

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings

Ezekiel 33:7-9
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Romans 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20

OPENING HYMN: As We Gather At Your Table

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| 1. As we gather at your table,
As we listen to your word,
Help us know, O God, your presence;
Let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
Till we claim it as our own;
Teach us through this holy banquet
How to make Love's vict'ry known. | 3. Gracious Spirit, help us summon
Other guests to share that feast
Where triumphant Love will welcome
Those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us,
Nor will pride our peace destroy,
As we join with saints and angels
To repeat the sounding joy. |
| 2. Turn our worship into witness
In the sacrament of life;
Send us forth to love and serve you,
Bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
To forgive as you forgave;
May we still behold your image
In the world you died to save. | <hr/> <p><i>God was reconciling the world to himself
in Christ and entrusting to us the
message of reconciliation</i></p> <hr/> |

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

OFFERTORY: Where Charity and Love Prevail

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| 1. Where charity and love prevail,
There God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love,
By love are we thus bound. | 4. Let strife among us be unknown,
Let all contention cease;
Be God's the glory that we seek,
Be ours God's holy peace. |
| 2. With grateful joy and holy fear
God's charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul
Now love God in return. | 5. Let us recall that in our midst
Dwells Gods begotten Son;
As members of his body joined,
We are in Christ made one. |
| 3. Forgive we now each other's faults
As we our faults confess;
And let us love each other well
In Christian holiness. | 6. No race nor creed can love exclude
If honored be God's name;
Our family embraces all
Whose Father is the same. |

Prayer for Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

COMMUNION: Where Two or Three Are Gathered

**Here in the Bread that is broken,
here in the Cup that is poured,
here in the Word that is spoken:
Jesus Christ is Lord!**

**Here where the poor find their treasure,
here where the greatest are least,
come find a love beyond measure
in this heav'nly feast.**

1. Where two or three are gathered,
gathered in my name,
I come with words of comfort
to ease your hurt and shame.
2. Where two or three are gathered,
I am there as well,
inviting my disciples
in perfect love to dwell.

3. Where two or three are gathered,
I am there with you.
I lead you into freedom,
my path is safe and true.
4. Where two or three are gathered,
gathered in my name,
I wash your feet in service.
Now you must do the same.
5. Where two or three are gathered,
I am there as well.
The blessings of the kingdom
I send you forth to tell.
6. Where two or three are gathered,
I am there with you.
My gifts of peace and mercy
will strengthen and renew.

One Bread, One Body

**One bread, one body,
one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many,
throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

1. Gentile or Jew,
servant or free,
woman or man, no more.

2. Many the gifts,
many the works,
one in the Lord of all.
3. Grain for the fields,
scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all.

CLOSING: O Bless the Lord

**O bless the Lord,
the God of our salvation,
Rock of strength and a refuge sure!
O bless the Lord,
the God of ev'ry nation,
over all the earth!**

1. O bless the Lord, highest heavens above!
Bless the Lord! Glorify his name!
Sun in the day, moon and stars in the night,
worship and praise!

2. Let all the earth sing with joy to the Lord,
all the seas, creatures of the deep!
Mountains and hills, birds and beasts in the fields,
worship and praise!
3. Let all the nations on earth bless the Lord,
for the Lord governs all the world!
Let all the rulers on earth bless the Lord!
Worship and praise!
4. Let all the people on earth bless the Lord!
Young and old, glorify his name!
Let ev'ry voice sing with joy to the Lord:
"Glory and praise!"