

The Liturgy for the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time B

Announcements:

Opening Song: #687, The Summons

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Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risek the hostile stare should your life attract or scare
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Greeting:

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

P: In our Gospel passage today, a person runs up to Jesus and asks: "What must I do to share in everlasting life?" The person has kept all the commandments. Jesus' answer was unsettling as he invited the person to take the next step, to let go of attachments and follow Him. As we settle into this sacred space, at this

moment in time, we formulate the same question in our own heart. “What (more) must I do to share in everlasting life?” And we listen for a response.

Penitential Rite

Do we dare to trust more in God
than in our own securities and possessions?
Let us examine ourselves before the Lord.

(PAUSE)

Jesus, your wisdom and your love are worth much more than fame,
health, beauty and possessions: Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

Jesus Christ, you know where our heart is and you want it to be turned to God:
Christ, have mercy.

ALL: Christ, have mercy.

Jesus, you want us to give up the things that possess and control us and to follow
you instead: Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

Merciful God, in your kindness, forgive us our attachments. Help us put our trust
in you and lead us to everlasting life.

ALL: Amen.

Glory to God: spoken

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.

***Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father, we worship You, we
give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son
of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive
our prayer. 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
the Father.***

Amen.

P: Let us pray.

Let us pray to God for the wisdom to follow his Son without hesitation.
(PAUSE)

Liberating God, your living Word upsets us. You give the first place in your kin(g)dom to the last and the least in our judgment: you call the poor “rich and blessed” and ask the rich to become poor.

Give us, we pray you, the wisdom of living for the things that matter and following your Son on the road to you and to our neighbor, that we may become secure in your hand.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

You may be seated as we listen to the readings

L: The FIRST READING is from the book of Wisdom 7.7-11

I prayed, and understanding was given me;
I called on God, and the spirit of wisdom came to me.
I preferred her to scepters and thrones,
and I accounted wealth as nothing in comparison with her.
Neither did I liken to her any priceless gem,
because all gold is but a little sand in her sight,
and silver will be accounted as clay before her.
I loved her more than health and beauty,
and I chose to have her rather than light,
because her radiance never ceases.
All good things came to me along with her,
and in her hands uncounted wealth.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church:

ALL: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 90

The response to the psalm is: Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

ALL: Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your servants!

ALL: Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil.

ALL: Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands.

ALL: Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P: Alleluia, Alleluia ***ALL: Alleluia, Alleluia***

P: May the Incarnation be with you all. ***ALL: And also with you***

P: A Proclamation of the Holy Gospel according to Mark. ***ALL: Glory to you, O God.***

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother.’ ”

He said to Jesus, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.”

Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.”

When the man heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples,

“How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!”

And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again,

“Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

They were greatly astounded and said to one another,
“Then who can be saved?”

Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.” *

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.”

Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age— houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields— but with persecutions— and in the age to come, eternal life.”

The good news of salvation:

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

HOMILY

P: Let us pray to God for the wisdom to appreciate her gifts with gratitude and to use them for the good of all.

Lector: Our response is : Lord, hear our prayer. **ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For those in the Church who proclaim to us the wisdom of the Word of God, that they themselves may first live it and share their experience with us, we pray: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For the leaders of the Church in particular, that they may give up even the appearance of power and wealth; for leaders everywhere, that they may not sacrifice their principles for power, success, and ambition but commit themselves to promote human dignity and the values of the Gospel, we pray: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***
- For those engaged in mass media, in radio, television, movies, and newspapers, that they may not twist words and images to distort the values of life but honestly seek the truth, we pray: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***
- For the young, that idealism and generosity may continue to guide their lives, we pray: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***
- For those rich in possession and talents, that they may share who they are and what they have with those who have less, we pray: ***R/ Lord, hear our prayer.***
- For anyone who may benefit from our prayer. We join our prayer with theirs, join our intention with God's good intention, let us pray: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***
- For those who are sick, especially _____. May they all know God's presence and receive all that they need. We pray: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***
- For those who have died, especially _____. May they enjoy eternal joy with our God who loves all of His children, we pray: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Does anyone here have prayers to offer for us to share? (wait and respond as appropriate) For these and for all the prayers we share through our hearts, we pray: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

In addition, we want to remind you that at Light of Christ, we have a Prayer Companion Team of pastoral care givers. They welcome and invite you, in confidence, to share your concerns in more detail or depth or to pray for you when you can't find the words. You can email them at prayercompanionteam@lightofchristecc.org, and one of them will reach out to you.

Priest: God, we pray not for riches but for trust, not for power but for courage, not for pleasure but for joy, not for pretense but for integrity. Make us wise with the wisdom of Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

SIGN OF PEACE

P: The peace of the risen Lord be with you always.

ALL: And also with you.

P: Let us now offer each other a sign of Christ's peace.

P: Please be seated as we move now to the Table. We ask those of you at home to gather your food and drink.

P: Blessed are You, God of all creation.
Through Your goodness we have these gifts
of our time, talents and treasure to offer,
gratefully given and the work of human hands.
They will become instruments of Your reign.

ALL: Blessed be God forever.

P: Blessed are You, God of all creation.
Through Your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

ALL: Blessed be God for ever!

P: Blessed are You, God of all creation.
Through Your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink.

ALL: Blessed be God for ever!

P: By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, Who humbled Himself to share in our humanity. God, we ask You to receive us and be pleased with the offering we give to You with humble and contrite hearts. O God, wash away our iniquity; cleanse us from our sin.

Pray, sisters and brothers, that our gifts may be acceptable to almighty God.

ALL: May God accept the sacrifice at our hands for the praise and glory of God's Name, for our good and the good of all God's Church.

