21st Sunday of the Year August 25, 2024

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Gathering Song:

HERE I AM, LORD





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LITURGY OF THE WORD

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectionary: 122 Reading 1

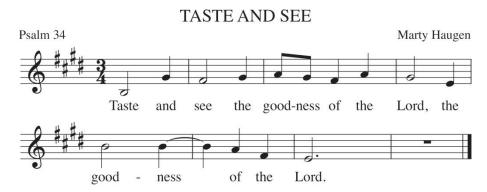
<u>Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b</u>

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."

The Word of the Lord

Psalm Response:



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Reading 2

Eph 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.

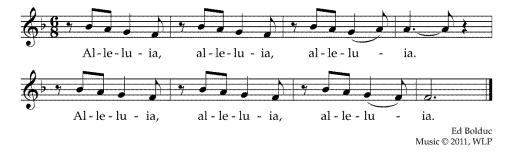
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Brothers and sisters: Live in love, as Christ loved us. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her. cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the 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.

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Gospel Acclamation: Mass of Saint Ann



Gospel

<u>Jn 6:60-69</u>

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."

The Gospel of the Lord

Homily

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 in glory 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 adored and 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 of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful)

Please respond: Lord, Hear Our Prayer

Preparation Song:

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2. We are pil-g 3. I will hold	the Christ-light for you when you are weep-ing;	Let me be as We are trav - 'lers In the night-time When you laugh I'll We shall find such
1, 6. Christ to you;	Pray that I may	have the grace to
2. on the road;	We are here to	help each oth - er
3. of your fear;	I will hold my	hand out to you,
4. laugh with you.	I will share your	joy and sor - row
5. har - mo - ny,	Born of all we've	known to - geth - er
1, 6. Let you be	my ser -	vant, too.
2. Walk the mile	and bear .	the load.
3. Speak the peace	you long	to hear.
4. 'Til we've seen	this jour -	ney through.
5. Of Christ's love	and ag -	o - ny.

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Invitation to Pray

Pray brothers and sisters ...

Response: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Preface Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

Response: And with your spirit.

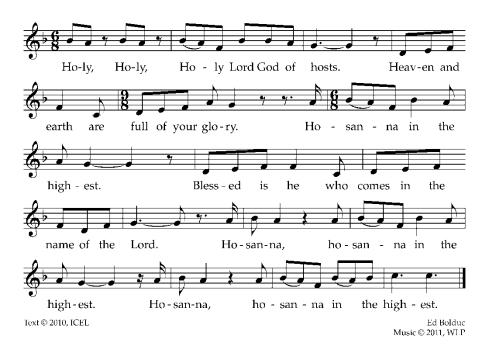
Lift up your hearts.

Response: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

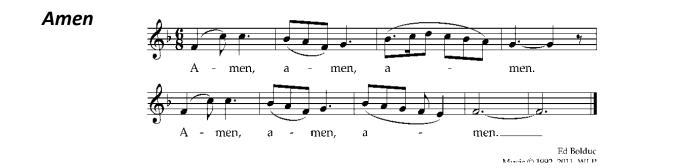
Response: It is right and just.

Holy



Memorial Acclamation





The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. Response: And with your Spirit

Breaking of the Bread



Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God,
Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
<u>Response</u>: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Songs:



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Post Communion Prayer

CONCLUDING RITES

Announcements Final Blessing Dismissal

Sending Song:

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS Roc O'Connor, SJ Refrain Lift up your hearts to the Lord, praise God's gra-cious mer - cy! Ż • . . Sing out your joy to the Lord, whose love is en - dur - ing. Verses 1. Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth! your praise. 2. Let the earth wor-ship, sing - ing 3. God's right hand made a path through the night, 4. Lis - ten now, all you God, ser - vants of 0 1. Praise the name a-bove all names! Say to God, "How 2. Praise the glo of your name! Come and see the ry 3. split the wa ters of the sea. All cre - a - tion, of these great works. Bless - ed be 4. as Ι tell the to Refrain 0 1. won - drous your works, name!" how glo - rious your 2. deeds of the Lord; bless God's ho - ly name! 3. lift your voice: "Our God set free!" up us whose love shall en - dure! 4. Lord of my life,

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