# Twenty third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Church of the Resurrection Burtonsville, Maryland

Hymn: Seek Ye First, by Karen Lafferty

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you; Allelu, alleluia.

R./ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek, and you shall find, Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you; Allelu, alleluia. R./

Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst; And whatsoever you ask I will do; Allelu, alleluia. R./

Gloria: from Black Mountain Liturgy, by Sally Ann Morris



We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

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 God the Father. Amen.

# First Reading: Ezechiel 33:7-9

Response: Psalm 95: Today if You Hear the Voice

Music for refrain by Paul M. French, for verses by Joseph Gelineau, SJ



Come, let us ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come into his presence, giving thanks; let us hail him with a song of praise. R./

O come; let us bow and bend low. Let us kneel before the God who made us, For he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture,

The flock that is led by his hand. R./

O that today you would listen to his voice! "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, As on that day at Massah in the desert when your forebears put me to the test; When they tried me, though they saw my work." R./

# Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel Acclamation: Chant Mode VI Alleluia

God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

#### Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

#### 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.

# Preparation of Gifts: Little Innocent Lamb,

Spiritual, arr. by Marshall Bartholomew

R./ Little Lamb, little Lamb, little innocent Lamb. I'm agonna serve God till I die, Little Lamb, little Lamb, little innocent Lamb. I'm agonna serve God till I die.

Hypocrite, Hypocrite, Tell you what he do, I'm agonna serve God till I die, He'll talk about me, an' 'he'll talk about you, I'm agonna serve God till I die. R./

Debbil, he's got a slippery shoe, I'm agonna serve God till I die, Now if you don't mind, he gonna slip it on you, I'm agonna serve God till I die.

'Cause dere ain' no dyin' ober dere in dat hebbenly lan', in dat hebbenly lan', In dat hebbenly lan', 'Cause dere ain' no dyin' ober ina dat lan', In dat hebbenly lan', Dere'll be joy! Joy!

Jes' take one brick from Satan's wall, I'm agonna serve God till I die, Satan's wall gonna tumble an' fall, I'm agonna serve God till I die. R./

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# Eucharistic Acclamations: from Mass for the City

Deutsche Mass, Franz Schubert, adapted by Richard Proulx

Holy, Holy, Holy

Memorial Acclamation

Great Amen

Lamb of God: Agnus Dei, Mass XVIII, arranged by Stephen Gouin

## Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament, and that You are truly Present in this Holy Mass.

I have lovingly worshipped you by prayerfully watching today's Mass, so, by my membership in the Mystical Body, please present me to The Father, in Your Perfect Sacrifice, O Jesus.

Although I do desire to receive You as Eucharist in person, at this moment, I cannot.

I humbly ask You to come to me spiritually. I give myself to You. I love You, O Lord God. Hear my petitions, and those of the Church, Your Bride, that we may be drawn by Your Spirit towards our beautiful wedding day in Glory. Amen.

# Communion Hymn: Love One Another, by James Chepponis

R./ Love one another, for love is of God. Love one another, for God is love.

God loved the world so much he sent us his only son,

That all who believe in him might have eternal life. R./

Since God has given his love to us, therefore let us love one another.

If we love one another, God will love us, and live in us in perfect love. R./

Ev'ryone who loves is begotten of God and knows him as the Father.

But they who do not love do not know God, for God is love. R./

### Meditation: For the Beauty of the Earth

Words by F. S. Pierpoint, music by John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,

For the love which from our birth over and around us lies, over and around us lies:

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,

Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:

Sun and moon and stars of light:

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,

Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:

For all gentle thoughts and mild:

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,

Graces human and divine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n,

Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n,

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise, This our joyful hymn, our hymn of praise.

## **Hymn:** Forgive Our Sins

Words by Rosamond D. Herklots,

Music from the Supplement to Kentucky Harmony with harmonization by Gerald H. Knight

"Forgive our sins as we forgive," you taught us, Lord, to pray;

But you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart

That broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?

In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:

How small are others' debts to us, how great our debt to you!

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease.

Then, by your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread your peace.

Postlude: "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star," by Max Reger.

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