

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**St. Stephen's Parish**  
**September 13, 2020 - 9:30 AM**



**Prelude: Give Us Your Peace (Manibusan/Hart)**

**Entrance: There's A Wideness In God's Mercy (IN BABILON)**

*There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;*

*There's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty.*

*There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;*

*There is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.*

*For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind,*

*And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.*

*If our love were but more simple we should take him at his word,*

*And our lives would be thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.*

## 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: Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

A reading from the Book of Sirach.

Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight.

The vengeful will suffer the LORD's vengeance,

for he remembers their sins in detail.

Forgive your neighbor's injustice;

then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.

Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the LORD?

Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself,

Can he seek pardon for his own sins?

If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins?

Remember your last days, set enmity aside;

remember death and decay, and cease from sin!

Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor;

remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

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

## Responsorial Psalm

### PSALM 103: 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

R. The Lord is kind and mer - ci - ful, slow to  
an - ger, and rich in com - pas - sion.

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## Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

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

Brothers and sisters: None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

### CELTIC ALLELUIA

*Celtic Mass*

Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
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## **Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35**

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

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, “Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus answered, “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.’ Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, ‘Pay back what you owe.’ Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.’ But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?’ Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart.”

**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

### UBI CARITAS WE WILL FIND GOD

UBI CARITAS

**Refrain**

U - bi cá - ri - tas est ve - ra De - us i - bi est.  
We will find God where we find love and true char - i - ty.

**Verses**

1. Con - gre - gá - vit nos in u - num Chri - sti a - mor.  
2. Si - mul er - go cum in u - num con - gre - gá - mur:  
3. Si - mul quo - que cum be - á - tis vi - de - á - mus  
1. Gath - ered here, called by the great love of Je - sus Christ,  
2. Gath - ered here, all in this one place, let us re - call  
3. Gath - ered here, dare we be - come one with all the saints,

1. Ex - sul - té - mus et in i - pso iu - cun - dé - mur.  
2. Ne nos men - te di - vi - dá - mur, ca - ve - á - mus.  
3. Glo - ri - án - ter vul - tum tu - um, Chri - ste De - us:  
1. let us all sing, let us cry out with thank - ful - ness.  
2. Je - sus' prayer, said for the whole world, "May they be one."  
3. that we all may stand be - fore God, our hearts' de - sire,

1. Ti - me - á - mus et a - mé - mus De - um vi - vum.  
2. Ces - sent iúr - gi - a ma - lí - gna, ces - sent li - tes.  
3. Gáu - di - um, quod est im - mén - sum at - que pro - bum,  
1. Let ev - ery heart now be - come one with Christ the Lord,  
2. Let all di - vi - sions in all lands be quick - ly healed.  
3. be - fore the God who with great care leads us to life,

1. Et ex cór-de di - li - gá - mus nos sin - cé - ro. (to Ref.)  
2. Et in mé - di - o no - stri sit Chri - stus De - us. (to Ref.)  
3. Sáe - cu - la per in - fi - ní - ta sae - cu - ló - rum.  
1. who dai - ly calls us to true love and true ser - vice. (to Ref.)  
2. May all at last find the true path of peace for all. (to Ref.)  
3. who calls us all to be - come one in love. A - men.

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## Communion Song

### OUR BLESSING CUP

Bob Hurd

Refrain



Our bless-ing cup is a com-mun-ion with the blood of Christ;



and the bread we break, it is a shar-ing in the bod-y of the

Repeat first time only  
(or ostinato as desired) Verses

Fine



Lord.

1. How can we make a re-turn
2. Pre-cious in-deed in your sight,
3. Gra-cious and mer-ci-ful God,
4. For you have heard my \_\_ voice,



1. for all the good-ness God has shown?
2. the life and death of those you love.
3. we give you thanks and bless your name:
4. for you have heard my plead-ing.

We will take the  
We \_\_ are your  
with \_\_ all your  
Though \_\_ death sur-

to Refrain (or Verse  
if ostinato is sung)



1. cup of life, and \_\_ call up-on God's name.
2. ser-vants, for \_\_ you have set us free.
3. peo-ple, praise and glo-ry to your name.
4. round-ed me, you \_\_ heard and an-swered me.

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## Closing Song: Let There Be Peace On Earth (Miller/Jackson)

*Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God our creator, we are family.  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.  
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow;  
To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally!  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.*



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