Sunday, February 2, 2025 Presentation of our Lord St. Blaise Blessing of the Throats

Gathering: Our God Is Here (Muglia) ... BB301

Here in this time, here in this place,
Here we are standing face to face.
Here in our hearts, here in our lives,
Our God is here.
Here for the broken, here for the strong,
Here in this temple we belong.
Here in our hearts, here in our lives,
Our God is here.
And we cry
"Holy! Holy! Holy are you!"
We cry: "Holy! Holy! Holy and true!"
Amen, we do believe our God is here.
Our God is here.

Here in the Word, God is revealed,
Here where the wounded can be healed.
Here in our hearts, here in our lives,
Our God is here.
Here we become what we receive,
Here in this Eucharistic feast.
We are his body, living as one;
Our God is here.
And we cry
"Holy! Holy! Holy are you!"
We cry: "Holy! Holy! Holy and true!"
Amen, we do believe our God is here.
Our God is here.

Gloria: Mass of Creation

First Reading

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

In the year King Uzziah died, I saw the Most High seated on a high and lofty throne, with the train of his garment filling the temple. Seraphim were stationed above.

They cried one to the other, "Holy, holy, holy is the God of hosts! All the earth is filled with God's glory!"

At the sound of that cry, the frame of the door shook and the house was filled with smoke.

Then I said, "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a person of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the Most High, the God of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, holding an ember that had been taken with tongs from the altar.

The seraphim touched my mouth with it, and said, "See, now that this has touched your lips, your wickedness is removed, your sin purged."

Then I heard the voice of the Most High God saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"

"Here I am," I said; "send me!"

The word of God.

Responsorial Psalm: On the Day I Called-Ps138 (Cooney)

(Refrain) Lord, on the day I called for help, You answered me, you answered me.

(V1) I shall thank you, God of my heart, You have heard my troubled word. While angels watch, your name I praise; I dance before your holy place.

(V2) For your love and your faithfulness, I thank your name,
Your promise surpasses your fame,
I called for your help
All night and day long:
You heard me, you made me strong.

(V3) From on high,
From the heavens the poor you see,
You drive the proud to their knees.
Though I live
In the midst of trouble and woe,
You save me, and foil my foe.

Second reading

A reading from the first Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

I am reminding you, sisters and brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you indeed received and in which you also stand. Through it you are also being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received:

that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve.

After that, Christ appeared to more than five hundred disciples at once, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. After that he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

Last of all, as to one born abnormally, he appeared to me. For I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective.

Indeed, I have toiled harder than all of them; not I, however, but the grace of God that is with me. Therefore, whether it be I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

The word of God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

"Come, follow me; I will make you fishers of my people."

Gospel Reading

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets.

Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked Simon to put out a short distance from the shore. Then Jesus sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch."

Simon said in reply, "Teacher, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets."

When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking.

When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful person."

For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon.

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people."

When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

The Good News of Salvation.

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Universal Intercessions

Response: God of justice and peace, hear our prayer.

(God of justice and peace, hear our prayer.)

For the grace to venture into the depths of our hearts: that we may follow Christ away from the noise and demands of the day and enter into the silent depths of our hearts where God can speak to us, let us pray...

For parents, teachers, writers, and preachers: that God will inspire them with new ways to share the Good News and invite others to a deeper relationship with Christ, let us pray...

For all who feel unwelcome before God or unworthy of God's presence: that God's unconditional love may heal and renew them and draw them into communion with God, let us pray...

For peace: that God will turn every heart from violence and lead us along the road of justice and peace, let us pray...

For whom else shall we pray...

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts

Offertory: God Is Love (Schutte) ... H/O & #64-pews

(Refrain) God is love and all who dwell in love will live; Will live in God, and God will live in them.

(V1) All who love are born of God; our Maker and our Mother. You have loved us first of all Yours the love we bear.

(V2) We have seen Your face, O God, and we have heard your singing. We have held You in our hands, in the love we bear.

(V3) You have made a home in us, where death can have no power. We have passed from death to life, in the love we bear.

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: Here I Am, Lord (Schutte) ... BB393

[Verse 1]

I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save

[Chorus]

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart

[Verse 2]

I, who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

[Chorus]

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart

[Verse 3]

I, the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them
They turn away

Communion 2: We Are the Light of the World (Jean A. Greif) ... G353

Blessed are they who are poor in spirit, Theirs is the kingdom of God. Bless us, O Lord, make us poor in spirit; Bless us, O Lord, our God

Refrain: We are the light of the world; may our light shine before all, that they may see the good that we do, and give glory to God.

Blessed are they who are meek and humble, They will inherit the earth Bless us, O Lord, make us meek and humble; Bless us, O Lord, our God

Blessed are they who will mourn in sorrow, They will be comforted Bless us, O Lord, when we share their sorrow; Bless us, O Lord, our God

Bless those who hunger and thirst for justice, They will be satisfied Bless us, O Lord, hear our cry for justice; Bless us, O Lord, our God

Blessed are they who show others mercy, They will know mercy too Bless us, O Lord, hear our cry for mercy; Bless us, O Lord, our God

Blessed are hearts that are clean and holy, They will behold the Lord Bless us, O Lord, make us pure and holy; Bless us, O Lord, our God.

Blessed are hearts that are clean and holy, They will behold the Lord Bless us, O Lord, make us pure and holy; Bless us, O Lord, our God

Blessed are they who bring peace among us, They are the children of God Bless us, O Lord, may your peace be with us; Bless us, O Lord, our God

Bless those who suffer from persecution, Theirs is the kingdom of God. Bless us, O Lord, when they persecute us; Bless us, O Lord, our God.

Prayer after Communion

Announcements

Sending: God Has Chosen Me (Farrell) ... BB392

God Has Chosen Me God has chosen me, God has chosen me to bring good news to the poor. God has chosen me,
God has chosen me to bring new sight to those searching for light.
God has chosen me, chosen me:
And to tell the world that God's kingdom is near,
to remove oppression and break down fear,
yes, God's time is near, God's time is near.

God has chosen me,
God has chosen me to set alight a new fire.
God has chosen me,
God has chosen me to bring to birth a new kingdom on earth.
God has chosen me, chosen me:
And to tell the world that God's kingdom is near,
to remove oppression and break down fear,
yes, God's time is near, God's time is near.

God is calling me,
God is calling me in all whose cry is unheard.
God is calling me,
God is calling me to raise up the voice with no power or choice.
God is calling me, calling me:
And to tell the world that God's kingdom is near,
to remove oppression and break down fear,
yes, God's time is near, God's time is near.