

**Sunday, August 3, 2025**  
**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Gathering: City of God (Schutte) ... BB385**

**Vs. 1:** Awake from your slumber  
Arise from your sleep  
A new day is dawning  
For all those who weep  
The people in darkness  
Have seen a great light  
The lord of our longing  
Has conquered the night **Refrain**

**Refrain** Let us build the city of God  
May our tears  
Be turned into dancing  
For the lord  
Our light and our love  
Has turned the night into day

**Vs. 2:** We are sons of the morning,  
We are children of day.  
The one who has loved us  
Has brightened our way.  
The lord of all kindness  
Has called us to be  
A light for his people  
To set their hearts free. **Refrain**

**Vs. 3:** God is light,  
in him there is no darkness.  
Let us walk in his light,  
His children one and all.  
O comfort my people  
Make gentle your words.  
Proclaim to my city  
The day of her birth. **Refrain**

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

### **First Reading**

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

Vanity of vanities, says Qoheleth\*,  
vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!

Here is one who has labored with wisdom and knowledge and skill,  
and yet to another who has not labored over it,  
the property will be left.

This also is vanity and a great misfortune.  
For what profit comes to people from all their toil and anxiety of heart  
with which they have labored under the sun?

All their days  
sorrow and grief are their occupation;  
even at night their minds are not at rest.

This also is vanity.

### **The word of God**

#### **Responsorial: If Today (You Hear God's Voice) - Ps95 (Hurd)**

Refrain: If today you hear the voice of God, if today you hear God's own voice.  
Harden not your hearts, harden not your hearts, harden not your hearts, today.

V1 Sing out, oh people, with songs of gladness.  
Let us proclaim the rock of our salvation.

V2 Come, let us worship the God who made us,  
The one who guides and shepherds us with love.

V3 O do not harden your hearts, O people.  
As did your parents when tested in the wilderness.

### **Second Reading**

**A reading of the Letter of Paul to the Colossians**

Sisters and brothers:

If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,  
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.  
Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.

For you have died,  
and your life is hidden with Christ in God.  
When Christ your life appears,  
then you too will appear with Christ in glory.

Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly:  
immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire,  
and the greed that is idolatry.  
Stop lying to one another,  
since you have taken off the old self with its practices  
and have put on the new self,  
which is being renewed, for knowledge,  
in the image of its creator.

Here there is not Greek and Jew,  
circumcision and uncircumcision,  
barbarian, Scythian, slave, free;  
but Christ is all and in all.

### **The word of God**

#### **Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia**

#### **Gospel Reading**

#### **A reading from the Gospel according to Luke**

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me."

He replied to him, "Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?"

Then he said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

Then he told them a parable.

“There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. He asked himself, ‘What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?’ And he said, ‘This is what I shall do: I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones. There I shall store all my grain and other goods and I shall say to myself, “Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!”’

But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?’

Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.”

### **The Good News of Salvation.**

#### **Homily**

#### **Universal Intercessions**

Response: God of Hope, hear our prayer.  
(God of Hope, hear our prayer.)

For the church, that we may use resources carefully, including human resources, so that all may share in God’s abundant gifts, let us pray...

For social workers, spiritual directors, and therapists: that God will guide them in helping others to recognize their gifts, their vocation, and the deepest truth that God has planted in their hearts, let us pray...

For an end to terrorism and for the safety of all people: that God will turn hearts from violence and help everyone recognize the dignity of human life, let us pray...

For wisdom and inspiration for government and legislative leaders: that God will give them insight into the true issues and the needed steps for change to promote the welfare of all people, let us pray...

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

### **The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**Preparation of Gifts: The Lord Is Near (Balhoff, Ducote, Daigle) ... G431**

**Refrain:**

The Lord is near to all who call,  
Rest in God alone, rest alone.

**Vs. 1:** God will guard your coming and your going; and will be the one to guard your life.  
The sun will not harm you in the daylight, and the Lord will watch you through the night.

**Vs. 2:** God has seen a thousand years go past; swiftly as a morning fades to night.  
So come and be filled with God's wisdom, to number all your days aright.

**Vs. 3:** Lord, in you I come to take my refuge; through the night you ever counsel me.  
O Lord, you have formed me to be holy and to rest within you peacefully.

**Vs. 4:** Trust in God forever, O my people; Pour out all your hearts before the Lord.  
Your God is a rock of strength, your glory; in the Lord is all your hope restored.

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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: Tend the Ground (Stephen) ... BB624**

Refrain

We till the earth, we tend the ground, sowing hope and peace where none is found.  
In selfless love, God's life abounds. We till the earth, we tend the ground.

Vs. 1: As God provides our every need, with grateful hearts, let us receive these gifts of love,  
and make return to bless the world, to bless the world.

Refrain

Vs. 2: All creatures share one common home, one loving God, one song of hope.  
The rocks cry out and praises ring. Rise up and sing, rise up and sing!

Refrain

Vs. 3: With open hand our Lord has giv'n his life for all that we might live.  
No greater love is there than this, no greater love, no greater love.

Refrain

Vs. 4: Where hardened hearts have turned to greed, trampling upon the fledgling seed,  
Help us to tend to others' needs, open our eyes, open our eyes.

Refrain

### **Prayer after Communion**

### **Announcements**

### **Sending: Bring Forth the City (Haugen) ... G468**

#### **Verse 1**

You are salt for the earth, O people,  
salt for the city of God!  
Share the flavor of life, O people:  
life in the City of God!

#### **Refrain**

Bring forth the City of mercy,  
bring forth the City of peace.  
Bring forth the City of justice,  
bring forth the City of God!

#### **Verse 2**

You are a light on the hill, O people,  
light for the city of God!  
Shine so holy and bright, O people:  
shine for the City of God!

Verse 3

You are a seed of the word, O people,  
bring forth the City of God!  
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,  
grow in the City of God!

Verse 4

We are the bless'd and a pilgrim people,  
bound for the City of God!  
Love our journey and love our homeland:  
love is the City of God!