

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gathering Song: *A Rightful Place*

Refrain: Let us live our lives so that all might see that our hearts are restless till they rest in thee. Let us build your kingdom in truth and grace so that all might know they have a rightful place.

1. Beauty ever ancient and new, breaking through our deafness so we hear you. Shattering the darkness of night, a new dawn is rising to bring your light to all the world.

Refrain

2. To gather in your presence we came to be one in spirit, in truth and name; strengthened by the body of Christ, taking up the call now to share your light with all the world.

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 EZ 33:7-9

Thus says the LORD:

You, son of man, 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 his way,
the wicked shall die for his guilt,
but I will hold you responsible for his death.

But if you warn the wicked,
trying to turn him from his way,
and he refuses to turn from his way,
he shall die for his guilt,
but you shall save yourself.

The Word of the Lord,
~Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm PS 95

**R. If today you hear God's voice, if today you hear God's voice,
harden not your hearts, harden not your hearts.**

Sing joyful songs to the Lord! Praise the rock of our salvation come worship God, with thanks in your heart, with joyful songs of praise.

**R. If today you hear God's voice, if today you hear God's voice,
harden not your hearts, harden not your hearts.**

How great, how great is our God. Greatest God, the king o'er all others. Earth's deepest part and mountain peaks are held in God's own hand. The oceans and dry lands were formed by the one Creator of them all.

**R. If today you hear God's voice, if today you hear God's voice,
harden not your hearts, harden not your hearts.**

Come bow down and worship the Lord! Our God and our Creator! We are the flock, the sheep in God's care, who hear and listen today!

**R. If today you hear God's voice, if today you hear God's voice,
harden not your hearts, harden not your hearts.**

2nd Reading ROM 13:8-10

Brothers and sisters:

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;
hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.
The Word of the Lord,

~Thanks be to God

Alleluia 2 Corinthians 5:19

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel MT 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples:

“If your brother sins against you,
go and tell him his fault between you and him alone.

If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.

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

If he refuses to listen even to the church,
then treat him 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 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: *Christ Be Our Light*

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Refrain: Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice.

Refrain

3. Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed

Refrain

4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.

Refrain

5. Many the gifts, many the people. Many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.

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: Let There Be Peace On Earth

1. Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father, brothers all are we; Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.
2. Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: To take each moment and live each

moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

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**