

Guardian Angels Catholic Community
June 17, 2018 – 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Ezek 17:22-24; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34
(everyone joins in with the text in **BOLD**)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering: Gather Us In

**Here in this place, new light is streaming.
Now is the darkness vanished away.
See in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
Brought here to You in the light of this day.
Gather us in the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in the blind and the lame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
We shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young our lives are a myst'ry.
We are the old who yearn for Your face.
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in the rich and the haughty,
Gather us in the proud and the strong.
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly.
Give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven, light years away,
But here in this place, the new light is shining.
Now is the Time, now is the Day.
Gather us in and hold us forever.
Gather us in and make us Your own.
Gather us in all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

GREETING

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN**
The grace and peace of the Living God: Creator;
Jesus, and Spirit, is with each of you! **And also with you!**

PENITENTIAL RITE

Sometimes, in the busy-ness and often difficult work of living our Christian lives, it's good to be reminded that we're just planting seeds. The work of coaxing the kingdom out of the stubborn fields of earth is not our work but God's. But we are called to keep at the task of sowing, living faithfully, trusting that God will bring our work to completion. Let us take heart today, then, and ask for God's mercy for ways in which we might want to control too much, or lose faith in, Malkuta, the work of the kingdom.

Lord Jesus, you sow the word of God in our hearts.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, your parables awaken us to new possibilities and unimagined grace. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you offer us an alternative to the kingdoms of greed and power. **Lord, have mercy.**

ABSOLUTION

Know that our Merciful God has already forgiven us and cleansed us of our sins. We need only accept this forgiveness **+** in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN**

GLORY/GLORIA

O Glory To God In The Highest by Paul Bach & Marcia Harmon 2009

Refrain: **O glory, O glory, to God in the highest.**

O glory, O glory, to God in the highest.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, Heavenly King. Almighty God and Father. We worship You. We give You thanks. We praise You for Your glory! Refrain

Lord Jesus Christ only Son of the Father. You take away the sin of the world. Lord God, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. You are seated at the Father's right hand. Receive our prayer! Refrain

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! Amen! Refrain

OPENING PRAYER

**Loving God,
give us true patience of heart
that we may believe that your love and goodness
is at work in our lives.
May we do all that we should do,
and then trust that your loving care will do the rest.
We ask this in Jesus' name,
confident that you will hear us. AMEN**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice
and be glad; for this is the day that the Lord has made;
Alleluia, alleluia!**

2nd Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Give the glory and the honor to the Lord!

The Lord is with you. **And also with you.**

A reading from the holy + Gospel according to.....

Glory to you, Lord.

The Gospel, the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Praise to you Jesus Christ! Homily



Litany for Father's Day:

Deacon: Thank you, God, for all those who have loved us dearly

For all parental figures in our lives that showed us Your love, we give thanks.

Thank you, God, for those who have stepped into the role when others were absent

For step-fathers and uncles, brothers and caregivers, teachers and coaches who made a difference in our lives, we give thanks.

Thank you, God, for our fathers and grandfathers

For all those who have mirrored Your love in our lives, we give thanks.

We lift up to you, O God, those fathers who have gone on

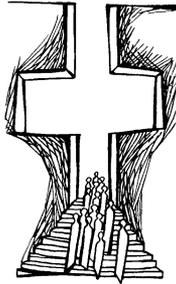
For those who are grieving, for those who feel an absence on this day, we pray.

We lift up to you, O God, all those who have had difficult relationships with their fathers

For those who were harmed by their fathers and others who should have loved them, we pray, and we cry out, and we seek justice.

Loving God, You are the one Jesus called “Abba, Father.”
Abba God, love us as Your children. Remind us that in You
we are all Your family. You are our Mother and Father, and
have loved us in ways no earthly parent could. We give You
thanks for all the loving fathers and step-fathers, all those
who have shown Your love to us the way You have loved
Your Son, Jesus the Christ. May we all reflect Your image in
the ways we love our children, and in how we love one
another, knowing that our worldly families are not perfect,
but Your love is.

Abba God, we pray in Your name. AMEN



PROFESSION OF FAITH (A creed from the United Church of Canada, 1980)

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus,
crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**



PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Let us pray now for a world awaiting the fruitful reign of God.

*For the church: That it may manifest patience and hope throughout the world for the fullness of God's peace and justice, we pray: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*For those who continue to live in exile from family or country; and for all who have lost hope in the future, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

*For, farmers, bankers, teachers, doctors, lawyers, artists and all whose work involves trusting in future outcomes, we pray:
Lord, hear our prayer.

*For refugee families seeking asylum or just a safe place for their children and their families, especially those families who have been separated, we pray: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For what else shall we pray?

For all these spoken prayers

and for all those unspoken in our hearts, we pray:

O God, how generous is your love for us!

Hear the prayers of your people.

Help us to spread the gospel with tireless, patient love as we await the fullness of your reign.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. AMEN

Preparation: #137 The Summons

SIGN OF PEACE

Jesus you said to your friends, I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Grant that all of God's children may enjoy the peace and unity of your reign where you live forever and ever. **AMEN**

The peace of Jesus is with each of you! **And also with you!**

Deacon: Let us offer each other a sign of peace and then join together around the Table of the Lord.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

(Presider lifts paten with bread into hands and says:)

Blessed are you, God of all Creation, through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made, it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God forever!

(Wine and water are poured into the chalice. Presider says:)

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

(Presider takes chalice and says:)

Blessed are you, God of all Creation, through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become for us our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God forever!

As we prepare to break this bread and share this cup we remember those who journey with us. For those who travel the way of the Hindus, those who follow the path of Buddha, for our sisters and brothers of Islam, for Native peoples everywhere, for the Jewish people from whom we come, for all Christians and for all others who walk the way of faith.

