

Sunday, July 27, 2025
17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Gathering: Seek the Lord (O'Connor SJ) ... BB655

Refrain: Seek the Lord whose mercy abounds;
call aloud to God who is near.

Vs. 1) Today is the day and now the proper hour
to forsake our sinful lives and turn to the Lord.

Vs. 2) As high as the sky is above the earth,
so high above our ways, the ways of the Lord.

Vs. 3) Open your heart to hear the voice of God,
whose words, whose ways lead us to life.

Vs. 4) Some day we'll live in the house of God;
hearts full of praise for God's gracious love.

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

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Genesis

In those days, God said: "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great, and their sin so grave, that I must go down and see whether or not their actions fully correspond to the cry against them that comes to me. I mean to find out."

While Abraham's visitors walked on farther toward Sodom, the Most High God remained standing before Abraham. Then Abraham drew nearer and said: "Will you sweep away the innocent with the guilty? Suppose there were fifty innocent people in the city; would you wipe out the place, rather than spare it for the sake of the fifty innocent people within it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to make the innocent die with the guilty so that the innocent and the guilty would be treated alike! Should not the judge of all the world act with justice?"

God replied, "If I find fifty innocent people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

Abraham spoke up again: "See how I am presuming to speak to my God, though I am but dust

and ashes! What if there are five less than fifty innocent people? Will you destroy the whole city because of those five?"

God answered, "I will not destroy it, if I find forty-five there."

But Abraham persisted, saying "What if only forty are found there?"

God replied, "I will forbear doing it for the sake of the forty."

Then Abraham said, "Let not my God grow impatient if I go on. What if only thirty are found there?"

God replied, "I will forbear doing it if I can find but thirty there."

Still Abraham went on, "Since I have thus dared to speak to my God, what if there are no more than twenty?"

God answered, "I will not destroy it, for the sake of the twenty."

But Abraham still persisted: "Please, let not my God grow angry if I speak up this last time. What if there are at least ten there?"

God replied, "For the sake of those ten, I will not destroy it."

The word of God

Responsorial: On the Day I Called for Help-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 of the Letter of Paul to the Colossians

Sisters and brothers:

You were buried with Christ in baptism,
in which you were also raised with Christ
through faith in the power of God,
who raised him from the dead.

And even when you were dead
in transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh,
Christ brought you to life along with him,
having forgiven us all our transgressions;
obliterating the bond against us, with its legal claims,
which was opposed to us,
Christ also removed it from our midst, nailing it to the cross.

The word of God

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia

Gospel Reading

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of the disciples said, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples."

Jesus said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test."

And Jesus said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend to whom you go at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey and I have nothing to offer my visitor,' and your friend says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.'

I tell you, if your friend does not get up to give you the loaves because of your friendship, your friend will get up to give you whatever you need because of your persistence.

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be opened to you.

For everyone who asks, receives;

and the one who seeks, finds;

and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

What parent among you would hand your child a snake when the child asks for a fish? Or hand the child a scorpion when asked for an egg?

If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask?"

The Good News of Salvation.

Homily

Universal Intercessions

Response: Faithful God, hear our prayer.

(Faithful God, hear our prayer.)

For the Church: that we like Abraham may grow in our friendship with God and honestly present our needs to God each day, let us pray...

For all who are in need of daily bread: that God will open new opportunities for them and touch the hearts of all who have an abundance to share more freely, let us pray...

For all who serve in public safety: that God will protect them from harm and give them wisdom as they encounter difficult situations, let us pray...

That we may be a community that actively cares for and protects children and vulnerable members of our society, let us pray...

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

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts: Seek Ye First (Karen Lafferty) ... BB574

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.

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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: Dwelling Place (Foley SJ) (hand out)**

Dwelling Place - John Foley SJ

(Refrain)

May Christ find a dwelling place  
of faith in our hearts.

May our lives be rooted in love,  
rooted in love.

(V1) May Christ in His love  
give us strength for our living,  
the strength of His Spirit,  
the glory of God.

(V2) May grace ... be yours, in God.

May grace be yours in God.

(V3) May peace ... be yours, in God.

May peace be yours in God.

(V4) Begin in your heart. Believe!

God is with us in our struggles.

### **Prayer after Communion**

### **Announcements**

### **Sending: 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)