

Light of Christ - Saturday March 11, 2023
Third Week of Lent
Lent Theme: Be A Light
Mass Adapted from Pax Christ Eucharist of Gospel Non-Violence
Responses of the people are indicated in ***bold/italics***.

Welcome and announcements:

Before the opening song, one of the musicians will read the prayer “The Work of Christmas Begins, by Michael Dougherty.

The Work of Christmas Begins

When the carols have been stilled,
When the star-topped tree is taken down,
When family and friends are gone home,
When we are back to our schedules
The work of Christmas begins:
To welcome the refugee,
To heal a broken planet,
To feed the hungry,
To build bridges of trust, not walls of fear,
To share our gifts,
To seek justice and peace for all people,
To bring Christ’s light to the world.

- by Michael Dougherty, a variation on [Howard Thurman's](#) ‘When the Song of the Angels is Stilled’

Opening Song: #734 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.

Final

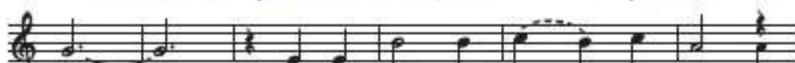


feast, come ___ to ___ the feast.
 Dios, ven a la fies - ta de Dios.
 feast, come ___ to ___ the feast.

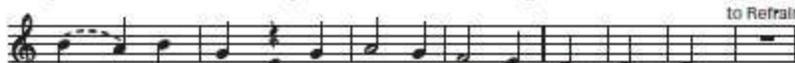
Verses



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 - tle 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



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 vi - vir.
 3. Christ ___ is here in the break - ing of the bread.
 nue - vo en Je - sús, Sal - va - dor y Buen Pas - tor.

to Refrain

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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.

Teri: Spontaneous

Penitential Rite:

Kyrie (Sung)



Opening Prayer:

Teri: Let us pray.....

Beloved God, this Lenten season we commit to living more fully into the name we share with you: Light of Christ. (Teri, light three candles here.)

May we learn to honor our diversity, that it might bring us to fuller unity in you, God. Help us to recognize your light in us and to nurture your light in others, that all the world may know your presence, warmth, and grace. In Jesus' name we pray: **Amen.**

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

First Reading: - Mark

Reading from the Book of Numbers (20:1-13)

In the first month of the year, which was for the Hebrews the first month of Spring, the whole Israelite community arrived at the Desert of Zin. They stayed at Kadesh, which means "Holy Place." There, Miriam died and was buried. Miriam was a leader among the Israelites along with Aaron and Moses, her Brothers.

Now, there was no water for the community in Kadesh. The people gathered in opposition to Moses and Aaron, for they thirsted for water. They quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." The people complained, "If only we'd died when we were in captivity in Egypt! Did you bring us, God's people, into this desert, so that we and our children and our livestock should die here? Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to this terrible place? It has no grain or figs, no grapevines or pomegranates. And there is no water to drink!"

Moses and Aaron went from the assembly to the entrance to the Tent of Meeting and fell prostrate, face down. The glory of God appeared to them. God said to Moses, "Take the staff and call the people together. Speak to the rock around which they will gather, and it will pour out its water. You will bring water out of the rock for the community, so that all and their livestock can drink."

So, Moses took the staff, which had remained in the Tent, just as God had commanded. Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together around the rock. Moses said to them: "Listen, you rebels, must we bring you water out of this rock?" Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with his staff. Water gushed out, and the entire community and their livestock drank. And so, from beneath the holy land where Miriam had been buried, waters flowed in a running stream for the people.

This has been a Reading from the Book of Numbers.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm - Psalm 83 When Trouble Comes

Psalm 83 When Trouble Comes

Bluesy

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 6/8 time signature. It consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff begins with a whole rest, followed by a quarter rest, then a quarter note G, a quarter note A, and a quarter note B. This is followed by a repeat sign and a quarter rest, then a quarter note G, a quarter note A, and a quarter note B. The lyrics are "When trou-ble comes don - t be sil-ent". The second staff starts with a measure rest, then a quarter note G, a quarter note A, and a quarter note B. This is followed by a quarter rest, then a quarter note G, a quarter note A, and a quarter note B. The lyrics are "when trou - ble comes do not be sti - ll when trou - ble". The third staff starts with a measure rest, then a quarter note G, a quarter note A, and a quarter note B. This is followed by a quarter rest, then a quarter note G, a quarter note A, and a quarter note B. The lyrics are "co - mes do not be a - fraid." Below the lyrics, the word "rit." is written.

