

Diocese of Richmond Bicentennial Prayer

1820-2020

Father of lights, the radiance of your Son
has guided the advance of the Gospel
across the Diocese of Richmond for two centuries,
strengthening our Church
from the Eastern Shore to the Cumberland Gap.

Grant that the nearness of your Son
may dispel the darkness of our sins,
so that as our love increases more and more,
we may dare more than ever to fearlessly proclaim the word.

Holding fast to the word of life,
may we shine like stars in the world.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Gathering Song: Table of Plenty

Dan Schutte

Refrain

Come to the feast of heav-en and earth! Come to the ta-
- ble of plen - ty! God will pro-vide for all that we
need, here at the ta - ble of plen - ty.

Verses

1. O come and sit at my ta - ble where saints and
2. O come and eat with-out mon-ey; † come to
3. My bread will ev - er sus-tain you through days of
4. Your fields will flow-er in full-ness; your homes will

1. sin - ners are friends. I wait to wel-come the lost and
2. drink with-out price. My feast of glad-ness will feed your
3. sor - row and woe. My wine will flow like a sea of
4. flour-ish in peace. For I, the giv - er of home and

1. lone - ly to share the cup of my love.
2. spir - it with faith and full-ness of life.
3. glad-ness to flood the depths of your soul.
4. har-vest, will send my rain on the soil.

to Refrain

Penitential Rite

Gloria

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

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 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. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (55:1-3)

Thus says the Lord:

All who are thirsty, come to the water!

You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat;

Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk!

Why spend your money for what is not bread; your wages for what fails to satisfy?

Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare.

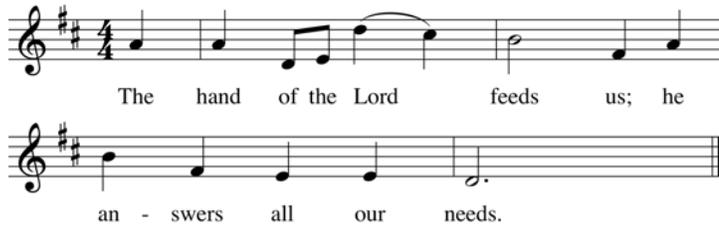
Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life.

I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18

Kathleen Harmon SNDdeN



Second Reading: A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and Sisters: What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 4:4b

Stephen Pishner

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (14:13-21) **Glory to you, O Lord**

When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. The crowds heard of this and followed him on foot from their towns. When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples approached him and said, "This is a deserted place and it is already late; dismiss the crowds so that they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves." But they said to him, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have here." Then he said, "Bring them here to me," and he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over—twelve wicker baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily (on page 10)

Profession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

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 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 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 from the dead and the life of the world to come.
Amen

Prayer of the Faithful



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Preparation of the Gifts: In This Place

Trevor Thompson

Verses



1. We are all hun-gry peo-ple, we need shel-ter and
2. All our lives are a Mys-t'ry; we see not where they
3. Though the world may — tell us to — look at our-
4. In the bread that is bro-ken is the Christ that re-

1. strength. We are one in our hurt-ing, we are
2. lead. We are asked now to trust you and we
3. selves, we reach out to an-oth-er where —
4. stores. As we take, now re-ceive him, we find

1. one — in our pain. In our suf-f'ring and sad-ness,
2. know we must be-lieve. As our feet be-come Christ's feet,
3. suf-fer-ing dwells. As our hands be-come Christ's hands,
4. love — ev-er-more. As the bread be-comes Bod-y,

1. we are saved by the grace
2. we go forth with the grace
3. we are healed by the grace
4. we are filled with the grace

of the pow-er and the

Refrain

1-4. Spir-it that is here in this place. We are
gath-ered at ta-ble as — one in the Lord. We are
(*to-gether)
gath-ered as peo-ple who are liv-ing the Word. Our —
hearts and our spir-its are nur-tured by grace. It is
Je-sus who fills us. He is here in this place.

