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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SUNG MASS EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:30 AM

LOW MASS EVERY FIRST AND THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

AT 8:30 AM

Wednesday mid-week Mass at 10:30 am



Introit Hymn 21 All people that on earth do dwell

Gradual Hymn 1 Abba Father let me be (sing twice)

Offertory Hymn 70 Be thou my vision

During which a collection will be taken

Recessional Hymn 695 To God be the glory

The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the book of Jeremiah (23.23–29)

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed! I have dreamed!” How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 40: 2, 3, 4, 18

Lord, come to my aid!

I have waited, waited for the Lord, and he stooped toward me

Lord, come to my aid!

The Lord heard my cry. He drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the mud of the swamp; he set my feet upon a crag; he made firm my steps

Lord, come to my aid!

And he put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God. Many shall look on in awe and trust in the Lord

Lord, come to my aid!

Though I am afflicted and poor, yet the Lord thinks of me. You are my help and my deliverer; O my God, hold not back.

Lord, come to my aid!

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (11.29 – 12.2)

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became

mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. This is the word of the Lord **R. Thanks be to God**

Sung Gospel Acclamation

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

My sheep hear my voice says the Lord; I know them and they follow me

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

The Gospel of Luke (12.49–56)

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

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.’ He also said to the crowds, ‘When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, “It is going to rain”; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, “There will be scorching heat”; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?’

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

Sunday Gospel Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!" These are not gentle words—they are bold, unsettling, and deeply passionate. Jesus is not speaking of comfort, but of transformation. His fire is the fire of the Spirit, the fire of truth, and the fire of love that purifies and renews. He warns that following Him will cause division. Why? Because the Gospel challenges the status quo—it calls us to choose, to commit, to change. Christ's message is not neutral; it demands a response. We are not called to be passive observers of the faith. We are meant to carry that fire—to let it burn in our hearts, and to let it shine in the world.

NOTICES

Fr. Paul is away on holidays for the next two weekends. Thank you to our Lay Reader Angela who will lead us in a Communion by Extension service today and next week.

Our Next Hot Dog Sunday will be on Sunday September 7th after our 10:30 am Eucharist. Come and join us!

Watch Fr. Paul's weekly video reflections on the Sunday Gospel—available on our Instagram, Facebook, and parish website.

