

St. Mary of the Falls Readings & Songs



Reading I: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Joshua gathered together all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, summoning their elders, their leaders, their judges, and their officers.

When they stood in ranks before God, Joshua addressed all the people:

"If it does not please you to serve the LORD, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are now dwelling.

As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

But the people answered,

"Far be it from us to forsake the LORD for the service of other gods.

For it was the LORD, our God, who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, out of a state of slavery.

He performed those great miracles before our very eyes and protected us along our entire journey and among the peoples through whom we passed.

Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

Responsorial Psalm

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Reading II: 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32

Brothers and sisters:

Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord.

For the husband is head of his wife just as Christ is head of the church, he himself the savior of the body.

As the church is subordinate to Christ, so wives should be subordinate to their husbands in everything.

Husbands, love your wives,

even as Christ loved the church

and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word,

that he might present to himself the church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing,

that she might be holy and without blemish.

So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies.

He who loves his wife loves himself.

For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church.

Gospel: 6:60-69

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?"

Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this,

he said to them, "Does this shock you?"

What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?

It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail.

The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe."

Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him.

And he said,

"For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father."

As a result of this,

many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him.

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?"

Simon Peter answered him,

"Master, to whom shall we go?"

You have the words of eternal life.

We have come to believe

and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

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Opening: All Are Welcome

(Marty Haugen)

Let us build a house where love can dwell, and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions.

CHORUS: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness and a symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus. CHORUS

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet.

Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us. CHORUS

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Presentation: Seek Ye First

(Matthew 6:33, 4:4, 7:7)

Seek Ye first the kingdom of God,
And His righteousness,
And all these things, shall be added onto you,
Alleu, Alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find.
Knock and the door shall be opened onto you.
Alleu, Alleluia

You do not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God
Alleu, Alleluia

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Communion: We Are Many Parts

(Marty Haugen)

CHORUS: We are many parts, we are all one body.
And the gifts we have we are given to share.
May the Spirit of Love make us one indeed;
one, the love that we share,
one, our hope in despair,
one, the cross that we bear.

God of all, we look to you,
we would be your servants true,
let us be your love to all the world. CHORUS

So my pain is pain to you,
in your joy is my joy, too;
all is brought together in the Lord. CHORUS

All you seekers great and small,
seek the greatest gift of all;
if you love, then you will know the Lord. CHORUS

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Closing: Be Thou My Vision

(Translator: Mary E. Byrne)

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord.
Born of thy love, thy child may I be,
thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.
3. Be thou my buckler, my sword for the fight.
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r.
Raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
4. Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Ruler of heaven, my treasure thou art.
5. True Light of heaven, when vict'ry is won
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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