

Sunday, May 11, 2025
Mother's Day
4th Sunday of Easter

Gathering: Sing of the Lord's Goodness (Sands) ... G373

Vs. 1) Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom, come to him and bless his name.
Mercy he has shown us, his love is for ever, faithful to the end of days.

Refrain: Come, then, all you nations, sing of your Lord's goodness, melodies of praise and thanks to God.

Ring out the Lord's glory, praise him with your music, worship him and bless his name.

Vs. 2) Power he has wielded, honor is his garment, risen from the snares of death.
His word he has spoken, one bread he has broken, new life he now gives to all.

Vs. 3) Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow, Spirit of our God most high;
solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner, splendor of the living God.

Vs. 4) Praise him with your singing, praise him with the trumpet, praise God with the lute and harp;
praise him with the cymbals, praise him with your dancing, praise God till the end of days.

Gloria: Mass of Renewal (Kauffman)

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas continued on from Perga and reached Antioch in Pisidia. On the sabbath they entered the synagogue and took their seats. Many Jews and worshipers who were converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who spoke to them and urged them to remain faithful to the grace of God.

On the following sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and with violent abuse contradicted what Paul said.

Both Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said,

“It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first, but since you reject it and condemn yourselves as unworthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. For so the

Lord has commanded us,

I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth."

The Gentiles were delighted when they heard this and glorified the word of the Lord. All who were destined for eternal life came to believe, and the word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region.

The Jews, however, incited the women of prominence who were worshipers and the leading men of the city, stirred up a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their territory.

So they shook the dust from their feet in protest against them, and went to Iconium. The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The word of God

Responsorial: We Are God's People (Alonzo)

(Refrain) We are God's people, the flock of the Lord.
We are God's people, the flock of the Lord.

(V1) Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before God, singing for joy;
Come before God, singing for joy.

(V2) Know that the Lord - the Lord - is God;
To God who made us we belong.
We are God's people, the sheep of the flock;
God's people, the sheep of the flock.

(V3) Indeed, how good, how good is the Lord,
Eternal - God's merciful love.
God is faithful from age to age;
God is faithful from age to age.

Second Reading

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue.

They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands.

Then one of the elders said to me,

“These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

“For this reason they stand before God’s throne and worship God day and night in the temple.

The one who sits on the throne will shelter them. They will not hunger or thirst anymore, nor will the sun or any heat strike them.

For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The word of God

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia

Gospel Reading

A reading from the Gospel according to John

Jesus said:

“My sheep hear my voice;
I know them, and they follow me.
I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.

No one can take them out of my hand.

My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all,
and no one can take them out of the God’s hand.

The Father and I are one.”

The Good News of Salvation.

Homily

Sprinkling Rite: Rain Down (Cortez) ... BB615

(Refrain)

RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN,
RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE
ON YOUR PEOPLE,
RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN,
RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE, GOD OF LIFE.

Faithful and true is the word of our God.
All of God's works are so worthy of trust.
God's mercy falls on the just and the right;
full of God's love is the earth. **(Refrain)**

We who revere and find hope in our God
Live in the kindness and joy of God's wing.
God will protect us from darkness and
death;
God will not leave us to starve. **(Refrain)**

God of creation, we long for your truth;
You are the water of life that we thirst,
Grant that your love and your peace
touch our hearts, all of our hope lies in you.
(Refrain)

Universal Intercessions

Response: God, our Shepherd, hear us.
(God, our Shepherd, hear us.)

For the church: That all members of the Body of Christ will find hope in the workings of the Holy Spirit who guides the Church through this transition of leadership, we pray. ...

For all who have shepherded us, particularly parents, pastors, teachers, and mentors: that God will continue to work through them and guide them in sharing their gifts so that others may grow... we pray,

For all Mothers and those who have been like a mother to us: that God will bless and strengthen them and inspire us to greater love by their witness of love and concern...we pray,

For the College of Cardinals, that the Holy Spirit may guide their hearts and minds in choosing a new pope who will lead the Church with wisdom, compassion, and faithwe pray,

For all who are in any kind of danger; and who need comfort and protection, especially vulnerable children and refugees, the poor and the marginalized ... we pray,

For what other intentions do we want to pray...

