

Sunday, February 23, 2025
Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

Gathering: Lift Up Your Hearts (O'Connor SJ) ... BB548

Refrain: Lift up your hearts to the Lord,
in praise of His mercy!
Sing out your joy to the Lord,
His love is enduring.

Vs. 1: Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth!
Praise the glory of His name!
Say to God, How wondrous Your works,
how glorious Your name!

Vs. 2: Let the earth worship, singing Your praise.
Praise the glory of Your name!
Come and see the deeds of the Lord
come worship name!

Vs. 3: Listen now, all you servants of God,
as I tell of these great works.
Blessed be the Lord of my life,
His love shall endure!

Gloria: Mass of Creation

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Samuel

In those days, Saul went down to the desert of Ziph with three thousand picked men of Israel, to search for David in the desert of Ziph. So David and Abishai went among Saul's soldiers by night and found Saul lying asleep within the barricade, with his spear thrust into the ground at his head and Abner and his men sleeping around him.

Abishai whispered to David:

"God has delivered your enemy into your grasp this day. Let me nail him to the ground with one thrust of the spear; I will not need a second thrust!"

But David said to Abishai,

"Do not harm him, for who can lay hands on God's anointed and remain unpunished?"

So David took the spear and the water jug from their place at Saul's head, and they got away without anyone's seeing or knowing or awakening. All remained asleep, because the Most High God had put them into a deep slumber.

Going across to an opposite slope, David stood on a remote hilltop at a great distance from Abner, son of Ner, and the troops.

He said:

"Here is the king's spear. Let an attendant come over to get it. God will reward each man for his justice and faithfulness. Today, though God delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm God's anointed."

The word of God.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is Kind and Merciful-Ps103 (Cotter) ... G88

Refrain

The Lord is kind and merciful;
The Lord is kind and merciful.
Slow to anger, rich in kindness,
The Lord is kind and merciful.

Verse 1

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
All my being bless God's name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul;
Forget not all God's blessings.

Verse 2

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
Slow to anger, full of kindness.
God is good to all creation,
Full of compassion.

Verse 3

The goodness of God is from age to age,
Blessing those who choose to love.
And justice toward God's children;
On all who keep the covenant.

Second reading

A reading from the first Letter of Paul to the people of Corinth

Sisters and brothers:

It is written, *The first human, Adam, became a living being,*
the last Adam a life-giving spirit.

But the spiritual was not first;
rather the natural and then the spiritual.

The first human was from the earth, earthly;
the second, from heaven.

As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly,
and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly.

Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one,
we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one.

The word of God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel Reading

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples:

“To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic.

Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back.

Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same.

If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount.

But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for God is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

Be merciful, just as your God is merciful.

“Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned.

Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.”

The Good News of Salvation.

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Universal Intercessions

Response: God of mercy, hear our prayer.

(God of mercy, hear our prayer.)

For the Church: that we may be instruments of God’s mercy and kindness by sharing what we have received with others who are hurting, let us pray...

For all bishops and religious leaders: that God will give them wisdom and courage to address the issues in our country and in the church, let us pray...

For all who have never experienced forgiveness: that they may encounter the free and healing gift of forgiveness through someone who has experienced God’s forgiveness, let us pray...

For a healing of racial, ethnic, and gender hatreds: that all people may see the value and dignity of each person, let us pray...

For all who have been our enemies, whether politically, economically, or personally: that we may let go of hurts and grudges and seek a new understanding of them, let us pray...

For whom else shall we pray...

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts

Offertory: In This Place (Thomson) ... BB308

Vs. 1 In This Place

We are all hungry people,
We need shelter and strength.
We are one in our hurting,
We are one in our pain.
In our suff'ring and sadness,
We are saved by the grace
Of the power and the Spirit
That is here in this place.

Refrain: We are gathered at table

As one in the Lord.
We are gathered as people
Who are living the Word.
Our hearts and our spirits
Are nurtured by grace.
It is Jesus who fills us.
He is here in this place.

Vs. 2 All our lives are a mystery

We seek not where they lead.
We are asked now to trust you
And we know we must believe.
As our feet become Christ's feet,
We go forth with the grace
Of the power and the Spirit
That is here in this place.

Vs. 3 Though the world may tell us

To look at ourselves,
We reach out to another
Where suffering dwells.
As our hands become Christ's hands,

We are healed by the grace
Of the power and the Spirit
That is here in this place.

Vs. 4 In the bread that is broken
Is the Christ that restores.
As we take, now receive him,
We find love evermore.
As the bread becomes Body,
We are filled with the grace
Of the power and the Spirit
That is here in this place.



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: Missa Pacem (Babin) ... H/O

Mem: Missa Pacem (Babin) - When We Eat This Bread ... H/O

Amen: Missa Pacem (Babin) ... H/O

Lamb of God: Mass of the Goodness of God (Kendzia) ... H/O

Communion 1: Let Us Be Bread (Porter) ... G585

Refrain:

Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord,
broken and shared, life for the world.
Let us be wine, love freely poured.
Let us be one in the Lord.

1 I am the bread of life, broken for all.
Eat now and hunger no more. [Refrain]

2 You are my friends if you keep my commands,
no longer servants but friends. [Refrain]

3 See how my people have nothing to eat.
Give them the bread that is you. [Refrain]

4 As God has loved me so I have loved you.
Go and live on in my love. [Refrain]

Communion 2: Love One Another (V2,V4,V5) (Cheponnis) ... G446

Refrain:

Love one another, Love is of God.
Love one another, Love is of God.

2.) Since God has given his love to us; therefore let us love on another,
God will love us, and live in us in perfect love.

4.) Let not your hearts be troubled for love has not room for fear.
In love all fear is forgotten, for God is here with us.

5.) God is love and they who abide in love, abide in God,

Prayer after Communion

Announcements

Sending: They'll Know We Are Christians (Scholtes) ... BB603

Vs. 1) We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that our unity will one day be restored
Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love

Vs. 2) We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land

Vs. 3) We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride

Vs. 4) All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only son,
And all praise to the spirit who makes one;