

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
St. Stephen's Parish
October 4, 2020 - 9:30 AM



Prelude: Prayer of St. Francis (Sebastian Temple)

Entrance: As Christ Is For Us (Janèt Sullivan Whitaker)

*May the bread we share keep us mindful
and the fruit of the vine make us one.
Let the whole human fam'ly together
heed the cry of our island home.*

*So we rise with him each morning, and we work, as work we must,
to be Christ for others as Christ is for us,
to be Christ for others as Christ is for us.*

Glory To God

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

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: Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Let me now sing of my friend, my friend's song concerning his vineyard.

My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside;

he spaded it, cleared it of stones, and planted the choicest vines;

within it he built a watchtower, and hewed out a wine press.

Then he looked for the crop of the grapes, but what it yielded was wild grapes.

Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,

judge between me and my vineyard:

What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done?

Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes?

Now, I will let you know what I mean to do with my vineyard:

take away its hedge, give it to grazing,

break through its wall, let it be trampled!

Yes, I will make it a ruin:

it shall not be pruned or hoed, but overgrown with thorns and briers;

I will command the clouds not to send rain upon it.

The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel,

and the people of Judah are his cherished plant;

he looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed! For justice, but hark, the outcry!

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

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Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters: Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Celtic Mass
Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker



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Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again, he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times." Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures:

*The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
By the Lord has this been done,
and it is wonderful in our eyes?*

Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

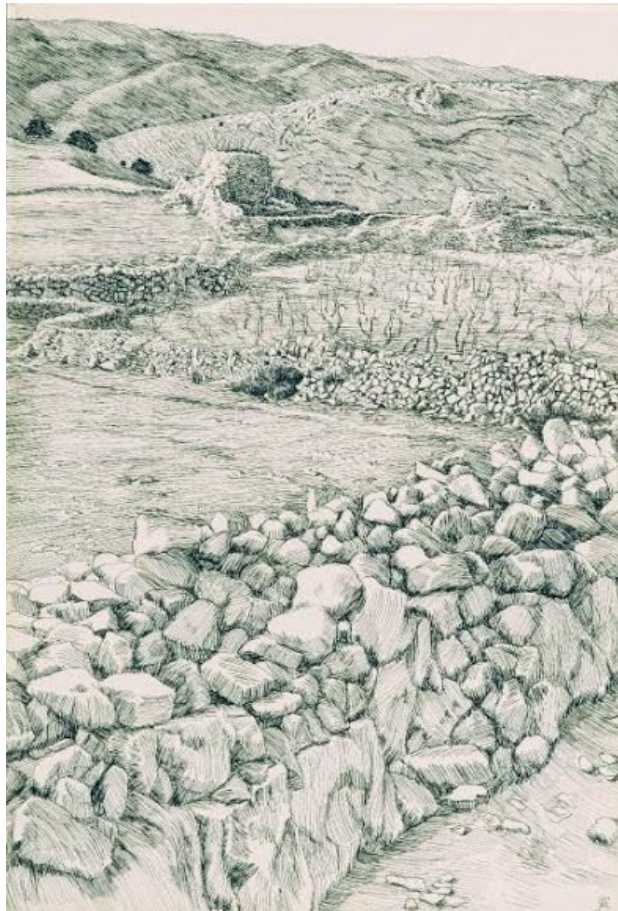
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
On the third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church,
The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.



Presentation of the Gifts

VINE AND BRANCHES

Trevor Thomson

Refrain



I am the vine and you the branch-es. Re-main in



me as I re-main in you; you will bear great fruit in me.

Verses



1. A new com-mand - ment I give you: e - ven
2. No great - er love is there than this: than to
3. I am the liv - ing bread from heav - en; if you
4. All those who eat my flesh and drink my blood re -
5. The words that I have spo - ken are
6. And now as I have washed your feet, so



1. as I have loved you, now love one an - oth - er.
2. lay down your life, your life for your friends.
3. eat this bread, you will live for - ev - er.
4. main in me and I re-main in them.
5. spir - it and life, they are spir - it and life.
6. you must do just as I have done.

to Refrain

Text based on John 6:35-63; 13:14-15; 15:1-13.

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Communion Song

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

John Foley, S.J.

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,
one cup of bless-ing which we bless. And we, though
man-y, through-out the earth, we are one bod-y in this

Verses



one Lord.

1. Gen-tile or Jew,	ser-vant or
2. Man-y the gifts,	man-y the
3. Grain for the fields,	scat-tered and

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1. free,	wom-an or man,	no more.
2. works,	one in the Lord	of all.
3. grown,	gath-ered to one,	for all.

Text: Based on 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; 12:4, 12-13, 20; Galatians 3:28; Ephesians 4:4-6; The Didache 9.

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Closing Song: In Christ Alone (Getty/Townend)

*In Christ alone my hope is found,
he is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.*



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