

Sunday, September 10, 2023
The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gathering: Come, Now Is the Time to Worship (Doerksen) ... BB553

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are, to worship.
Come, just as you are, before your God.
Come.

One day every tongue will confess
You are God.
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose you now.

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

First Reading

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezechiel

Thus says the Most High God:
You, son of humanity, I have appointed watchman for the house of
Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me.

If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die, "
and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from their ways,
the wicked shall die for their guilt,
but I will hold you responsible for their deaths.

But if you warn the wicked,
trying to turn them from evil ways,
and they refuse to turn from their ways,
they shall die for their guilt,
but you shall save yourself.

The Word of our God.

Responsorial: If Today (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 from the letter of Paul to the people of Rome

Sisters and brothers:
Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another;
for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery;
you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet, "
and whatever other commandment there may be,
are summed up in this saying, namely,
"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Love does no evil to the neighbor; therefore love is the
fulfillment of the law.

The Word of our God.

Gospel Acclamation: Missa Pacem (Babin)

"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (2X)

Love one another, for love is of God;

Gospel Reading

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If your brother or sister sins against you, go and tell the person about the fault between the two of you alone.

If that person listens to you, you have won over your brother or sister.

If that person does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.'

If the person refuses to listen to them, tell the church.

If this one refuses to listen even to the church, then treat the person as you would a Gentile or a tax collector.

Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

The Good News of Salvation.

Homily

Universal Intercessions

Response: Compassionate God, hear our prayer.

(Compassionate God, hear our prayer.)

For the Church: that we may be a community that continues Christ's mission of evangelizing and reconciling those who are estranged, let us pray...

For public safety and front-line workers: that God will give them strength of spirit, words of hope for those in pain, and protection from harm, let us pray...

For those persons who have injured us and those whom we have injured, that we may be reconciled, let us pray...

For a healing of the nations: that world leaders may decrease threats and find alternatives to violence in resolving disputes, 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: We Are Many Parts (Haugen) ... BB587

Refrain: We are many parts
We are all one body
And the gifts we have
We are given to share
May the spirit of love, make us one indeed
One, the love that we share
One, our hope in despair
One, the cross that we bear

Vs. 1: God of all, we look to You
We would be Your servants true
Let us be Your love for all the world

Vs. 2: So my pain is pain for you,
In your joy is my joy, too;
All is brought together in the Lord.

Vs. 3: All you seekers great and small
Seek the greatest gift of all
If you love, then you will know the Lord

Mass Parts: Missa Pacem (Babin)

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

Communion 1: Here At This Table (Whitaker)

Refrain

Come and be filled here at this table.
Food for all who hunger
and drink for all who thirst.
Drink of his love, wine of salvation.
You shall live forever in Jesus Christ the Lord.

1 You who labor for justice,
you who labor for peace,
you who steady the plow
in the field of the Lord,

2 You with lives full of pain,
you who sorrow and weep,
you, beloved of Christ,
come to him, come to him!

3 Children of ev'ry color
in ev'ry land,
you are his own,
he gathers you gently.
Don't you grow weary,
for when you run,
you run with the Lord!

4 You, the aged among us,
holy, faithful and wise,
may the wisdom you share
form our lives and our world!

5 Let each woman and man
learn from the stranger;
we're not so diff'rent
and so much unites us.
For we are one,
blest with the Spirit
and the power of love!

Communion 2: Standin' In the Need of Prayer (Spiritual)

Refrain: "It's me (it's me), it's me, oh Lord. Standing in the need of prayer. 2X

V1 With my sister and my brother, it's me, oh Lord. Standing... 2X

V2 With my mother and my father, it's me, oh Lord. Standing... 2X

V3 With the stranger and my neighbor, it's me, oh Lord. Standing..." 2X

Prayer after Communion

Announcements

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

Sending: World Peace Prayer (Haugen) ... G523

Refrain: Lead me from death to life, from falsehood to truth;
lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust;
lead me from hate to love, from war to peace.
Let peace fill our heart, our world, our universe.

Verse 1:

Still all the angry cries, still all the angry guns,
Still now our people die, earth's sons and daughters.
Let justice roll, let mercy pour down,
Come and teach us your way of compassion.

Refrain

Verse 2:

So many lonely hearts, so many broken lives,
Longing for love to break into their darkness.
Come, teach us to love, come, teach us peace,
Come and teach us your way of compassion.

Refrain

Verse 3:

Let justice ever roll, let mercy fill the earth,

Let us begin to grow into your people.

We can be love, we can bring peace,

We can still be your way of compassion.

Refrain