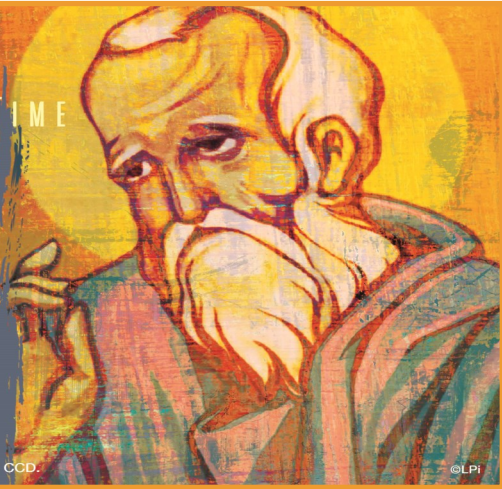


24th
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Gathering Song

City of God

Verses 1, 2



1. A-wake from your slum-ber! A - rise from your
 2. We are sons of the morn-ing; we are daugh-ters of

sleep! A new day is dawn-ing
 day. The One who has loved us

for all those who weep. The peo - ple in
 has bright-ened our way. The Lord of all

dark-ness have seen a great light. The Lord of our
 kind-ness has called us to be a light for his

long-ing has con-quired the night.
 peo - ple to set their hearts free.

♫ Refrain



Let us build the cit-y of God. May our tears be
 turned in - to danc - ing! For the Lord, our light and our
 love, has turned the night in - to day!

Verse 3




3. God is light; in him there is no
 dark-ness. Let us walk in his light, his
 chil - dren, one and all.

O com-fort my peo - ple; make gen-tle your
 words. Pro - claim to my cit-y

the day of her birth. **D.S.**

Verse 4



4. O cit-y of glad-ness, now lift up your
 voice. Pro - claim the good tid - ings

that all may re - joice! **D.S.**

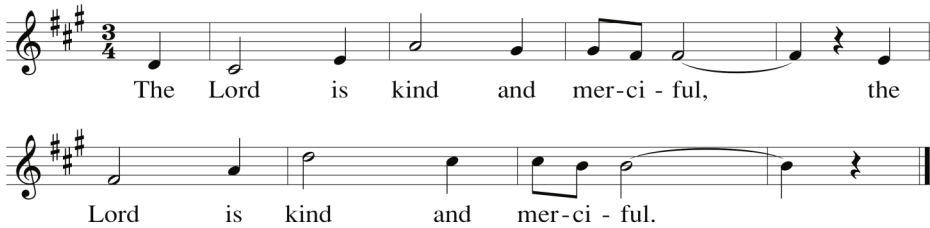
First Reading - Sirach 27:30-28:7

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.

Psalm 103:1-4, 9-12

Psalm 103: The Lord Is Kind and Merciful

Refrain



Verses

1. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all my being bless God's name; bless the Lord, and forget not God's benefits.
2. God pardons all your iniquities, and comforts your sorrows, redeems your life from destruction and crowns you with kindness.
3. Merciful, merciful, and gracious is our God; slow to anger, abounding in kindness.

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Second Reading - Romans 14:7-9

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.

Gospel - Matthew 18:21-35

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 the 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."

Preparation of Gifts and Altar

Instrumental

Communion



An Act of 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

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Refrain

You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart With
 gift of fin - est wheat; Come give to us, O
 sav - ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.

Verses

1. As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They
 2. With joy - ful lips we sing to you Our
 3. Is not the cup we bless and share The
 4. The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, No
 5. You give your - self to us, O Lord; Then

know and heed his voice; So when you call your
 praise and grat - i - tude; That you should count us
 blood of Christ out - poured? Do not one cup, one
 mor - tal tongue can tell; Whom all the world can -
 self - less let us be, To serve each oth - er

D.C.

fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - joice.
 wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.
 loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?
 not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.
 in your name In truth and char - i - ty.

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Sending Forth

They'll Know We Are Christians

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will
 4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from

one in the Lord, We are one in the
 walk hand in hand, We will walk with each
 work side by side, We will work with each
 whom all things come, And all praise to Christ

Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, And we
 oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, And to -
 oth - er, we will work side by side, And we'll
 Je - sus, his on - ly Son, And all

pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re -
 geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our
 guard hu - man's dig - ni - ty and save hu - man's
 praise to the Spir - it, who makes us

stored:
 land: And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our
 pride:
 one:

love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are
 Chris - tians by our love.

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St. Michael the Archangel Prayer

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
 Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.
 May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
 and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly hosts,
 by the power of God, cast into hell Satan,
 and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world
 seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

