

***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.



# Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 21, 2020

Happy Father's Day!

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Gathering Song: Glory and Praise to Our God

Dan Schutte

Refrain  
Glo-ry and praise to our God, who a-lone gives light to our days.  
Man-y are the bless-ings he bears to those who trust in his ways.

Verses 1-3  
1. We, the daugh-ters and sons of him who  
2. In his wis-dom he strength-ens us, like  
3. Ev-'ry mo-ment of ev-'ry day our  
1. built the val-leys and plains, praise the won-ders our  
2. gold that's test-ed in fire. Though the pow-er of  
3. God is wait-ing to save, al-ways read-y to

to Refrain  
1. God has done in ev-'ry heart that sings.  
2. sin pre-vents, our God is there to save.  
3. seek the lost, to an-swer those who pray.

Verse 4  
4. God has wa-tered our bar-ren land and spent his mer-ci-ful rain.

to Refrain  
4. Now the riv-ers of life run full for an-y-one to drink.

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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 Jeremiah (20:10-13 (94A) )

Jeremiah said: "I hear whisperings of many: "Terror on every side! Denounce! Let us denounce him!"

All those who were my friends are on the watch for any misstep of mine. "Perhaps he will be trapped; then we can prevail, and take our vengeance on him."

But the Lord is with me, like a mighty companion: my persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph. In their failure they will be put to utter shame, to lasting, unforgettable confusion.

O Lord of hosts, you who test the just, who probe mind and heart, let me witness the vengeance you take on them, for to you I have entrusted my cause.

Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!"

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

Responsorial Psalm 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 Kathleen Harmon



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Second Reading: A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans (5:12-15)

Brothers and sisters: Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned—for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law. But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come.

But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many.

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

Gospel Acclamation: John 15:26b, 27a Stephen Pishner

The Spirit of truth will testify to me, says the Lord; and you also will testify.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (10:26-33) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the Twelve: "Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. What I say in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna. Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet no one of them falls to the ground without the Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father."

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

Gospel Acclamation

Homily (found 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

The Spirit of truth will testify to me, says the Lord;  
and you will also testify.  
John 15:26b, 27a



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Preparation of the Gifts: Christ in Me Arise Trevor Thompson

Refrain

Christ in me a - rise and dis - pel all the dark - ness.  
Christ in me a - rise with your pow - er and your strength.  
Christ in me pour out your bless - ing and heal - ing.  
Christ in me a - rise and I shall rise with you.

Verses

1. Be now my vi - sion; o - pen these eyes, show - ing me  
2. Be now my foot - steps, lead - ing the way, tak - ing me

1. all that I must see. / On - ward to the king - dom,  
2. where I must go. }

1, 2. you are the way. A - rise in me and I shall rise with you.

Bridge

You know my heart and you know my ways, you who  
formed me in my moth - er's womb. I live and move in you,  
my whole be - ing thrives in you.

2 to Refrain

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(11:30 am) Heart of My God

Sarah Hart

Refrain

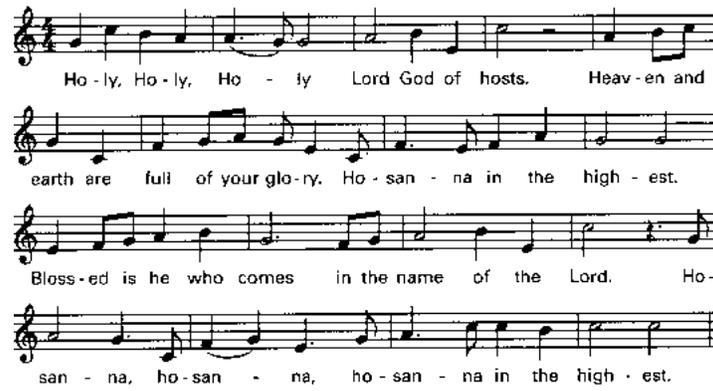
Oh, the deep, deep love of Je - sus; oh, the won - der - ful,  
mer - ci - ful heart of my God. Oh, the wide, wide hope of my Sav -  
- ior; oh, the won - der - ful, beau - ti - ful heart of my God.

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# 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



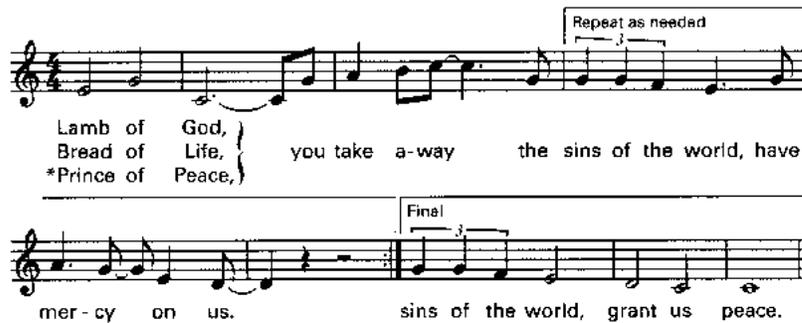
Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your  
Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

## Amen



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

## Lamb of God



Lamb of God,  
Bread of Life,  
\*Prince of Peace, } you take a-way the sins of the world, have  
mer - cy on us. sins of the world, grant us peace.

