

Light of Christ - Saturday January 21, 2023
Responses of the people are indicated in ***bold/italics***.

Welcome and announcements:

Opening Song: # 306 Come to the Feast

VEN AL BANQUETE / COME TO THE FEAST

Bob Hurd

Refrain



Bilingual *Ven, ven al ban-que - te. Ven a la fies-ta de Dios.*
 Spanish *Ven, ven al ban-que - te. Ven a la fies-ta de Dios.*
 English Come, come to the ban - quet. Come, come to the feast.



Here the hun-gry find plen - ty, here the thirst-y shall drink.
Los que tie - nen ham - bre y sed se - rán sa - cia - dos.
 Here the hun-gry find plen - ty, here the thirst-y shall drink,



Ven a la ce - na de Cris - to, come to the feast.
Ven a la ce - na de Cris - to, ven a la fies-ta de Dios.
 here at the sup - per of Je - sus, come to the feast.

1-6 to Verses

Final



feast, come to the feast.
Dios, ven a la fies - ta de Dios.
 feast, come to the feast.

Verses



1. Like the child whose fish - es and loaves fed the mul - ti -
¿Quién le pue - de dar de co - mer a la mul - ti -
 2. Til the seed is giv - en to earth, it is just one
Hay que dar - se a mo - rir pa - ra co - se -
 3. In the strang - er by our side, in the least and
Los de - sam - pa - ra - dos ven - drán a par - tir el



1. tude, in the Lord the lit - tie we have,
tud? Con Je - sús, al com - par - tir lo
 2. grain; but once sown its death brings new birth, the
char, las se - mi - llas de li - ber - tad y
 3. last, in the thirst for jus - tice we share,
pan y ve - rán su dig - ni - dad de

to Refrain



1. bro - ken and shared, be - comes a - bun - dant food.
po - co que hay, re - ci - bi - mos ple - ni - tud.
 2. har - vest is rich; what's lost is raised a - gain.
re - su - rrec - ción, la pro - me - sa de ví - vir.
 3. Christ is here in the break - ing of the bread.
nue - vo en Je - sús, Sal - va - dor y Buen Pas - tor.

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Teri: Let us continue as one expression of God's people.
+ Father, Son, Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Teri: May the Love of God, the peace of our brother Jesus, and the communion and friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
ALL: And also with you.

Penitential Rite:

Teri: We turn to God with our whole selves to receive God's grace and mercy.

God, Your Baptismal waters splash upon us to make us Your own. Lord have mercy (**Lord have mercy**)

Jesus, You are concerned with each of us and our well being. Christ have mercy (**Christ have mercy**)

Spirit, You move throughout the world sharing love and grace. Lord have mercy (**Lord have mercy**)

Teri. : May our loving God shower us with grace, be forever present to us, forgive our sins, and bring us to everlasting joy and light. **Amen.**

Gloria: SUNG! But with Holy Noisemakers.

Teri: Let us grab those holy noisemakers, and proclaim our Glory to God.

GLORY TO GOD

Mass of Renewal
Curtis Stephan

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo-ple
of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -
dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you
thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God, heav-en - ly
King, O God, al-might-y Fa - ther.
Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you take a -
way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed
at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer -
cy, have mer - cy on us. For you a - lone are the

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Opening Prayer:

Teri: Let us pray.....

Jesus, our brother, walked on the earth. We walk on that earth as well. We come from locations and places that can be found on a map. May we be curious and caring for those from other locations. May we be a light in the world, that penetrates through the shadows and brings forth flourishing, justice and peace. In Jesus' name let us pray..... **Amen.**

Teri: Let us all be seated as we listen to stories from our Scripture.

First Reading: - Rachel

A Reading from the Prophet Micah. (6:1-4, 6-8)

Hear, now, what God says:

Stand up, O people!

Before the mountains, plead your case against Me, Your God!

Let Your voice resound in the hills!

Yet hear God's case too, You mountains!

Hear My case, you enduring foundations of the earth!

