

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gathering Song: 10,000 Reasons

Refrain: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship his holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.

1. The sun comes up, it's like a new day dawning, it's time to sing your song again. Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes.

Refrain

2. You're rich in love and you're slow to anger. Your name is great and your heart is kind. For all your goodness, I will keep on singing: ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Refrain

3. And on that day, when my strength is failing, the end draws near, and my time has come; still, my soul will sing your praise unending: ten thousand years, and then forevermore.

Refrain

Greeting

Penitential Act: Confiteor

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

Therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints; and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

-AND/OR-

Lord have Mercy,
Christ have Mercy,

Lord have Mercy

Gloria

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
peace on earth, peace to people of good will.

We praise You, we bless You, we adore You, we glorify You, we give You
thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty
Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at
the right hand, the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the
Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
peace on earth, peace to people of good will.

~ *Amen.*

Liturgy of the Word

1st Reading 1 KGS 3:5, 7-12

The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night.

God said, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you."

Solomon answered:

"O LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant, king
to succeed my father David;

but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act.

I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen,
a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted.

Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart
to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong.

For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?”

The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request.

So God said to him:

“Because you have asked for this—

not for a long life for yourself,

nor for riches,

nor for the life of your enemies,

but for understanding so that you may know what is right—

I do as you requested.

I give you a heart so wise and understanding

that there has never been anyone like you up to now,

and after you there will come no one to equal you.”

The Word of God,

~Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm PS 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130

R. Lord, I love your commands

I have said, O LORD, that my part
is to keep your words.

The law of your mouth is to me more precious
than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

R. Lord, I love your commands

Let your kindness comfort me
according to your promise to your servants.

Let your compassion come to me that I may live,
for your law is my delight.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

For I love your command
more than gold, however fine.
For in all your precepts I go forward;
every false way I hate.

R. Lord, I love your commands

Wonderful are your decrees;
therefore I observe them.
The revelation of your words sheds light,
giving understanding to the simple.

R. Lord, I love your commands

2nd Reading ROM 8:28-30

Brothers and sisters:

We know that all things work for good for those who love God,
who are called according to his purpose.

For those he foreknew he also predestined
to be conformed to the image of his Son,
so that he might be the firstborn
among many brothers and sisters.

And those he predestined he also called;
and those he called he also justified;
and those he justified he also glorified.

The Word of God,

~Thanks be to God

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; for you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel MT 13:44-52

Jesus said to his disciples:

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field,
which a person finds and hides again,
and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.
Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant
searching for fine pearls.

When he finds a pearl of great price,
he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea,
which collects fish of every kind.

When it is full they haul it ashore
and sit down to put what is good into buckets.

What is bad they throw away.

Thus it will be at the end of the age.

The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous
and throw them into the fiery furnace,
where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

“Do you understand all these things?”

They answered, “Yes.”

And he replied,

“Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven
is like the head of a household
who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old.”

The Gospel of the Lord,

~Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

Profession of Faith: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

Universal Prayer: Prayers of Petition

~ Lord, hear our prayers

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Acclamations:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death oh Lord, until you come again.

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Amen, Amen, A---men

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Communion Song: Eye Has Not Seen

Refrain: Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has ready for those who love him; spirit of love, come give us the mind of Jesus, teach us the wisdom of God.

1. When pain and sorrow weigh us down, be near to us, O Lord, forgive the weakness of our faith and bear us up within your peaceful word.

Refrain

2. Our lives are but a single breath, we flower and we fade , yet all our days are in your hands, so we return in love what love has made.

Refrain

3. To those who see with eyes of faith, the Lord is ever near, reflected in the faces of all the poor and lowly of the world.

Refrain

4. We sing a mystery from the past in halls where saints have trod, yet ever new the music rings to Jesus, Living Song of God.

Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
Come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
And unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

Concluding Rite

Closing Song *Lead Me, Lord*

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, longing for their Lord, for God's coming kingdom shall be theirs. Blessed are the sorrowing for they shall be consoled, and the meek shall come to rule the world.

Refrain: Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord, by the light of truth to seek and to find the narrow way. Be my way; be my truth; be my life, my Lord, and lead me, Lord, today.

2. Blessed are the merciful for mercy shall be theirs, and the pure in heart shall see their God. Blest are they whose hunger only holiness can fill, for I say they shall be satisfied.

Refrain

3. Blest are they who through their lifetimes sow the seeds of peace, all will call them children of the Lord. Blest are you, though persecuted in your holy life, for in heaven great is your reward.

Refrain

Vocations Prayer

Heavenly Father,
Bless our diocese with the grace of many vocations
to the priesthood, diaconate and to religious life.
Through the intercession of the Blessed Mother,
grant to those You have called
the willingness and the generosity of spirit
to give of themselves in devoting their lives and their talents
to the service of our Lord and to His Church.

Increase the faith of all within our diocese,
and especially the faith of those You are calling.
We ask this through Christ, Your Son our Lord. ~ **Amen**