Sunday, September 22, 2024 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Gathering: Seek the Lord (O'Connor SJ) ... BB664

Refrain: Seek the Lord whose mercy abounds; call aloud to God who is near.

Vs. 1) Today is the day and now the proper hour to forsake our sinful lives and turn to the Lord.

Vs. 2) As high as the sky is above the earth, so high above our ways, the ways of the Lord.

Vs. 3) Open your heart to hear the voice of God, whose words, whose ways lead us to life.

Vs. 4) Some day we'll live in the house of God; hearts full of praise for God's gracious love.

Gloria: Mass of Creation (Haugen) ... BB885

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

The wicked say:

Let us beset the just ones, because they are obnoxious to us; they set themselves against our doings, reproach us for transgressions of the law and charge us with violations of our training.

Let us see whether their words be true; let us find out what will happen to them.

For if the just one is the son or daughter of God, God will defend them and deliver them from the hand of their foes. With revilement and torture let us put the just ones to the test that we may have proof of their gentleness and try their patience.

Let us condemn them to a shameful death; for according to God's own words, God will take care of them.

The word of God.

Responsorial: I Will Always Thank the Lord-Ps34 (Soper) ... BB775 & H/O

Refrain: I will always thank the Lord; I will always praise God's name

- I will thank the Lord at all times,
 I will always praise God's name.
 My soul will boast of the Lord.
 The poor will hear and be glad.
- Join with me in the praise o the Lord;
 Together we shall sing God's praise.
 I called, and God answered my plea;
 From my fears the Lord set me free.
- 3.) Look to God and shine with joy;You will never be ashamed.I begged God to listen to me;God took my burdens away.

Second reading

A reading from the Letter of Saint James

Beloved:

Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity.

And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.

Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from? Is it not from your passions that make war within your members?

You covet but do not possess.
You kill and envy but you cannot obtain; you fight and wage war.
You do not possess because you do not ask.
You ask but do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

The word of God

Gospel Acclamation: Missa Pacem (Babin) ... H/O

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

"Bear the name of the servant: for the sake of the other."

Gospel Reading

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark

Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciples and telling them,

"The Son of Humanity is to be handed over to evil people and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Humanity will rise."

But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him. They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them,

"What were you arguing about on the way?"

But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then Jesus sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them,

"If anyone wishes to be first, that person shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, said to them,

"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

The Good News of Salvation.

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Response: Compassionate God, hear our prayer.

(Compassionate God, hear our prayer.)

For the Church: that we may be servants of one another, particularly of those in need, and thus bear witness to God's love for everyone, let us pray...

For Pope Francis and all leaders in the Christian Community: that God will guide them in addressing the wounds that the Church has experienced and inspire them in promoting healing and a renewed unity in the community of faith, let us pray...

For the members of Congress: that God will give them wisdom and insight as they address the issues that challenge our society and decide on funding priorities, let us pray...

For a clearer recognition of healthy and unhealthy ambitions: that we may be aware of the motivations that stir our hearts and respond to those that lead us closer to God and toward greater wholeness, let us pray...

For those who are powerless in our society, especially our LBGTQIA siblings, that we may hear their voices, understand their pain, and humbly walk with them through life's challenges, let us pray...

For the repose of the soul of Andrew Wimmer and all who have gone before us in Christ, let us pray...

And for what else shall we pray?...

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts

Offertory: The Servant Song (Gillard) ... BB395

Will you let me be your servant, Let me be as Christ to you; Pray that I may have the grace to Let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, We are trav'lers on the road; We are here to help each other Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you In the night-time of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, Speak the peace you long to hear. I will weep when you are weeping; When you laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow 'Til we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven We shall find such harmony, Born of all we've known together Of Christ's love and agony.

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: Missa Pacem (Babin) ... H/O

Mem: Missa Pacem (Babin) - When We Eat This Bread ... H/O

Amen: Missa Pacem (Babin) ... H/O Lamb: Missa Pacem (Babin) ... H/O

Communion 1: Now In This Banquet (Haugen) ... G600

Refrain:

Now in this banquet, Christ is our bread; Here shall all hungers be fed. Bread that is broken, wine that is poured, Love is the sign of our Lord. Vs. 1: You who have touched us and graced us with love, make us your people of goodness and light.

Vs. 2: Let our hearts burn with the fire of your love; open our eyes to the glory of God.

Vs. 3: God who makes the blind to see, God who makes the lame to walk, bring us dancing into day, lead your people in your way.

Vs. 4: Hope for the hopeless, light for the blind, "Strong" is your name, Lord, "Gentle" and "Kind."

Vs. 5: Call us to be your light, call us to be your love, make us your people again.

Vs. 6: Come, O Spirit! renew our hearts! We shall arise to be children of light.

Communion 2: Love One Another (V2,V4,V5) (Chepponis) ... G446

Refrain:

Love one another, Love is of God. Love one another, Love is of God.

- 2.) Since God has given his love to us; therefore let us love on another, God will love us, and live in us in perfect love.
- 4.) Let not your hearts be troubled for love has not room for fear. In love all fear is forgotten, for God is here with us.
- 5.) God is love and they who abide in love, abide in God, And God in them.

Prayer after Communion

Announcements

Sending: They'll Know We Are Christians ... G533

Vs. 1) We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord And we pray that our unity will one day be restored

Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love

- Vs. 2) We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land
- Vs. 3) We will work with each other, we will work side by side We will work with each other, we will work side by side And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride