercy of God.

3.

God has come like the morning,

On the darkness of night.

As a light to the people,

Like the breaking of day.