

Sunday, September 17, 2023
The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gathering: Come To Us (Cooney) ... G538

Come to me, come to us, you who are burdened.
Come to the word and come to the meal.
Come without question or pressure or price:
Come, be embraced by the body of Christ.

Come to me, come to us, pilgrim or stranger,
Looking for change, or challenge, or light.
We are the people whose calling is care,
Bearers of mercy, nourished in prayer.

Come to me, come to us, broken or building,
Come with your children, your choices, your chains.
All are invited to friendship or rest, to
Share in our struggle, our call and our quest.

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

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Sirach

Wrath and anger are hateful things,
yet the sinner hugs them tight.
The vengeful will suffer the Most High God's vengeance,
for their sins are remembered in detail.

Forgive your neighbor's injustice;
then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.

Could anyone nourish anger against another
and expect healing from our God?

Could anyone refuse mercy to another,
and seek pardon for his or her own sins?

If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath,
who will forgive his or her sins?

Remember your last days, set enmity aside;

remember death and decay, and cease from sin!
Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor;
remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

The Word of our God.

Responsorial: Loving and Forgiving (Soper)...BB 664

Refrain: Loving and forgiving are you, O Lord; slow to anger, rich in kindness,
loving and forgiving are you.

V1 All my being, bless the Lord, bless the holy name of God,
All my being bless the Lord, remembering the goodness of God.

V2 God forgives us all our sins, healing those who live in pain,
Saving us from final death. God fills us with goodness and love.

V3 Good and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger, rich in love.
God remembers not our sins; forgiving and loving is God.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the people of Rome

Sisters and brothers:

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.
For if we live, we live for the Lord,
and if we die, we die for the Lord;
so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

For this is why Christ died and came to life,
that Christ might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

The Word of our God.

Gospel Acclamation: Missa Pacem (Babin)

“Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (2X)

Love one another, as I have loved you;

Gospel Reading

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?"

Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, the master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt.

At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.'

Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan.

When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.'

Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.'

But he refused.

Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt.

Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair.

The master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?'

Then in anger the master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt.

So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother or sister from your heart."

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 who are God's people, both in life and in death, may faithfully mediate God's love, mercy, and forgiveness through our words and deeds, let us pray...

For all who have experienced violence, terrorism, sickness, or war: that God will help them break the cycle of violence and make life giving choices out of their pain, let us pray...

For all immigrants and refugees, that they may find a welcoming home in the communities who receive them, let us pray...

For a healing of the nations: that world leaders may lay aside pride, image and threats so that the greater good may be advanced for all the human family, let us pray...

For all who have been impacted by hurricanes, floods, or wildfires: that God will give them strength, protect them from harm and give them hope, 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 Come to Your Feast (Joncas) ... G617

Vs. 1 We place upon your table a gleaming cloth of white:
The weaving of our stories, the fabric of our lives;
The dreams of those before us, the ancient, hopeful cries,
The promise of our future: our needing and our nurture
lie here before our eyes.

Refrain: We come to your feast, We come to your feast
The young and the old, the frightened, the bold,
the greatest and the least.
We come to your feast, we come to your feast
With the fruit of our lands and the work of our hands,
We come to your feast.

Vs. 2: We place upon your table a humble loaf of bread:
The gift of field and hillside, the grain by which we're fed;
We come to taste the presence of him on whom we feed,
To strengthen and connect us, to challenge and correct us,
to love in word and deed

Vs. 3: We place upon your table a simple cup of wine:
The fruit of human labor, the gift of sun and vine;
We come to taste the presence of him we claim as Lord,
His dying and his living, his leading and his giving,
His love in cup outpoured.

Vs. 4: We gather 'round your table, we pause within our quest,
We stand beside our neighbors, we name the stranger "guest."
The feast is spread before us; you bid us come and dine:
In blessing we'll uncover, in sharing we'll discover
your substance and your sign.

Mass Parts: Missa Pacem (Babin)

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

Communion 1: A Place at the Table (Murray/True)...G06

V1 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 overhead,

Refrain: and God will delight when we are creators of
justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators of
justice, justice and joy!

V2 For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair, (refrain)

V3 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)

V4 For just and unjust, a place at the table,
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live, (refrain)

V5 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)

Communion 2: Somos el Cuerpo de Cristo (Cortez)...BB590

Refrain: Somos el cuerpo de Cristo. We are the body of Christ.

Hemos oido el llamado; we've answered "Yes," to the call of the Lord.

Somos el cuerpo de Cristo. We are the body of Christ

Traemos su santo mensaje. We come to bring the good news to the world.

V1 Dios veine al mundo a traves de nosotros.

Somos el cuerpo de Cristo.

God is revealed when we love one another.

We are the body of Christ.

Mundo a cumplir la mission de la Iglesia

Somos el cuerpo de Cristo.

Brining the light of God's mercy to others,

We are the body of Christ.

V2 Cada persona esparto del reino;

Somos el cuerpo de Cristo

Putting a stop to all discrimination,

We are the body of Christ

Todas las razes que habitan la tierra,

Somos el cuerpo de Christo.

All are invited to feast in the banquet.

We are the body of Christ.

V3 Que nuestras acciones refiljen justicia;
Somos el cuerpo de Cristo.
Stopping abuse and relieving the hungry,
We are the body of Christ
Vamos al mundo a cuidar surebano.
Somos el cuerpo de Cristo.
Serving each other we build up the kingdom;
We are the body of Christ.

Prayer after Communion

Announcements

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

Sending: Companions on the Journey (Landry) ... BB592

Refrain: We are companions on the journey,
breaking bread and sharing life;
And in the love we bear is the hope we share
For we believe in the love of our God,
We believe in the love of our God

Verse 1:

No longer strangers to each other;
No longer strangers in God's house;
We are fed and we are nourished
By the strength of those who care,
By the strength of those who care

Verse 2:

We have been gifted with each other
And we are called by the Word of the Lord
To act with justice, to love tenderly,
And to walk humbly with our God,
To walk humbly with our God.