

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

September 13, 2020 Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

GATHERING HYMN

Now Is The Time

**Come to us, you who say, “I will not forget you.”
Be with us, you who say, “Do not be afraid.”
Take hold of us, our hearts, our minds, our whole being.
Make us your own, now is the time.**

1. Spirit of love, crush the pain of hatred.
Spirit of hope, stand before our eyes.
Spirit of light, dance within our darkness.
Make us your own, now is the time.
2. Spirit of peace, silence tongues of anger.
Spirit of life, break the chains of death.
Spirit of joy, overcome our sadness.
Make us your own, now is the time.

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FIRST READING

SIR 27:30—28:7

Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight. The vengeful will suffer the LORD's vengeance, for he remembers their sins in detail. Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the LORD? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins? If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins? Remember your last days, set enmity aside; remember death and decay, and cease from sin! Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor; remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

“The Lord is kind and merciful, the Lord is kind and merciful”

SECOND READING

ROM 14:7-9

Brothers and sisters: None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

ALLELUIA

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you.

GOSPEL

MT 18:21-35

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, “Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus answered, “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying

it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan.

When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

OFFERTORY HYMN

Love One Another

**I give you a new commandment,
that you love one another as I have loved you.**

1. As he does so you must do. Love one another.
Just as he has first loved you. Love one another.
Let your love be strong and true. Love one another.
2. Through your sorrow, joy and pain. Love one another.
Through your laughter, tears, and shame. Love one another.
Through your fear, let love remain. Love one another.

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SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot receive you at this moment 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.

COMMUNION HYMN

Here at This Table

**Come and be filled here at this table.
Food for all who hunger and drink for all who thirst.
Drink of his love, wine of salvation.
You shall live forever in Jesus Christ the Lord.**

1. You who labor for justice, you who labor for peace,
you who steady the plow in the field of the Lord,
2. You with lives full of pain, you who sorrow and weep,
you, beloved of Christ, come to him, come to him!
3. Children of ev'ry color in ev'ry land,
you are his own, he gathers you gently.

Don't you grow weary, for when you run,
you run with the Lord!

4. You, the aged among us, holy, faithful and wise,
may the wisdom you share form our lives and our world!
5. Let each woman and man learn from the stranger;
we're not so diff'rent and so much unites us.
For we are one, blest with the Spirit
and the power of love!

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By the Waking of Our Hearts

**By the waking of our hearts,
by the stirring of our souls,
may the Spirit of God abide
and bring us together in Christ.**

1. Come, O Spirit, from above,
come from your celestial heights.
Come with your blessed light so radiant bright.
2. Come, O Savior of the poor,
come, O source of gifts ensured.
Come with your gentle hope, so wondrous and pure.
3. In our labor, rest most sweet;
grateful coolness in the heat.
Console our restless lives, by your comfort, we seek.
4. Bend the stubborn heart and will,
melt the frozen, warm the chill.
Come guide our searching minds toward your promise fulfilled.
5. Grant us virtue's sure reward,
may your gracious love be sent.
Come with your peace and joy that shall never end.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

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Spirit of faith, rise above our doubting.
Spirit of truth, save us from our lies.
Spirit of God, walk among your people.
Make us your own, now is the time.

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