

Sunday, September 3, 2023
The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Feast Day of St. Phoebe, first century deaconess of the Church

Gathering: God, Beyond All Names (Bernadette Farrell) ... G339

God, beyond our dreams, you have stirred in us a memory,
You have placed your powerful spirit in the hearts of humankind.

Refrain

All around us, we have known you;
All creation lives to hold you,
In our living and our dying
We are bringing you to birth.

God, beyond all names, you have made us in your image,
We are like you, we reflect you, we are woman, we are man.

God, beyond all words, all creation tells your story,
You have shaken with our laughter, you have trembled with our tears.

God, beyond all time, you are laboring within us;
We are moving, we are changing, in your spirit ever new.

God of tender care, you have cradled us in goodness,
You have mothered us in wholeness, you have loved us into birth.

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

First Reading

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

You duped me, O God, and I let myself be duped;
you were too strong for me, and you triumphed.
All the day I am an object of laughter;
everyone mocks me.

Whenever I speak, I must cry out,
violence and outrage is my message;
the word of God has brought me
derision and reproach all the day.
I say to myself, I will not mention God,
I will speak in this name no more.

But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones;
I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

The Word of our God.

Responsorial: My Soul is Thirsting (Angrisano) ... BB786

Refrain

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord,
thirsting for you, my God.

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thirsting for you, my God,
thirsting for you, my God.

Verse 1.

O God, you are my God,
and I will always praise you.
In the shadow of your wings
I cling to you and you hold me high.

Verse 2.

Through the day you walk with me;
all the night your love
surrounds me.
To the glory of your name
I lift my hands, I sing your praise.

Verse 3.

I will never be afraid,
for I will not be abandoned.
Even when the road grows long
and weary
your love will rescue me.

Second Reading

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God,
to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship.

Do not conform yourselves to this age
but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,
that you may discern what is the will of God,

what is good and pleasing and perfect.

The Word of our God.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory In the Cross (Soper)

REFRAIN: Glory, we glory in the cross of Christ! (2X)

VERSE1: Our freedom, our triumph, in the cross of Christ.
Our longing, our justice, in the cross of Christ.

VERSE2: Our promise, our future, in the cross of Christ.
Our dying, our rising, in the cross of Christ.

Gospel Reading

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised.

Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him,
"God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you."

He turned and said to Peter,
"Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Then Jesus said to his disciples,
"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny herself or himself, take up the cross, and follow me.

For whoever wishes to save one's life will lose it,
but whoever loses one's life for my sake will find it.
What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world
and forfeit his or her life?

Or what can one give in exchange for this life?
For the Son of Man will come with the angels in the Father's glory,
and then God will repay all according to each one's conduct."

The Good News of Salvation.

Homily

Universal Intercessions

Response: God of strength, hear our prayer.

(God of strength, hear our prayer.)

For the Church: that the fire of the Holy Spirit will embolden us to give witness to God and to serve others by following the example of Jesus, let us pray...

For Pope Francis and the Synod Process, that the power of listening will open new opportunities for women in the leadership of the Church, through the intercession of St. Phoebe, let us pray...

For a deeper appreciation for God's creation: that we may reverence and work to preserve the land, air and water that God has entrusted to our care, let us pray...

For civility in public discourse: that public figures may respect the human dignity of each person and find ways to address the heart of the real issues that face society, 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: Holy Wisdom, Lamp of Learning (trad.) ... BB529

1. Holy Wisdom, lamp of learning,
Bless the light that reason lends.
Teach us judgment as we kindle
Sparks of thought your Spirit sends.
Sanctify our search for knowledge
And the truth that sets us free.
Come, illumine mind and spirit
Joined in deepest unity.

2. Vine of truth, in you we flourish;
By your grace we learn and grow.
May the word of Christ among us
Shape our life, our search to know.
Joined to Christ in living, dying,
May we help the church convey
Witness to the saving gospel,
Bearing fruit of faith today.

3. Holy God, the hope of nations,
Tune us toward your righteous will,
As the symphony of ages
Claims our best, our finest skill.
Shape our search for peace and justice
Through prophetic deed and word.
Christ, conduct us, set our rhythm,
That God's praise be ever heard.

Mass Parts: Missa Pacem (Babin)

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

Communion 1: Taste and See (Moore) ... BB335

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord

I will bless the Lord at all times.

His praise shall always be on my lips.
My soul shall glory in the Lord,
for he has been so good to me.

Glorify the Lord with me
Together let us all praise his name.
I called the Lord and he answered me;
from all my troubles he set me free.

Worship the Lord all you people.
You'll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that God is good;
in him we need put all our trust.

Communion 2: God of Eve and God of Mary (Porter) ... H/O

[Refrain] God of Eve, God of Mary
God of sowing, soil and seed,
Thank you for your world of promise:
Milk and honey, wine and bread.

God you make us your companions, sharers of your loving cup;
Thank you for the generations, weave of names and threads of hope.

May your passion for creation be reflected in our own;
For our role in birth and nurture, make through us your presence known.

As you came to earth in Jesus, so you come to us today;
You are present in the caring that prepares us for life's way.

God of Eve and God of Mary, Christ whose name we bear;
Spirit, womb of life and wisdom: thank you God for who we are!

Prayer after Communion

Announcements

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

Sending: Go Make Go Make a Difference (Angrisano & Tomaszek) ... BB499

Refrain

Go make a diff'rence.
We can make a diff'rence.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.
Go make a diff'rence.
We can make a diff'rence.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

Verse 1

We are the salt of the earth,
called to let the people see
the love of God in you and me.
We are the light of the world,
not to be hidden but be seen.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

Refrain**Verse 2**

We are the hands of Christ
reaching out to those in need,
the face of God for all to see.
We are the spirit of hope;
we are the voice of peace.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

Refrain**Verse 3**

So let your love shine on,
let it shine for all to see.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.
And the spirit of Christ
will be with us as we go.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

Refrain