**Holy God, accept this offering,
for the praise and glory of Your name,
for our good and the good of all Your people.**

Christ lived and died for love.

Let us remember him with this feast.

**All who seek God and are drawn to Christ
are welcome at God's table.**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**Creator God, may the Eucharist renew our strength and
bring us health of mind, body and spirit. AMEN**

PREFACE

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Eternal God, Creator of all, it is right that we give you praise and glory as we come in thanksgiving, for you are the one God, living and true. Source of life, you have blessed all creation in love and in joy. You never cease to call us to a new and more abundant life.

You invite us to trust in your mercy for you are always ready to forgive us and to gift us with peace when we forgive, too. You ask us to serve the family of God by opening our hearts to the fullness of your Holy Spirit and to proclaim the power of your love.

In wonder and gratitude, we join our voices with the choirs of angels and saints who have gone before us, as we sing together:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord,
God of power, God of might,
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. Hosanna in the highest.**

Loving God, you are holy indeed. All life, all holiness comes from you. We come to thank you for your Son, Jesus for it is through him that we experience your message of total acceptance of all people, a welcome that includes everyone and invites everyone to this Eucharistic table of equals.

It was Jesus who healed all divisions and recognized You, His Father, present within all of creation. He brought to light your way of compassion and justice, helping us to understand the need to care for each other with dignity and respect.

Deacon: He taught us by his life and by his death and resurrection to be true to ourselves, even if we, also, might need to give up everything as he did. For it is in our own dying, that we, too, rise to new life.

(Presider extends hand over bread and wine and says:)

So now we remember another table filled with love and thanksgiving – that of the Last Supper. Let your Spirit come upon these our gifts to make them holy so that they may become for us + the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Presider takes bread and says:)

It was at table with his friends that Jesus took bread and broke it, gave it to his disciples and said,

Take this, all of you, and eat it.

This is my body which will be given up for you.

(Presider takes chalice and says:)

When the supper was ended, again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciples and said,

Take this, all of you, and drink from it:

This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

Deacon: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: (sung)

Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come back to his people. Christ has died.

Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Repeat

In memory of his death and resurrection, we offer you, Compassionate God, this life giving bread, this saving cup. May all of us who share in the body and blood of Christ, be brought together in unity by the Holy Spirit.

Deacon: One with the love of Christ, and joined with the love of all of us gathered here, we send prayers to all in leadership in every place of worship, especially for our Bishops Francis and Denise, and for all who serve the people of God.

We pray for all countries and their leaders that they may create justice and equality for their peoples; may peace come to our own country as well as to all troubled lands of our world.

We pray for all who are sick that health may soon be theirs, especially we pray for all who have died. (pause)
May they be in peace and may they welcome us, one day, into the place of eternal peace.

In that new world where the fullness of your peace will be revealed, gather people of every race, language and way of life to share in the one eternal banquet with Jesus Christ the Lord.

(Bread and wine are held up as WE sing...)

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, for ever and ever.

Amen, amen. Let our voices blend together.

Amen, amen. Let us sing amen. (Repeat)



Deacon: Let us join hands and pray what Jesus has taught us to pray: (chanted)

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
Now and forever.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread and drink this cup
for the earth we have wasted, for those who have no bread
and for ourselves in our brokenness.

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

(Presider breaks a small piece of host & drops it into chalice saying:)

May this mingling of the holy body and blood of Jesus Christ
bring eternal life to us who receive it.

Jesus, with faith in your love and mercy we receive this Eucharist. Let it bring us health in mind, body and spirit.

This is Jesus the Christ who taught us how to live.
Happy are we who are called to his supper.

May we receive this gift in purity of heart.

May it bring us healing and strength now and forever.

Deacon: Holy Communion is a great privilege, a precious feast. And the host invites us all. "In Christ, there is no Jew or Greek, enslaved or free, male or female. All are one in Christ Jesus." (Gal 3:28) We encourage you to take your place at this holy table, for we understand and acknowledge that this is Christ's table and that this sacred meal is Christ's supper. We are all invited guests. No one is excluded. All are welcomed here!

Communion Songs: Comm 1 – God is so Good/Amazing Grace

**God is so good. God is so good. God is so good,
he's so good to me. He cares for me. He cares for me.
He cares for me, he's so good to me. He's all I need.
He's all I need. He's all I need, he's so good to me."**

Comm 2 #161 One Bread One Body

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gardening God,

**You planted a dream of Eden in our hearts,
a place that we long for, where You walk among us,
where we are who we are without shame or guilt.
Help us to live into Your dream by loving one another,
forgiving one another,
and caring for this earth that You have given us.
Plant within us the desire for justice and for mercy.
Grow in us the fruit that bears peace and hope.
Help us to remember we are interdependent in this
world, and we need one another.
May we forgive, may we be reconciled,
and may we continue to grow in You. AMEN**

FINAL BLESSING The Lord is with you... **And also with you.**
Deacon: Let us bow our heads and pray for God's Blessing...

God knows you. God knows everything about you.
God made you in their image. God has filled your heart with
good things, filled you with the Spirit. You are fearfully and
wonderfully made, and God needs you in this world.
Go, share the good news by loving your neighbor as
yourselves. **AMEN**

And may our loving, God bless you today and always:
Father, Son + and Holy Spirit. **AMEN**

**DISMISSAL – Deacon: Our mass never ends, it must be
lived. So let us go forth to love and serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

Sending Forth: #147 With One Voice



***In essentials, unity;
In nonessentials, diversity;
In all things, charity.***

Attributed to St. Augustine of Hippo