For I, your God, have a case against the people:

I, the One Who Is, file a lawsuit against Israel:

"O my people, what have I done to you?

In what way have I wearied you?

Bring your charges!

I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and delivered you from a house of slavery.

I sent Moses, Aaron, and Miriam to lead you."

The people respond:

"With what shall I come before God?

How shall I bow down before God, who is above all?

Shall I come before God with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

Will God be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousand rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

God says:

“O Human, I have told you what is good
and what is required of you:
To do justice, to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God.”

This has been a reading from the prophet Micah.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm - Psalm 27, The Lord is My Light

Ps 27: THE LORD IS MY LIGHT

Randall DeBruyn

The Lord is my light, the Lord is my light,
the Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion.

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation;
if God is my help, whom should I fear?
The Lord is my refuge,
my stronghold and my strength;
why should I be afraid?
2. There is but one thing that I want:
to live in the dwelling place of God;
to look all my days on the beauty of the Lord,
and contemplate God's holy temple.
3. I shall see for myself the grace of God,
the dawn of that day among the living.
Wait for the Lord,
find strength in your hearts;
have courage and wait for God.

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Second Reading: Rachel

A Reading from Paul's 1st Letter to the Corinthians (1:1a, 2a,
10-19)

Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus the Christ by
God...to the church of God in Corinth...

I appeal to you, beloved, in the name of Jesus the Christ.
Live in harmony with one another. Have no divisions
among you. Be united in one spirit and one purpose. My
dear kin in Christ, it has been reported to me from Chloe's
household that there are quarrels among you. What I
mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I

follow Apollos”; another, “I follow Cephas”; still another “I follow Christ.”

Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized “in the name of Paul”? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can claim to have been baptized in my name. (Yes, I did also baptize the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not remember whether I baptized anyone else.) For the Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the good news. Even then, I do not preach with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

For the message of Christ’s death on a cross is foolishness to those who insist on war and destruction as a means to victory. But to those who are being made whole, we know that God works most powerfully through human vulnerability. For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

A Reading from Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel: - Teri

Teri: Please rise in Body and Spirit.

Teri (spoken): Alleluia, Alleluia. ***Alleluia, Alleluia.***

Teri: May the Word of Christ be with you all. ***And also with you.***

Teri: A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (4:12-17, 23-25)

Glory to You, O God.

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. Jesus left Nazareth and went to stay in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
Way to the Sea, across the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles:

A people suffering in the fog of ignorance
have seen a great light penetrating through.
For those living in the land of death's long shadows,
a new day has dawned."

From that time on, Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent for the
Kin-dom of Heaven has come near."

Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues
and proclaiming the good news of the coming Reign. He healed
every disease and every sickness among the people. Jesus' fame
spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all those who
were sick: those who were afflicted with various diseases, pains,
demons, seizures, and paralysis. Jesus cured them all.
Great crowds followed Jesus from Galilee, the Decapolis,
Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

This has been a Reading from the Gospel of Matthew.
Praise to You, Lord, Jesus our Christ.

Homily: Teri

Prayers of the People: - Rachel

Teri: I'd like to invite Rachel back to lead us in the prayers that have been
prepared for today. The rest of you may remain seated.

Rachel: Our response today is: God, let Your light shine on us. ***(God, let
Your light shine on us.)***

Rachel: For our world. That fear and division may be replaced with
compassion and understanding, especially toward those who are most
marginalized We pray: ***God, let Your light shine on us.***

Rachel: For our church. That people across the globe may hear Jesus
calling them to co-create with him, spreading his message of love and
justice to those most in need. We pray: ***God, let Your light shine on us.***

Rachel: For those who are sick, especially Gina Hinnegan, that they may
know the healing touch of God's grace. May all who struggle in body, mind
or spirit find strength, courage and healing. We pray: ***God, let Your light
shine on us.***

God: For those who have died, (especially _____). That their souls may rest eternally in God's tender embrace. And for those in our midst who've lost a loved one. That we may be pillars of hope for them to lean on during this time. We pray: **God, let Your light shine on us**

Rachel: We remember now those prayers that have been typed in the comment section as well as those here in the sanctuary.