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts: Where Charity and Love Prevail (trad.) ... BB429

Where charity and love prevail,
there God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love,
by love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear
His charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul
now love him in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults
as we our faults confess;
And let us love each other well
in Christian holiness.

Let strife among us be unknown,
let all contention cease;
Be His the glory that we seek,
be ours His holy peace.

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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 Christ the Savior (Schutte) ... BB900**

**Mem 8am: Mass of Christ the Savior (Schutte) - When We Eat this Bread ... BB902**

**Amen 8am: Mass of Christ the Savior (Schutte) ... BB904**

**Lamb of God 8am: Mass of Christ the Savior (Schutte) ... BB905**

**Holy 10am: Mass of Glory (Canedo/Hurd) ... BB884**

**Mem 10am: Mass of Glory (Canedo/Hurd) - We Proclaim ... BB885**

**Amen 10am: Mass of Glory (Canedo/Hurd) ... BB888**

**Lamb of God 10am: Mass of Glory (Canedo/Hurd) ... BB889**

**Communion 1: Take and Eat (Joncas) ... BB364**

### **Refrain**

Take and eat; take and eat: this is my body given up for you.

Take and drink; take and drink: this is my blood given up for you.

I am the Word that spoke and light was made; I am the seed that dies to be reborn;

I am the bread that comes from heaven above. I am the vine that fills your cup with joy. **Refrain**

I am the way that leads the exile home; I am the truth that sets the captive free;

I am the life that raises up the dead; I am your peace, true peace my gift to you. **Refrain**

I am the Lamb that takes away your sin; I am the gate that guards you night and day.

You are my flock; you know the shepherd's voice; You are my own: your ransom is my blood.

### **Refrain**

**Communion 2: God Alone May Lead My Spirit (Conry) ... H/O & #49-pews**

(Refrain) God alone may lead my spirit  
far away from want and fear,  
for the Lord is my true Shepherd  
and I know the Lord is near.

(V1) I am led beside God's peaceful water  
and I sleep in the arms of the earth.  
Who guides me along paths of honour?  
Who refreshes my life from my birth?

(V2) Though I wander the valley of dying,  
I shall know that I walk in Your sight,  
with Your staff that is ever before me  
and Your rod to guard at my right.

(V3) You have spread Your banquet before me  
in the unbroken sight of my foes,  
while my head is anointed with kindness  
and the cup of my life overflows.

(V4) Only mercy and goodness pursue me  
while that breath and that justice endure.  
And I'll dwell in the house of God's keeping  
Who has opened the mouths of the poor.

### **Prayer after Communion**

### **Mothers' Day Blessing**

God our Creator, we pray:

for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility;  
for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;  
for those who are tired, stressed or depressed;  
for fathers who find themselves in the role of mother;  
for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family;  
for those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty;  
for those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities;  
for those who have adopted children;  
for those who raise children on their own;  
for those who have lost a child;  
for those who care for the children of others;  
for those whose children have left home;  
for those who have become mothers to their parents;

for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled;  
for our ancestral mothers whose dreams we carry;  
and for all those who nurture your Divine spark in others.

Bless all mothers, surround them with Your loving Presence, that their love may be deep and tender, their courage faithful and trusting, their faith constant and strong and that they may lead their children to experience You as Loving Mother.

Amen.

### **Announcements**

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

### **Sending : Join in the Dance (Schutte) ... BB588**

Refrain

Join in the dance of the earth's jubilation!  
This is the feast of the Love of God.  
Shout from the heights to the ends of creation.  
Jesus the Savior is risen from the grave!

Wake, O people; sleep no longer: greet the breaking day!  
Christ, Redeemer, Lamb and Lion, turns the night away! Refrain

Love's triumphant day of victory heaven opens wide.  
On the tree of hope and glory death itself has died! Refrain

Christ forever, Lord of ages, Love beyond our dreams:  
Christ, our hope of heaven's glory, all that yet will be! Refrain