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

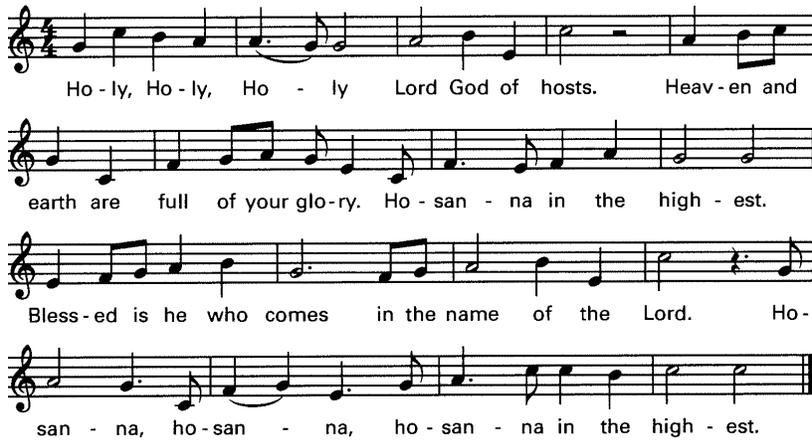
Wisdom 16:20



The Liturgy of the Eucharist

acclamations from the *Mass of St. John* by Bobby Fisher

Holy



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Mystery of Faith



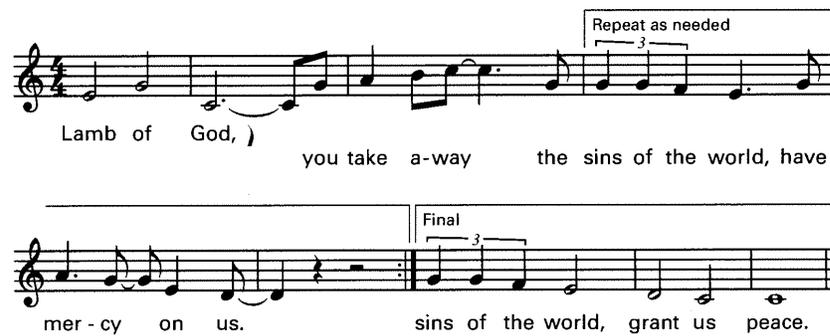
Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your
Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

Amen



A - men, a - men, a - men.

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy on us. sins of the world, grant us peace.

A Prayer for 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 I unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen



Communion Song: Do This in Memory of Me

Chris Muglia

Verses

1. I am the bread of life; all who be-lieve
 2. I am the bread of life; who-ev-er comes

1. in me will have e-ter-nal life. I am the bread
 2. to me will not hun-ger a-gain, I am the bread

1. of life come down from heav-en so that all
 2. of life; no one can come to me un-less

1. who eat this bread will nev-er die.
 2. the Fa-ther draws them near to him.

Refrain

Take the liv-ing bread of life, take the cup of sac-
 -ri-fice; do this in mem-o-ry of me.

Take the bod-y and the blood, giv-en free-ly out of love;
 do this in mem-o-ry of me;

do this in mem-o-ry of me. 1, 2 1: to Verse 2
2: to Bridge

Final

Do this in mem-o-ry of me.

Bridge

A-men, I say to you, un-less you eat the flesh of the
 Son of Man and drink his blood, you shall not have life.

All who will eat my flesh and drink my blood will have
 e-ter-nal life, and I will raise them up a-gain. to Refrain

Prayer after Communion

Sending Forth: Rain Down

Jaime Cortez

Refrain

Rain down, rain down, rain down your
love on your peo - ple. love, God of life.

Verses

1. Faith-ful and true is the word of our God. All of God's
2. We who re - vere and find hope in our God live in the
3. God of cre - a - tion, we long for your truth; you are the
1. works are so wor - thy of trust. God's mer - cy falls on the
2. kind-ness and joy of God's wing. God will pro - tect us from
3. wa - ter of life that we thirst. Grant that your love and your
to Refrain
1. just and the right; full of God's love is the earth.
2. dark - ness and death; God will not leave us to starve,
3. peace touch our hearts, all of our hope lies in you.

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In life because of our limitations sometimes we find the demands made on us very heavy.

For example, parents sometimes find their task very heavy and demands of their children a burden. People in authority sometimes feel overburdened by their demanding duties.

Today's gospel reading tells us that despite of our limitations God works in and through us and the little we have.

In the gospel Jesus asks his disciples to feed the vast crowd themselves when they approach him to dismiss the people so that they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves.

The disciples feel the weight of feeding such a vast crowd too much for them. They are disheartened by their limited resources to feed them. So, they say to Jesus, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have here." In John's gospel they add, "But what good are these for so many?"

But since God works in and through us and the little we have Jesus blesses and multiplies the five loaves and the two fish for the vast crowd to eat and are satisfied.

The point is our offering, no matter how little, is of great importance in the sight of God. Let us remember that God always makes use of our five loaves and two fish to feed his people. If we allow God, he can work great things through us. The Lord is always ready to assist us in meeting the need of the people from the little which we bring to him.

What I am dragging here is that the love that God has for us should prompt us to generosity of his service. The generosity of God towards us should lead us to be generous with our brothers and sisters.

Another point I would like to make is, in a special way, when we come to Mass Jesus Christ takes the little we have; bread and wine and blesses them to become his body and blood which sustain us on our faith journey so that life's most painful experiences may not tempt us to doubt the love that God has for us.

And that we will enable us to say with St Paul in today's second reading that we may not allow life's most painful experiences like suffering, anguish, distress, sickness, coronavirus pandemic, etc to separate us from the love of God.

Even if we have allowed life's most painful experiences to separate us from the love of God, prophet Isaiah in the first reading is pleading with us as he pleads with the people of Israel to return to God.

Prophet Isaiah invites us to God's banquet in which food and drink of best kind would be served, abundant and well prepared.

The point is God always invites us to himself who is the source of our grace, strength, love and blessing.

And let us always remember that away from God our soul turns into desert, we do not have true satisfaction we need in life.