

Sunday, June 29, 2025
Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Gathering: On That Day/Shall We Gather At the River? (Soper/trad.)

Refrain

On that day, on that day.

Yes, we'll gather at the river that day, on that day.

On that day, on that day, my Lord,

We'll gather at the river that day.

(V1)

Shall we gather at the river,

Where bright angel feet have trod?

Shall we gather at the river,

That flows by the throne of God?

(V2)

Yes, we'll gather at the river,

Gather with the saints at the river.

Yes, we'll gather at the river,

That flows by the throne of God.

(V3)

Soon we'll reach the shining river,

The beautiful, beautiful river.

Soon we'll reach the shining river,

That flows by the throne of God.

Gloria: Mass of Renewal (Stephan) ... BB858

First Reading

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In those days, King Herod laid hands upon some members of the Church to harm them.

He had James, the brother of John, killed by the sword,

and when he saw that this was pleasing to the Jews he proceeded to arrest Peter also.

—It was the feast of Unleavened Bread.—

He had him taken into custody and put in prison under the guard of four squads of four soldiers each.

He intended to bring him before the people after Passover.

Peter thus was being kept in prison, but prayer by the Church was fervently being made to God on his behalf.

On the very night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter, secured by double chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while outside the door guards kept watch on the prison.

Suddenly the angel of the Lord stood by him and a light shone in the cell.

The angel tapped Peter on the side and awakened him, saying, "Get up quickly."

The chains fell from his wrists.

The angel said to him, "Put on your belt and your sandals." He did so.

Then the angel said to him, "Put on your cloak and follow me."

So he followed the angel out, not realizing that what was happening through the angel was real; he thought he was seeing a vision.

They passed the first guard, then the second, and came to the iron gate leading out to the city, which opened for them by itself.

They emerged and made their way down an alley, and suddenly the angel left him.

Then Peter recovered his senses and said, "Now I know for certain that the Lord sent the angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people had been expecting."

The word of God

Responsorial: Here Am I, Lord-Ps40 (Angrisano)

Refr Here am I, Lord; here am I, Lord.
I come to do your will.
I come to do your will.

V1 I have waited for the Lord,
You stooped towards me and heard my cry,
Placed a new song in my mouth, to sing;
Sing out praises to my God.

V2 Now your law is written in my heart;
And to do your will is my delight.
You have given me the ears to hear,
So behold I come to you.

V3 I announce to all that you are God.
I have not restrained my lips.
God, your justice reigns for all in need;
For your people, Lord, I sing.

Second Reading

A reading from the Second Letter to Timothy

I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come.

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which Christ Jesus, the righteous judge, will award to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

But the Lord Jesus stood by me and gave me strength to proclaim the message fully, that all the Gentiles might hear it.

So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

Christ will rescue me from every evil and save me for the heavenly realm.

To Christ be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of God

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia

Gospel Reading

A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Anointed one is?"

They said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but the Creator of all who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the realm of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

The Good News of Salvation.

Homily

Universal Intercessions

Response: Saving God, hear our prayer

For our Holy Father, successor to St. Peter, that Jesus may continue to make Him a rock on which He can build up the Church in our own time, we pray...

For all who work for life, for justice, and for peace, that God will give them courage to continue and to keep their faith in God's divine help for their cause, we pray...

For all who are held bound, whether by sickness, addiction, or external oppression, that with all of us praying fervently on their behalf, God's angel may lead them to freedom and new life, we pray...

For world leaders, that the cry of the poor may reach them and the rights of the refugee, the migrant, transgender youth, and all those who are oppressed may become their priority in justice and compassion. We pray....

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

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts: We Are (For Each Child That's Born) (Barnwell)

For each child that's born
a morning star rises and sings
to the universe who we are (3X)

We are our grandmothers prayers
we are our grandfathers dreamings

we are the breath of the ancestors
we are the spirit of God

We are Mothers of courage
fathers of time
Daughters of dust
sons of great visions
we are sisters of mercy
brothers of love
lovers of life and the builders of nations

We're seekers of truth
and keepers of faith
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to the universe who we are (4X)

We are one

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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: Mass of Renewal (Stephan) ... BB861**

**Mem: Mass of Renewal - When We Eat This Bread (Stephan) ... BB863**

**Amen: Mass of Renewal (Stephan) ... BB865**

**Lamb of God: Mass of Renewal (Stephan) ... BB866**

**Communion 1: Saints and Beloved of God (Schutte) ... BB706**

Refrain: In every place and time the blessed walk among us.

There's a mighty throng that stands at our side, the saints and beloved of God.

Vs. 1) We are joined by a great communion,  
Here on earth and in Heav'n above,  
For the feast prepared by Christ the Lord,  
Companions in His love.

Vs. 2) We are stirred by their faithful witness  
To the God who takes flesh and bone,  
To the Christ who lives in hands and hearts,  
In faces not his own.

Vs.3) For the saints of the past and present,  
For the saints of our fam'ly and friends,  
They have found their home in Christ the Lord,  
Whose kingdom never ends.

Vs. 4) The will greet us with great rejoicing  
At the dawn of eternal day,  
When we're home at last by Heaven's hearth  
Where pilgrims come to stay.

Vs. 5) To our God be the power and glory!  
To the Christ be all thanks and praise!  
To the God who is, and to the Lamb,  
Our voices let us raise.

### **Communion 2: If God Is For Us (Brown) ... BB613**

[Verse 1]

If God is for us, who can be against us?  
If God is on our side, what can we be denied?  
In all these things we are more than conquerors in Jesus.  
If God is on our side, what can we be denied?

[Verse 2]

If God is for us, who then can condemn us?  
Surely not Christ our Lord, who arose from the dead.  
There's nothing in this world that can separate us from his love.  
If God is on our side, what can we be denied?

[Verse 3]

If God is for us, who can stand against us?  
If Christ did set us free, who can make us a slave?  
Can pain or suffering keep us from the love of Jesus?  
If God is on our side, what can we be denied?

### **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'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'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, God's time is near.