

Sunday, December 31, 2023
Feast of the Holy Family

Gathering: Wake From Your Sleep ... BB103

Wake from your sleep, a Savior is born
God's holy child gives light to this morn
All our darkness to dispel
Praise to our God whose glory we tell

Come from your fields as shepherds of old
Welcome this child whom prophets foretold
God has made the earth his home
Praise to our God, the Savior has come

Stay with us now, O Lord of the earth
Make of our hearts a place for your birth
Though our cares be great or small
Jesus the Lord, be born in us all

Now shall the earth take joy in her tears
Now shall our hearts be turned from their fears
All the earth shall sing God's praise
Jesus the Lord, be born on this day

Gloria 8am: Mass of Renewal (Schutte) ... BB876

Gloria 10am: Mass of John Carroll (Joncas) ... H/O (in program)

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Sirach

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority God confirms over her sons and daughters.
Those who honor their parents atone for sins and preserve themselves from them.
When they pray, they are heard; they store up riches who revere their mother.
Those who honor their parents are gladdened by children and, when they pray, are heard.
Those who revere their parents will live a long life; those who obey their father bring comfort to their mother.

My child, take care of your father and mother when they are old; grieve them not as long as they live.

Even if their minds fail, be considerate of them; revile them not all the days of their lives.

Kindness to a parent will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins – a house raised in justice to you.

The word of God.

Responsorial: Blest are Those Who Love You ... 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 your 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.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians

Brothers and sisters:

Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion,
kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience,

bearing with one another and forgiving one another,
if one has a grievance against another;

as the Most High has forgiven you, so must you also do.

And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.

And let the peace of Christ control your hearts,

the peace into which you were also called in one body.

And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,

as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another,
singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs
with gratitude in your hearts to God.
And whatever you do, in word or in deed,
do everything in the name of Jesus,
giving thanks to the Most High God through him.

The Word of our God.

GA 8am: Mass of Renewal (Stephan) ... BB877 & H/O

*“Let the peace of Christ in your hearts;
Let the Word of God dwell in you, richly.”*

GA 10am: Mass of Glory (Hurd/Canedo) ... BB899

Gospel Reading

A reading from the Gospel of Luke

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present the child to the Lord. Just as it is written in the law of the Lord: every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, Simeon took the child into his arms and blessed God, saying: “Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples a light for revelation to the gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.”

The child’s father and mother were amazed at what was said about Jesus; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted – and you yourself a sword will pierce – so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”

There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eight-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon this child.

The Good News of Salvation

Homily

Universal Intercessions

Our response: God of peace, hear our prayer.

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For the grace of unity and healing: that all families may be united in love and that the grace of this season may heal divisions, let us pray...

For all who help others grow, particularly parents, teachers, coaches and mentors: that they may affirm and encourage young people to fully recognize and use their gifts, let us pray...

For all married couples: that they may faithfully witness to the love that God has placed in their hearts and help each other to continually grow in Christ, let us pray,,,

For families separated by war or disasters and for those in refugee camps: that God will give them courage, relieve their suffering and open new opportunities for them in the New Year, let us pray...

And for what else shall we pray?...

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts

Offertory: Love Has Come! ... H/O (words in program)

Love Has Come! (French Carol)

Love has come – a light in the darkness!
Love explodes in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it.
Hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!
Love! Love! Glory to God on high!

Love is born! Come share in the wonder.
Love is God now asleep in the hay.
See the glow in the eyes of his mother.
What is the name her heart is saying?
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers.
Love! Love! Jesus, Emmanuel.

Love has come – He never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us.
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.
Love! Love! Praise to You, God on high!

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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 8am: Mass of Renewal (Stephan) ... BB879**

**Holy 10am: Mass of Glory (Hurd/Canedo) ... H/O**

**Mem 8am: Mass of Renewal (Stephan) – When we eat this bread ... BB881**

**Mem 10am: Mass of Glory (Hurd/Canedo) – We proclaim your death ... BB903**

**Amen 8am: Mass of Renewal (Stephan) ... BB883**

**Amen 10am: Mass of Glory (Hurd/Canedo) ... BB906**

**Lamb 8am: Mass of Renewal (Stephan) ... BB884**

**Lamb 10am: Mass of Glory (Hurd/Canedo) ... BB907**

**Communion 1: Eye Has Not Seen (Haugen) ... BB475**

**Refrain:** Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has ready for those who love him;  
Spirit of love, come, give us the mind of Jesus, teach us the wisdom of God.

When pain and sorrow weigh us down, be near to us, O Lord,  
forgive the weakness of our faith, and bear us up within your peaceful word. **REFRAIN**

Our lives are but a single breath, we flower and we fade,  
yet all our days are in your hands, so we return in love what love has made. **REFRAIN**

To those who see with eyes of faith, the Lord is ever near,  
reflected in the faces of all the poor and lowly of the world. **REFRAIN**

We sing a mystery from the past in halls where saints have trod,  
yet ever new the music rings to Jesus, Living Song of God. **REFRAIN**

**Communion 2: Be Thou My Vision (Cooney)**

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art:  
Thou my best thought, by day and by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word:  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord:  
Thou my heart's great love, and I am Thine own,  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,  
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight. Thou my  
soul's shelter, and Thou my great tow'r, O raise  
Thou me heavenward, O power of my power.

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.  
Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.  
Naught is all else to me, save that Thou art.

### **Prayer after Communion**

### **Announcements**

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

### **Sending : Joy To the World ... BB86**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come  
Let Earth receive her King  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And Heaven and nature sing  
And Heaven and nature sing  
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing

Joy to the Earth, the Savior reigns  
Let all their songs employ  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love (and wonders of His love)  
And wonders of His love (and wonders of His love)  
And wonders, wonders of His love