

Sunday, March 10, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Gathering: Beyond the Days (Manalo) (Week 4) ... Handout

Refrain:

Beyond the days of hope and mystery
we see a light of faith renewed,
and in our longing we thirst for guidance
to walk with you day by day.

4. On our Lenten path
we see the dawn of a new day.
Be our vision of hope;
be the promise of our lives.

Kyrie: Kyrie Eleison - Mass of John Carroll (Joncas)

First Reading

A reading from the first book of Chronicles

All the leading priests and the people likewise were exceedingly unfaithful, following all the abominations of the nations; and they polluted the house of God which had been consecrated in Jerusalem.

Early and often did the Most High, the God of their ancestors, send messengers to them, for God had compassion on the people and God's dwelling place.

But they mocked the messengers of God, despised warnings, and scoffed at the prophets who were sent, until the anger of God against this people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his family until the kingdom of the Persians came into power.

All this was to fulfill the word of the Most High spoken by Jeremiah: Until the land has retrieved its lost Sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled.

In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the Most High spoken by Jeremiah, God inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing: "Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the

earth the Lord, the God of heaven, has given to me, and God has also charged me to build a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of God's people, let them go up, and may your God be with you."

The word of God.

Responsorial: Be Merciful, O Lord-Ps51 (Angrisano) ... BB783 & H/O & 202

(Refrain) Be merciful, O Lord. Have mercy on us, for we have sinned. We come before you; cleanse us from within. Have mercy on us, Lord.

(V1) Have mercy on me in your goodness, Lord. In your great compassion wipe out my offense. Wash me from guilt, Lord; cleanse me from my sin. Have mercy on me, Lord.

(V2) Create a clean heart for me, O God. And a steadfast spirit, renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, O Lord. Take not your Spirit from me.

(V3) Give me the joy of your salvation, Lord, and a willing spirit sustain within me. Open my lips, let my mouth proclaim your praise. Have mercy on me, Lord.

Second reading

A reading from Paul to the people of Ephesus

Brothers and sisters:

God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love God had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ - by grace you have been saved -, raised us up, and seated us with Christ Jesus in the heavenly places, that in the ages to come God might show the immeasurable riches of God's own grace in kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast.

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

The word of God

Gospel Acclamation: Lenten Gospel Acclamation (Canedo & Hurd) ... BB901

Praise and honor to you, O Lord Jesus Christ

*“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son:
so that everyone who believes in him;
everyone who believes in him will have eternal life.”*

Gospel Reading

A reading from the Gospel according to John

Jesus said to Nicodemus: “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must I myself be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in me may have eternal life.”

For God so loved the world as to send the Anointed One into it that whoever believes in this One should not perish but might have eternal life.

For God did not send the Anointed One into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through the One God sent.

Whoever believes will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because they have not believed in the name of the Holy One of God.

And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil.

For all who do wicked things hate the light and do not come toward the light, so that their evil works might not be exposed. But all who live the truth come to the light, so that their works may be clearly seen as done in God.

The Good News of Salvation.

Homily

Universal Intercessions

Response: Response: Faithful God, hear our prayer.

(Faithful God, hear our prayer.)

For the grace of renewal: that we may deepen our commitment to God's covenant with us and strive to place God at the center of all our decisions, let us pray...

For refugees, for those held unjustly and for those fleeing danger: that God will lead them to safety and stir others to provide for their needs, let us pray...

For all who suffer injustice: that our hearts may be stirred to take action to free those bound unjustly and lift the burdens from those who are oppressed, let us pray...

For leaders of nations, that their hearts may be changed to value peace over war, let us pray...

In thanksgiving for the gift of Melanie to our community and for her safe travels and future journeys, let us pray...

And for what else shall we pray?...

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts

Offertory: Gracious God (Manibusan) (V1,V2) ... BB137

Verse 1:

Lead us, Lord, into the desert;
Lead us through the wilderness.
Through this journey we will follow,
For we long to see your face
Refrain:

Gracious God, mercy is your name.
Re-deeming love, you give your life away.
Gracious God, we bless your holy name.
Receiving love, we give our lives away

Verse 2:

In this time of sacred struggle,
In this time of sacrifice,

We rejoice, for we remember
That you lead us into life.



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) ... BB918

Mem: Kauffman Renewal-Save Us Savior (Gokelman & Kauffman) ... H/O

Amen: Christ the Savior (Schutte) ... BB922

Lamb: Lamb of God (Maher, Le, Ndolo) ... H/O

Communion 1: Now in This Banquet (Haugen) ... G600 (Lenten Refrain)

*(Lenten Refrain) Lord, you can open hearts that are stone;
Live in our flesh and our bone;
Lead us to wonder, mystery and grace,
One in your loving embrace.*

Vs. 1: You who have touched us and graced us with love,
make us your people of goodness and light.

Vs. 2: Let our hearts burn with the fire of your love;
open our eyes to the glory of God.

Vs. 3: God who makes the blind to see,
God who makes the lame to walk,

bring us dancing into day,
lead your people in your way.

Vs. 4: Hope for the hopeless, light for the blind,
"Strong" is your name, Lord, "Gentle" and "Kind."

Vs. 5: Call us to be your light,
call us to be your love,
make us your people again.

Vs. 6: Come, O Spirit! renew our hearts!
We shall arise to be children of light.

Communion 2: This Is My Example (O'Brien) ... H/O & 213

(Refrain) This is my example, love as I love you.

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(V7) Go forth and care for all people everywhere.

Find your strength within my love.

(V9) If my love you bear to the people everywhere
all will know that you are Mine.

(V10) In your faith is power to embrace the darkest
hour; go without fear to heal and, heal and serve.

(V5) To the poor and weak, be the comfort that
they seek; let my example be your guide.

(V11) This my life I give; I must die that you may
live. All this I do for the love of, love of you.

Prayer after Communion

Announcements

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

Sending : Glory in the Cross (Janco) (refrain only) ... H/O & 205

We should glory in the cross of our Lord, Jesus Christ.
For He is our salvation, our life and resurrection.
Through Him we are saved and made free.