

Sunday, August 27, 2023
The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gathering: Light of Christ/Exultet (Haugen) (V1,V2,V3) ... G356

Refrain

The light of Christ surrounds us. The love of Christ enfolds us,
The power of Christ protects us, the presence of Christ watches over us.

Vs. 1) All the earth is ablaze with the glory of God,
For the light has come to burn away the darkness.

Vs. 2) Let us fill ev'ry space with the sound of your joy,
Praising Christ, who is living now among us.

Vs. 3) As this candle shines out through the darkness of night,
May the love of Christ burn ever in our hearts.

Vs. 4) In the East, the morning star rises bright upon you,
In its peaceful light shines the glory of the Lord.

Gloria – Mass of Creation (Haugen) ... BB884

First Reading

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says Almighty God to Shebna, steward of the palace:
"I will thrust you from your office and pull you down from your station.
On that day I will summon my servant Eliakim, son of Hilkiyah;
I will clothe him with your robe, and gird him with your sash, and give
over to him your authority.
Eliakim shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the
house of Judah.
I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder;
when he opens, no one shall shut;
when he shuts, no one shall open.
I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot,
to be a place of honor for his family."

The Word of the Lord....

Responsorial: I Will Lift Up Your Name (Angrisano & Tomaszek)

Refrain: I will lift up your name: praise to my king and God, for you are holy.
Oh, I will lift up your name: praise to my king and God, for you are holy.

Vs. 1) I will give you glory, Lord; I will bless your name forever.
I will praise you day after day.

Vs. 2) Always faithful, kind and gentle, slow to anger filled with love.
Oh how great is the Lord of all.

Vs. 3) Ev'ry creature great and small, tells the glory of your name,
And proclaims to all your mighty ways.

Second Reading

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the community at Rome
Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How inscrutable are God's judgments and how unsearchable God's
ways!

For who has known the mind of the Most High
or who has been God's counselor?
Or who has given God anything
that she or he may be repaid?
For from God and through God and for God are all things.
To God be glory forever. Amen.

The Word of our God.

Gospel Acclamation: Missa Pacem (Babin)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

"Be filled with life;
And hope and newness and joy."
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
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Gospel Reading

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and asked the
disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Humanity is?"
They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others
Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

Jesus said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living
God."

Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For
flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but the Creator of all who is
in heaven. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will
build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail
against it.

I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.
Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven;
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."
Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the
Christ.

The Good News of Salvation.

Homily

Universal Intercessions

Response: God of justice, hear our prayer.

(God of justice, hear our prayer.)

For Pope Francis: that he will faithfully proclaim the Good News, be
guided by the Spirit in promoting unity in the Church and leading us to
greater love and service, let us pray...

For all who are beginning a new academic year: that students and
teachers may learn together as they grow in wisdom and love, let us
pray...

For healing in cities and neighborhoods, especially St. Louis, that God
will guide leaders and us in addressing issues of racism, sexism,
religious intolerance, discrimination, gun violence, and injustice in our
communities and open pathways that will lead to reconciliation, let us
pray...

For all of those seeking asylum, that they may be treated with dignity, let
us pray...

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

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts

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.)*

Prep: O God, You Search Me (Farrell) .. BB441

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

Mass Parts: Missa Pacem (Babin)

Lamb of God: Mass of the Goodness of God (Kendzia)

Communion 1: Christ Be Our Light (Farrell) ... BB601

Verse 1: Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see. REFRAIN

Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts,
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Verse 2: Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. REFRAIN

Verse 3: Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed. REFRAIN

Verse 4: Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
Walls made of living stone. REFRAIN

Verse 5: Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come. REFRAIN

I Have Been Anointed (Balhoff/Daigle/Ducote)

[V1] To bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the broken heart,
I have been anointed.

To proclaim liberty to captives, release to prisoners,
I have been anointed.

[Refrain] Your Spirit, O God, is upon me,
I have been anointed.

[V2] To announce a year of favor, to comfort those who mourn,
I have been anointed.

To give to them the oil of gladness, and share the mantle of joy,
I have been anointed.

Prayer after Communion

Announcements

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

Sending: I Want to Praise Your Name (Hurd) ... G382

Vs. 1) Praise with the trumpet, praise with the harp,
Praise with the timbrel, the dance and the lyre;
Let ev'rything that has breath give praise to God.

Refrain: I want to praise your name. I want to sing your goodness.
Glory, O God; Glory.

Vs. 2) Mountains and valleys, rivers and seas,
Stars in the heavens and fish in the deep;
Let all creation give praise to God on High

Vs. 3) Mother and fathers; daughters and sons,
All of God's people the old and the young;
Let all who hunger to do God's will give praise.

