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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

LOW MASS EVERY SUNDAY AT 8:30 AM

SUNG MASS EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:30 AM

Wednesday mid-week Mass at 10:30 am



**8:30 am Low Mass
and**

10:30 am Sung Mass

The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the book of Genesis (50:15-21)

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

This is the word of the Lord **R. Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 103: 1-2. 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills
He redeems your life from your destruction
Crowns you with kindness and compassion

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

He will not always chide, nor does he keep his wrath forever
Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

A reading from the letter to the Romans (14:1-12)

Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God. For we do not live to ourselves,

and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

This is the word of the Lord **R. Thanks be to God**

Sung Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia **All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord;
love one another as I have loved you

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

The Gospel of Matthew (18:21-35)

The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord **R. Praise to you, O Christ**

Sunday Gospel Reflection

In today's Gospel, Peter asks Jesus how many times he must forgive someone who sins against him. He thinks seven times sounds generous. Jesus answers, "seventy-seven times." In other words, forgiveness cannot be reduced to keeping score. Jesus then tells the story of a servant forgiven an enormous debt, who immediately refuses to forgive someone who owes him very little. The tragedy is that he receives mercy, but allows that mercy to stop with him. Every Sunday we come before God as people who live by mercy. We confess our sins, hear words of forgiveness, and receive Christ in the Eucharist. But the mercy we receive here must shape the way we live beyond these walls. Forgiveness does not mean pretending that hurt does not matter. It means refusing to let another person's wrong have the final word. We forgive because God has first forgiven us.

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