Rachel: For these and for all the prayers we share through our hearts, we pray: **God, let Your light shine on us.**

Rachel: In addition, Prayer Partners will be available after Mass here in the Sanctuary by the back altar. For those at home, or those who have a prayer to share during the week, you can email our Prayer Companion Team at prayercompanionteam@lightofchristecc.org and someone will reach out to you. These prayer ministries welcome and invite you, in confidence, to share your concerns in more detail or depth, or even to pray for you when you can't find the words.

Collect:

Blessing and Sending Forth of Sally Ng:

Teri: Before we move on, I'd like us to join in a special prayer for Irene's Mom Sally Ng who died in December in Malaysia. While Irene and her family did have a service in Malaysia, it didn't quite have the sending forth that Irene would have found helpful. And so today, Irene's birthday, I thought we could all do a little blessing and sending forth of her Mom.

First, we remember that in birth, Sally became part of God's creation. In Baptism she united with the death and resurrection of Christ. May she be welcomed now into the Eternal Embrace of God. May she dance in the Holy Three in One, and One in Three.

One of the things that Irene did is sing to her Mom after her passing. It reminds me that for centuries, the church has used the ringing of a bell to mark the passing of the Beloved, and to sing God's praises in silent worship. Let us all grab our holy noisemakers, or fingers that clap and snap, and symbolically ring the church bell four times as we join in a prayer

of thanksgiving for all God has gifted to us and the world through Sally's life. Sally, with the ringing of these church bells, we bid you safe journey. We trust in the promise of God for eternal life. We believe in the promise of resurrection that love crosses all boundaries. Will you please join me...one...two...three...four...(ring bell four times). Amen and Alleluia.

Sign of Peace:

Teri: Please rise for the sign of peace.

Offertory Song: #349 I am the Bread of Life/Come and follow Me

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

(Come and Follow Me)

Steve Angrisano and Tom Booth

Refrain 1



I am the Bread of Life, I am the hope in



night, I am the door wide o - pen, I am the shep - herd's



might, I am the truth and light, I am the way and life, I



Am Who Am and I am for you: Come and fol - low me.

Refrain 2



I am bread for the world, hope for the hope - less.



Come to me, and know that I'll al - ways be there



with my arms o - pen wide. I



Am Who Am and I am for you: Come and fol - low me.

Bridge

I give my heart to those in sorrow, I come to those who are in need;
hope for today and for tomorrow, light for all who want to see.

Note: Refrains 1 and 2 may be sung simultaneously. Refrain 2 begins at *.

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Teri: Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to place on your table. These gifts have sometimes traveled through the mail to get here, and other times through pockets. They represent our entire lives. May they be-come the Light of Christ in your world. ***Blessed by God forever.***

Teri: Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation, through your goodness we have this bread and this wine and other food from our cupboards to place on your tables. Work of earth and human hands. May these be-come our spiritual food and drink. ***Blessed be God forever.***

Teri: Pray my sisters and brothers, my family, that these our gifts, our lives may continue to be blessed by our Loving God.

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 world.

Teri: Please rise. The peace of our God be with you all. ***And also with you.***