Second Reading: Mark

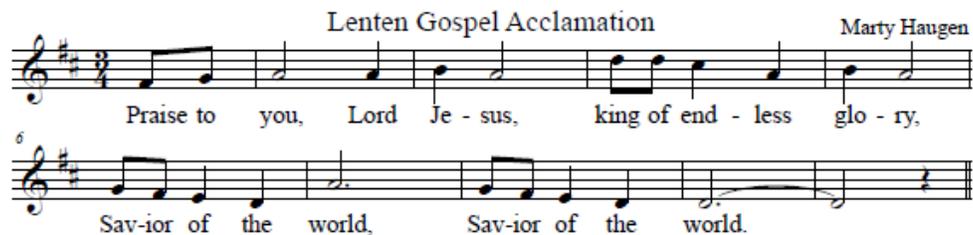
A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

We now know that it's faith, not outward signs of religious affiliation, that makes us "right" with God. We have peace with God through Jesus the Christ. Jesus revealed this grace to us, grace in which we all stand. We exult in hope of the glory of God! Not only that, we also rejoice in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance, perseverance produces character, and character produces hope. And this hope does not disappoint because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit Who has been given to us.

God's Love was revealed in this: Jesus the Christ died for all those we perceive as unworthy of this death. Scarcely will one die for a good and righteous person! Even fewer would die for someone who has committed many evils. But God showed what Love is when Jesus died on the cross. God extends forgiveness to all because of Jesus' love for all.

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:



Gospel: - Teri (stand)

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

Teri: A Reading from the holy Gospel according to John(4:5-30, 39-40)

Glory to You, O God.

Jesus came to a Samaritan town called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob and Rachel had given to their son, Joseph. Rachel and Jacob's well was there. It was the well where Rachel had been drawing water for her sheep when she first met Jacob who was a sojourner in that land.

Jesus, weary from his journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink". (The disciples had gone into the town to

buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Judean. I am a Samaritan and a woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (Judeans were told not to share vessels, or even associate, with Samaritans.)

Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink’, you would have asked me for a drink. I would then have given you living water.”

The woman said to Jesus, “Sir, you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water from? Are you greater than our ancestors Rachel and Jacob, who gave us this well, and drank from it themselves along with their children and their flocks?”

Jesus responded, “Whoever drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give will become in them a spring of water welling up to life everlasting.”

The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’. You’ve had five husbands, and the one whom you care for now is not your husband. What you’ve said is true!”

The woman replied, “Sir, I see that you are a seer, a prophet. You should know, then, that our ancestors worshipped on this mountain; but you Judeans say that the place people must worship is in Jerusalem.”

Jesus said to her, “Believe me, dear woman, the hour is coming when you will worship God neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem... The time is coming, and is now here, when true worshippers will worship our Loving God in spirit and truth. Indeed, God seeks worshippers such as these. God is Spirit, and those who worship God must worship in spirit and truth.”

The woman said to Jesus, “I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ. The Messiah will tell us everything.” Jesus said to her, “I am the Messiah, the one speaking to you.”

Just then Jesus' disciples returned. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said to her, "What do you want?" or to Jesus, "Why are you speaking with her?"

The woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see someone who told me everything I have ever done! Could this be the Messiah?" They left the city and went to Jesus.

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." When the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he did. He stayed there two days.

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

Homily: Teri

Prayers of the People: - Mark

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

Mark: Our response today is to bring Christ's Light to the world. ***to bring Christ's Light to the world.***

Mark: For the world and its leaders. That we may follow Christ's example and see others, meet them where they are at and recognize the light in them. We pray: ***to bring Christ's Light to the world.***

Mark: For the Church. That we may all work to break down divisions, promote peace, healing and wholeness in every community. We pray: ***to bring Christ's Light to the world.***

Mark: For those who are sick (especially ____). For those who struggle in the gloom of difficult days and harder nights. May the light of hope shine as a beacon for them. We pray: ***to bring Christ's Light to the world.***

Mark: For all those who have died especially Rosemary Nicosia. May they know the warm embrace of God welcome them to eternal life. For those who grieve a loss. May they be sustained and nurtured during these dark times and trust that the light will come. We pray: ***to bring Christ's Light to the world.***

Mark: We listen now to the prayers typed into the comment section as well as those here in the sanctuary (PAUSE until Teri gives you the signal to continue.