Repeat as needed

Finel

## 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 Songs: The Lord is My Shepherd

Josh Blakesley



The Lord is my shep - herd; there is noth-ing I shall want.



The Lord is my shep - herd; there is noth-ing I shall want.

1. He lets me rest in open fields so green.  
He leads me to the quiet streams.  
He gives me strength  
and guides me in his ways.  
He renews his promises each day.

2. He is my guide, my shepherd and my king,  
and in my fear he offers peace.  
Though I walk through the valley,  
I will not be afraid.  
You will protect me; I'll be saved.

3. He goes before me;  
my enemies will fall.  
He is my shepherd and my shield.  
His anointing is upon me,  
and I will overcome.  
His blessing cannot be undone.

4. You set a table before me.  
My cup overflows.  
Goodness and love will follow me  
everywhere I go.

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May You Walk

Sarah Hart



May you walk ev - er in the Lord, and may his



Spir - it be with you at all times. May you stand al-ways in the



Light of God; may you walk ev - er in the



Lord, may you walk ev - er in the Lord.



I am the Good Shepherd,  
and I lay down my life for my sheep, says the Lord.

John 10:11, 15

Prayer after Communion

Sending Forth: How Can I Keep from Singing

Endless Song

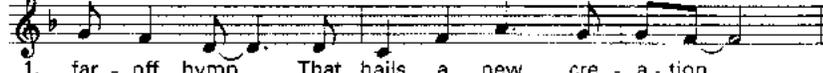
Verses



1. My life flows on in end-less song; A -  
2. Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I  
3. What though the tem - pest 'round me roar, I  
4. When ty - rants trem - ble, sick with fear, And  
5. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, A



1. bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion. I hear the real though  
2. hear that mu - sic ring - ing; It sounds and ech - oes  
3. hear the truth it liv - eth. What though the dark - ness  
4. hear their death knells ring - ing; When friends re - joice both  
5. foun - tain ev - er spring - ing. All things are mine since



1. far - off hymn That hails a new cre - a - tion.  
2. in my soul; How can I keep from sing - ing?  
3. 'round me close, Songs in the night it giv - eth.  
4. far and near, How can I keep from sing - ing?  
5. I am his; How can I keep from sing - ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm, While to that rock I'm



cling - ing. Since Love is Lord of heav - en and earth,



How can I keep from sing - ing?

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# 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Homily

When you look in the mirror each morning, do you see any physical evidence that God made you, that the Holy Spirit resides within you?

Here's a hint: when we struggle to remember something, why do we make this gesture – touching our finger to the dimple above your lip, just below your nose?

There is a debate. Ancient Stoic philosophers believed that weird pagans gods planted a Primordial Kiss on our upper lip to seal our memory closed so that we would not remember the trauma and pain of our own birth, doing us a favor.

Christian philosophers taught the exact opposite: that God planted the Primordial Kiss on your lip to seal inside of you His Holy Spirit so that you would remember your birth according to the Book of Genesis. When God created Adam & Eve from the dust of the earth, He breathed (*Pneuma*) His Spirit – the breath of Life – within you, enabling you to know and remember your sacred origin.

Two questions, an easy one and a hard one: Do you remember your birth? No. Does your brain remember your birth? Maybe!

Ten years ago in 2010, 33 Chilean miners were trapped almost one mile underground for 69 days when their copper mine collapsed. For the 1<sup>st</sup> 17 days, they had no communication with the world above, who did not even know whether the miners were alive. The hero was the team manager who instructed his fellow miners to eat a half of a cracker every other day, having no idea how long they would down there. After 17 days of total darkness, hunger and fear, the rescuers above reached them with a small shaft so that they could at least communicate and get some food & water delivered below.

However, it took a total of 69 days for the rescuers to drill a whole new shaft wide enough to lift the miners up to safety. The shaft was only 22" wide. They furiously designed and built a round metal cage 20" wide, small enough to carry one man at a time to the surface.

The rescue ordeal was traumatic: it took 24“ for each miner to be lifted one at a time up the shaft over one-half mile deep, continuously splashed with water to lubricate the walls of the shaft so that the cage would not get stuck, the journey was cold, loud, wet, and dark with the miners wearing extra dark sunglasses; yet when they reached the surface there was bright light and loud cheering amid family embraces and shouts of joy from the anxious crowd. Got the picture?

Several miners stated that it was like “being born again!” How do they know that? How could they say such a thing?

Jews & Catholics believe that humanity has the unique capacity to “be present to a past event.” It’s called anamnesis – the ability to “call to mind” past events.

When we are at Mass, we are at the Last Supper, if we properly dispose ourselves. The Mass is not a reenactment or representation or theatrical drama ... we are at the one and only, ongoing Last Supper ... that’s why we call it the Last Supper.

How ironic that Jesus was betrayed by a kiss right afterward!

Filled with the Holy Spirit, sealed with God’s kiss, we are priceless earthen vessels, born with fearless grace ... don’t forget!

[Deacon Mike]