Teri: Open your hearts. ***We open them to our God.***

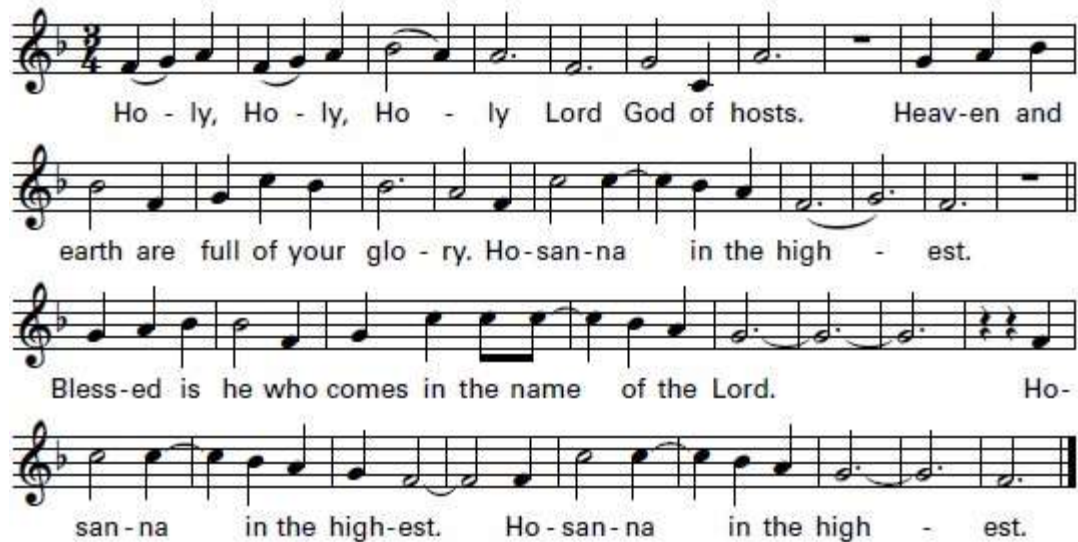
Teri: Let us give thanks to our Loving God. ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

Teri: Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker. Out of nothing, you called all worlds into being starting with Light. Day and night celebrate and reveal your glory and love for all of creation. In Jesus, your Word became flesh and dwelt among us and walked on Your streets sharing the Light of Christ; swaddled in flesh in bones, your love was made manifest in a new way, born in the night of his mother Mary, becoming fulling human, that through Jesus' incarnation and passion we might come to see in ourselves this divine nature. Filled with the Spirit, who at the first Creation moved over the face of the waters, and later blessed Mary at Nazareth, we await with joy the fulfillment of your new Creation.

As children of your redeeming purpose who celebrate the birth of the Incarnation of God, we offer you our praise, with angels and shepherds and all of creation singing the hymn of your unending glory:

HOLY

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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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Sanctos:

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Teri: God, You are most Holy. Send your Holy Spirit upon us, and what we do here gathered at tables throughout your world knowing that all tables are Your Table. May we be touched by your Spirit, to be signs of love and peace to one another, and to the world. + Let also your Spirit come upon these gifts of bread and wine to make them holy so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our brother, Jesus the Christ.

Today, we gather to remember that on the night before he died, Jesus ate with his followers and his friends. We recall how he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it, and gave it to them saying - **"Take this all of you and eat it. This is my body which will be given up for you."**

That same night, Jesus also took the cup filled with wine, and after giving thanks, passed it to his disciples, saying, **"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."**

Teri (Spoken): Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.....

Memorial Acclamation:

WHEN WE EAT THIS BREAD

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When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -
claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 3/4 time, G major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

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Teri: Together, we are the body of Christ. And together we follow Christ into the streets to be the Light of Christ at the invitation to “Come and see.”

Beloved God, Creator of all, You have invited each of us here, on this night, And so we gather around tables throughout the world, knowing all tables are yours, O God.

We come from many places, differing in age, abilities, differing in race, differing in orientation, politics and even religion. As we come together around these tables we discover that our differences are wholly and completely a blessing, the more difference we bring, the more fully we experience the presence of the sacred in our midst.

We pray, O God, for our chosen shepherds, especially Bishop Kae and Bishop Paul. That your light will shine brightly with them and through them. We also are confident, God, that you remember all who have died and invite them into the eternal embrace of your Love. We ask that you especially remember Sally Ng, and welcome her into the Communion of Saints.

Let us share this food abundantly, and these drinks in solidarity with all the peoples of the world, so that peace and justice may prevail everywhere. Let us go forth as the Light of Christ today, sharing grace, and like Jesus, Emmanuel, loving our neighbor, healing those who desire healing, preaching the Good News to the poor, and singing to the nations God’s song of peace and justice.