Mark: For these and for all of the prayers we share in our hearts, we pray:
to bring Christ's Light to the world.

Mark: 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:

Sign of Peace:

Teri: Please rise for the sign of peace.

Offertory Song: # 513 I want to Walk as a Child of the Light

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
2. I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3. I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Clear sun of right - eous - ness shine on my path, And
When we have run with pa - tience the race, We

star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther.
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The
night and the day are both a - like. The
Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Ephesians 5:8-10, Revelation 21:23, John 12:46, 1 John 1:5, Hebrews 12:1; Kathleen Thomerson, b.1934
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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 become our spiritual food and drink. **Blessed be God forever.**

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, purses and even backpacks. They represent our entire lives. through your blessing, may they be-come the Light of Christ in your world. ***Blessed by 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 in body and spirit.

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: Gracious God, source and sustenance of life, redeeming presence to the pain and brokenness of our world, you break open the boundaries of heaven and earth through your Incarnation. You join us in the human experience so Creator and Creation are one. You hold our hand, wipe our tears, and walk in our streets. You call us beloved, and release your healing power upon us and all we pray for today. You light up our ways with wise and holy people, and gather us together to be Light as well. For all you bring to our lives, and for all we seek, we acclaim your love and greatness, and we join with all creation, and share our voices with the choirs of angels and shepherds as together we sing:

Sanctus Marty Haugen

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
 might, heav'n 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!

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:

Eucharistic Acclamation IB Marty Haugen

Praise, thanks and glo - ry be to you, O Christ.

Teri:

We remember, because remembering is part of the journey of life. In remembering we recall how the Incarnation joined all of creation in love. So as we gather around these many tables today, knowing that all tables are your Table, O God, and in our gathering we remember. Like you, we strive to join with all of creation in love. We profess that all are welcome here, and we recognize your diversity, Amma God, in our midst. We are all your beloved children. The bread we break and the cup we share are symbols of our world of abundance where all are invited to partake of the fullness of life. May we recognize that life and Your Holy and Radiant Light, O Fully Present God.

So grant, Abba God, that in union with all peoples, living and dead, laity, clergy, and bishops, especially Bishop Kae and Bishop Paul.....we may strive to create a world where suffering and pain are diminished, where justice and peace are restored, and where all people can live in health and wholeness, united in acclaiming the God of life, the God who is shares Light with the world, whose abundance is offered to each and to all.

(Teri and Mark lift elements)

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 Marty Haugen

Al - le - lu - ia, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, a - men!
Lent: Praise to you, Lord, a - men! Praise to you, Lord, a - men!

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

Agnus Dei Marty Haugen

1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
2. Prince of Peace,
3. Bread of Life,
world: have mer - cy on us.
world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

Teri: This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are we who are called to this supper. (Teri, you can change these words.)

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: #827 Taste and See

Taste and See

Refrain

Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the
Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the
good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Verses

1. I will bless the Lord at all times.
2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me.
3. Wor - ship the Lord, all you peo - ple.

Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;
To - geth - er let us all praise God's name.
You'll want for noth - ing if you ask.

my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord
I called the Lord who an - swered me;
7 Taste and see that the Lord is good;

for God has been so good to me.
from all my trou - bles I was set free.
in God we need put all our trust.

D.C.

Text: Psalm 34; James E. Moore, Jr., b.1951
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Prayer after Communion:

Teri: We give thanks, most Beloved God, that you have made yourself knowable in our midst through this beloved meal.

May this meal help us to bring the Light of you that shines in us to the streets of the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our brother and friend. **Amen.**

Teri: The Love of God be with you.

And also with you.

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

Be blessed and surprised to encounter God at your well. Every time you turn on a faucet this week, remember that you are a Beloved Child of God. May you be blessed with this remembering. We ask for this blessing now, in the name of the Father, 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: I Am the Light of the World

I Am the Light of the World

Greg Hayakawa

5 "I am the Light of the world," says the Lord,

10 "They who fol-low me will have the light of life."

14 1. "A - rise," says the Lord "Have no fear with -
2. "Walk in the light, there is no cause to

17 in you; for in my pres - ence there will be no
stum - ble; I have come to light the path be -
to Refrain

22 dark - ness. I am the Light of the world."
fore you. I am the Light of the world."

26 3. "Lis-ten to my words; they are from the One who

29 sent me: For you, my friends, are called to share God's
to Refrain

glo - ry. You are the Light of the world."

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