

Sunday, August 24, 2025
21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Gathering: As We Gather At Your Table (trad.) ... BB311

Verse 1

As we gather at Your table
As we listen to Your word
Help us know O God Your presence
Let our hearts and minds be stirred
Nourish us with sacred story
Till we claim it as our own
Teach us through this holy banquet
How to make Love's vict'ry known

Verse 2

Turn our worship into witness
In the sacrament of life
Send us forth to love and serve You
Bringing peace where there is strife
Give us Christ Your great compassion
To forgive as You forgave
May we still behold Your image
In the world You died to save

Verse 3

Gracious Spirit help us
Summon other guests
To share that feast
Where triumphant Love will welcome
Those who had been last and least
There no more will envy
Blind us nor will pride
Our peace destroy
As we join with saints and angels
To repeat the sounding joy

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

First Reading

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Most High God:

I know their works and their thoughts,
and I come to gather nations of every language;
they shall come and see my glory.

I will set a sign among them;
from them I will send fugitives to the nations:
to Tarshish, Put and Lud, Mosoch, Tubal and Javan,
to the distant coastlands that have never heard of my fame, or seen my glory;
and they shall proclaim my glory among the nations.

They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations
as an offering to God,
on horses and in chariots, in carts, upon mules and dromedaries,
to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the Most High God,
just as the Israelites bring their offering to the house of God in clean vessels.

Some of these I will take as priests and Levites, says our God.

The word of God

Responsorial: Go Out to the World (Chris de Silva)

(Refrain)

Go out to the world and tell all the good news,
Tell all the good news of God's endless love.
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(V1) With hands of justice and faith, we go to serve the world,
To bring good news to the poor and oppressed.
With hearts of love and of hope, we go to live the word
That empowers us to new life.

(V2) With lives of courage and strength, we spread the message of love
To all the weak, the lonely, the hurt.
With lives that answer the call, we spread the word of God
That empowers us to new life.

(V3) With gentle spirits, we go to share the message of peace

With all the troubles, lost, and distressed.
With humble spirits, we go to share the love of God
That empowers us to new life.

Second Reading

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Sisters and brothers,

You have forgotten the exhortation addressed to you as children:
“My child, do not disdain the discipline of God
or lose heart when reproved by God;

for those whom our God loves are disciplined;
God chastises every acknowledged child.”
Endure your trials as “discipline”;

God treats you as daughters and sons.
For what “child” is there whom the parent does not discipline?

At the time,
all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain,
yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness
to those who are trained by it.

So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees.
Make straight paths for your feet,
that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.

The word of God

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia

Gospel Reading

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem.
Someone asked him, “Lord, will only a few people be saved?”

He answered them, “Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough. After the master of the house has arisen and locked the door, then will you stand outside knocking and saying, ‘Lord, open the door for us.’

He will say to you in reply, 'I do not know where you are from.

And you will say, 'We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.'

Then he will say to you, 'I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!'

And there will be wailing and grinding of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God and you yourselves cast out.

And people will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the realm of God.

For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

The Good News of Salvation.

Homily

Universal Intercessions

Response: Healing God, hear our prayer.

(Healing God, hear our prayer.)

For the Church: that we may not merely profess Christ with words but live as dynamic disciples of Christ, let us pray...

For all who are experiencing trials and disciplines: that God will strengthen their spirits and help them to be open to the pruning and renewing work of God's Word, let us pray...

For all who are suffering from wildfires, floods, war and other disasters: that God will comfort them, heal their spirits, and guide them to resources to rebuild their lives, let us pray...

For all who are facing difficult choices, particularly about health issues, relationships or unhealthy life styles: that the Spirit guide them to inner freedom, integrity, and wholeness, let us pray...

For all the good and holy priests who have inspired us to be better Christians, to help others in need, and to be Christ-like, and for Sisters who show kindness, knowledge and demonstrate social justice actions, let us pray...

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

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts: O God, You Search Me (Farrell) ... BB566

O', God, you search me, and you know me
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze
When I walk or lie down, you are before me
'Ever the maker and keeper of my days

You know my resting and my rising
You discern my purpose from afar
And with love everlasting, you besiege me
In ev'ry moment of life or death, you are

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord
You have known its meaning through and through
You are with me beyond my understanding
God of my present, my past and future, too

Although your Spirit is upon me
Still I search for shelter from your light
There is nowhere on Earth I can escape you
Even the darkness is radiant in your sight

For you created me and shaped me
Gave me life within my mother's womb
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you
Safe in your hands, all creation is made new

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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: A Place at the Table (Murray/True)**

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
for everyone born, a star over head.

[Refrain] And God will delight  
when we are creators of justice and joy,  
Yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice, and joy.

For woman and man, a place at the table,  
revising the roles, deciding to share,  
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,  
for woman and man, a system that's fair. [Refrain]

For young and for old, a place at the table,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to belong. [Refrain]

For just and unjust, a place at the table.  
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,  
in anger, in hurt, a mind-set of mercy,  
for just and unjust, a new way to live. [Refrain]

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
for everyone born, the right to be free. [Refrain]

For everyone born, a place at the table,

a covenant shared, a welcoming space,  
a rainbow of race and gender and color,  
for everyone born, the chalice of grace. [Refrain]

### **Prayer after Communion**

### **Announcements**

### **Sending: Lead Me, Lord (Becker) ... BB725**

Vs. 1: Blessed are the poor in spirit  
Longing for their Lord  
For God's coming kingdom shall be theirs  
Blessed are the sorrowing  
For they shall be consoled  
And the meek shall come to rule the world

Refrain: Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord  
By the light of truth  
To seek and to find the narrow way  
Be my way, be my truth  
Be my life, my Lord  
And lead me, Lord, today

Vs. 2: Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs  
And the pure in heart shall see their God  
Blest are they whose hunger only holiness can fill  
For I say they shall be satisfied

Vs. 3: Blest are those who through their lifetime sow the seeds of peace;  
All will call them children of the Lord.  
Blest are you, though persecuted in your holy life;  
For in heaven, great is your reward.

Final Refrain: Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord  
By the light of truth  
To seek and to find the narrow way  
Be my way, be my truth  
Be my life, my Lord  
And lead me, Lord, today  
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