Teri: Together let us say:

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours all loving God, forever and ever.

AMEN

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LORD'S PRAYER

Teri: Let us join our hearts together in love, and pray together in the words that have been prayed with Jesus for centuries:

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin(g)dom 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... For thine is the Kin(g)dom, the power, and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy,
have mer - cy on us. world, grant us, grant us peace.

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Teri: This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are we who are called to this supper.

God, I am ready to receive you. Because by your invitation, I am here.
(People will have various responses to the Agnes Dei.)

Invitation to Communion

Teri: For those of you at home, receive the grace that God shares with you this day.

Communion Song: #497 Come, Follow Me

COME, FOLLOW ME

Gael Berberick (ASCAP) and
Barney Walker (ASCAP)

Refrain



Come, fol - low me and live; do not be a - fraid. Be -
lieve and trust in me; your faith will give you strength. Leave
all your fears be - hind you; let your heart be free, for
I will be your guide. Oh, come and fol - low me.

Verses



1. Come, fol - low in these foot-steps; I'll lead you gent - ly home.
2. Come, walk a - cross the wa - ter; place all your faith in me.
3. If you re - main with - in me, my words re - main in you.

to Refrain



1. No shel - ter, food nor mon - ey will you need up - on this road.
2. Cast all your doubts be - hind you to the wind and rag - ing sea.
3. What - ev - er you may ask of me, that is what I will do.

Prayer after Communion:

Teri: Let us pray...God Who dwells in our homes, in our hearts, in our sanctuaries, and in our world, we choose to follow you. May the food and grace we receive from you today sustain us and encourage us to be your living Light in the world. May others see you in all that we think and say and do. May we be builders of your reign on earth this day. In Jesus' name we pray. ***Amen***

Blessing of Mary Pepin

January 21, 2023

Dear Mary,

We bless you. We are grateful for the time we've had together,

For the sharing of our lives,

Both blessed and broken.

For the ways we have experienced God together.

For all the ways God has sustained us.

Now, we bless you, Mary,

in the name of the Holy Three,

the Divine Creator, the Eternal Son and the Sacred Spirit.

May you drink deeply from God's cup of joy.

May your new chapter of life be filled with the Divine.

May you delight in breaking ground, both fresh and new.

May your harvests be abundant.

May the night bring you quiet and the daylight inspire your spirit.

And when you turn to God in prayer and love, may you be

assured that you are always part of Light of Christ.

Mary, we bless you and remember that you have been a blessing

to us.

Amen.

Closing Blessing

Teri: The Love of God be with you.

And also with you.

Teri: Please open your hearts, as we ask for God's blessing.

May the world see and know a great light penetrating through us. May that light be known as the Light of Christ. We ask for this blessing now, in the name of the Holy Parent, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Teri: We are the Light of Christ. Let us go forth as such, loving and serving God as we get to love and serve in God's world.


Thanks be to God.

Closing Song: #382 Take the Word of God with You


TAKE THE WORD OF GOD WITH YOU

Christopher Walker

Verses




1. Take the word of God with you as you go.
2. Take the peace of God with you as you go.
3. Take the joy of God with you as you go.
4. Take the *love of God with you as you go.

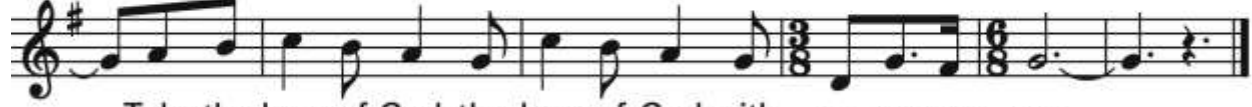


1. Take the seeds of God's word and make them grow.
2. Take the seeds of God's peace and make them grow.
3. Take the seeds of God's joy and make them grow.
4. Take the seeds of God's love and make them grow.

Refrain



Go in peace to serve the world, in peace to serve the world.



Take the love of God, the love of God with you as you go.

*Add other words if needed, such as "faith," "hope," etc.

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