P: God of all ages, your wisdom has a name:
your Son Jesus Christ. Make us aware of the poverty and emptiness of our hearts and of the passing value of the things to which we attach ourselves. Through these gifts of bread and wine, convert our hearts and set them on riches that never lose value: justice, truth and generous love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

P: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to God.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: We do well always and everywhere to give You thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. It is indeed right, for you made us, and before us you made the world in which we live, and before the world you made the eternal home in which, through Christ, we have a place.

All that is spectacular, all that is plain, have their origin in you; all that is lovely, all who are loving, point to you as their fulfillment.

And grateful as we are for the world we know, and the universe beyond our understanding, we particularly praise you for coming to earth and entering time in Jesus.

For his life which informs our living, his compassion which contradicts our harmless generalities, his disturbing presence, his innocent suffering, his fearless dying, his rising to life-breathing forgiveness, we praise you and worship him.

Therefore we gladly join our voices to the song of the church on earth and in heaven:

ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy One, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Holy One, Hosanna in the highest.

P: Now too our gratitude rises, for the promise of the Holy Spirit, who even yet, even now, confronts us with your claims and attracts us to your goodness.

Merciful God, send now, in kindness your Holy Spirit + to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus.
Among friends, gathered round a table,

He took bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

***ALL: Take this all of you, and eat it:
this is my Body, which will be given up for you.***

When supper was ended, he took the cup;

again he gave you thanks and, handing the cup to his disciples, said:

ALL: Take this, all of you, and drink from it: This is the cup of my Blood, the Blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

ALL: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

P: Setting our wisdom, our wills, our words aside, emptying our hearts and bringing nothing in our hands, we yearn for the healing, the holding, the accepting, the direction, the forgiving which Christ can offer.

May your Spirit rest on us, in communion with Mary, the holy Mother of God, your saints throughout the ages, together with our chosen shepherds, Bishop Francis and Denise and I, your bishop.

Convert us from the patterns of this passing world, until we conform to the shape of him whose food we now share and whose Body and Blood we now become, Jesus, your servant and our Savior.

ALL: Through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, for ever and ever. Amen!

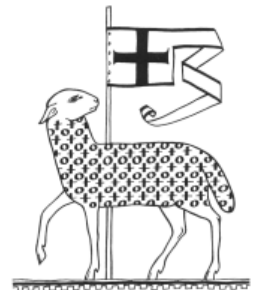
P: Let us pray for the coming of the kin(g)dom as Jesus taught us.

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

P: As a mother comforts her children, comfort us and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy deliver us from every evil and protect us from all fear as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior and brother, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.



P: Happy are we who are called to this communion. We pray together in unity with those gathered and all the saints and holy ones of all time. All are welcome to this table – it is Jesus’ gift to all.

P: This is, and we are, the Body of Christ. Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. HAPPY are we who are called to this banquet:

ALL: God, I am ready to receive you, because by your invitation, I am here.

P: We are invited to this table just as we are. Wherever you are on this journey of life, you are welcome here, here in this place, here in this community, here at God's table. Come, children of God, and be fed.

Please proceed with your mask on, use the hand sanitizer. When you receive the host, return to your seat with it. Once there, remove your mask and consume. The central aisle is shared with our family at home. Gluten free host is available on the left aisle. Come, and receive the grace of God.

Communion Song: "Seed, Scattered and Sown", #830

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Refrain: Seed, scattered and sown, wheat gathered and grown,
bread, broken and shared as one, the Living Bread of God.
Vine, fruit of the land, wine, work of our hands, one cup that is shared by
all; the Living Cup, the Living Bread of God.

V1: Is not the bread we break a sharing in our Lord? Is not the cup we
bless the blood of Christ outpoured?

V2: The seed which falls on rock will wither and will die. The seed
within good ground will flower and have life.

V3: As wheat upon the hills was gathered and was grown, so may the
church of God be gathered into one.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion (repeat after bishop Kae)

Oh my Jesus, I turn toward the holy tabernacle in my heart where You live and love me. I love you. Come and visit me with Your grace. Spiritually come more fully into my heart. Purify me. Sanctify me. Make me more like You. May I receive You in your fullness and reflect You in the world.

Amen

P: Let us pray.

Life-Giving God, we are easily satisfied with ourselves and our own little worlds. Wake us up and give us the courage to set out with your Son on his adventure of hope and love. Make us ask ourselves not “what have we done for you” but “what have we not done and not yet given.” By the strength of this Eucharist help us to follow your Son today more than yesterday but less than tomorrow. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

P: Peace be with you!

All: And also with you.

P: Christ and his Gospel keep challenging us not to seek contentment and safety in the things we have, our own little worlds, nor even in self-congratulations for having obeyed God’s commandments. If we want to be really happy with a joy which nobody can rob from us, we must learn from Jesus to give ourselves without reserve to God and the people around us. They are our riches and security. May God give you this wisdom and strength: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

P: We are the Light of Christ. Let us go forth as such into the streets, to love and serve God as we get to love and serve in God’s world.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Closing Song: #663, City of God

Text and Tune by Dan Schutte, acc. by Robert Batastini, 1981 Dan Schutte and OCP publications

V1: Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Refrain: Let us build the city of God.
May our tears be turned into dancing!
for the Lord, our light and our love,
has turned the night into day!

V3: God is light;
in him there is no darkness.
Let us walk in his light,
his children one and all.

O comfort my people
make gentle your words
Proclaim to my city
the day of her birth.

Refrain

V4: O city of gladness,
now lift up your voice.
Proclaim the good tidings
That all may rejoice.

Refrain