

# September 13, 2020, 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Opening: "Glory and Praise to Our God"

by Dufford

**Sing to the mountains Sing to the sea**

**Raise your voices lift your hearts**

**This is the day the Lord has made**

**Let all the earth rejoice**

I will give thanks to you my Lord

You have answered my plea

You have saved my soul from death

You are my strength and my song

**Chorus**

## Reading 1: Sirach 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 103:

**The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

## Response

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion.

## Response

He will not always chide, nor does he keep his wrath forever. Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

## Response

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us.

## Response

## Reading 2: Romans 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: John 13:34

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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

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## **Gospel: Matthew 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: "You Alone"**

by Hart

**You alone are holy; You alone are Lord  
You alone are worthy; to be honored and adored  
Mercy you have given; kindness you have shown  
Love is you alone**

Who of us is sinless in this place  
Who of us deserves your saving grace  
Who of us is good at all  
Without your blessed love that falls  
Upon our hearts to heal our brokenness

### **Chorus**

What is there to do but thank you then  
For the gifts that we might call you friend  
Greater love has not been known  
Than that for which you gave Your only  
son that might see us pure and blessed

### **Chorus**

## **Communion: "Bread of Life"**

by Farrell

**Bread of life; Hope of the world; Jesus Christ  
our brother; Feed us now give us life  
Lead us to one another**

As we proclaim your death; As we recall your life  
We remember your promise; To return again

### **Chorus**

The bread we break and share; Was scattered  
once as grain; Just as now it is gathered; Make  
your people one

### **Chorus**

We eat this living bread; We drink this saving  
cup; Sign of hope in our broken world; Source  
of lasting love

### **Chorus**

## **Meditation: "Open My Eyes"**

**And the first shall be the last  
And your eyes are opened  
And we'll hear like never before  
And we'll speak in new ways  
And we'll see God's face  
In places we've never known**

Open my eyes Lord, Help me to see your face,  
Open my eyes Lord, Help me to see.  
Open my ears Lord, Help me to hear your voice,  
Open my ears Lord, Help me to hear.

### **Chorus**

Open my heart Lord, Help me to Love like you  
Open me heart Lord, Help me to Love  
I live within You, Deep in Your heart, O Love  
I live within you, Rest now in me.

## **Closing: "Blest Be the Lord"**

by Dan Schutte

**Blest be the Lord, Blest be the Lord  
The God of mercy, the God who saves  
I shall not fear the dark of night  
Nor the arrow that flies by day**

He will release me from the nets of sinful men  
He will protect me from their wicked hands  
Beneath the shadow of His wings I will rejoice  
To find a dwelling place secure.

### **Chorus**

Although a thousand men have fallen at my side  
I'll not be shaken with the Lord at hand  
His faithful love is all the armor that I need  
To wage my battle with the foe

### **Chorus**