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6th Sun. after Epiphany
(6th of year)Catholic Centre
Broadcast

Good morning; and welcome to join with us here in the chapel at the Catholic Centre for Mass today. Particularly if you are ill or indisposed, we hope that listening in to the celebrant of this simple Eucharist here will be a consolation for you and help you to pray together with your fellow-Christians in their prayer and worship of God this Sunday morning. Today is the 6th Sunday after Epiphany, and in the scripture readings for today's Mass we continue the more or less consecutive reading from St Luke's gospel which is the one being read this year on most Sundays, and from the first Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians which is used on these Sundays between Christmas and Lent. The O.T. extract today is from the prophet Jeremiah, fitting in, in theme, with the Beatitudes of Jesus' sermon on the 'charter' of the new kingdom of God which you will hear in the Gospel extract. The gospel will be read and the sermon given by the celebrant of today's Mass, Fr Patrick McGovern SJ. But before the Liturgy of the Word of God, the first part of the Mass, there is an introductory rite of prayer and repentance which begins now with the singing of an entry hymn as the priest and his assistants approach the altar.

Penit.:Kyrie:Gloria: ORATIO

The prayer for today's assembly concludes the introductory rite; the congregation sit down now to listen to the first of the scripture readings, which is followed by pt. of Ps 1 as a meditation prayer.

Creed: After the word of God in scripture and the sermon, the congregation stands to recite, with the priest, a profession of faith in God, the Nicene Creed.

Offert.: The second part of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Eucharist, begins now in the Offertory rite, where the bread and wine needed for the Eucharist are brought to the altar, and the priest makes a thanksgiving prayer over them. These gifts represent us, our giving of ourselves to the service and love of God in our lives and our concern for people. It's at this point of the Mass that the Collection is taken. **CHOIR**

Preface: After the Prayer over the Gifts for today's celebration, the central prayer and action of the Eucharist begins, introduced by an invitation and the Preface for Sundays. The first of the 4 Eucharistic Prayers, the Roman Canon, is being used here today.

Per Ipsum: The Prayer our Lord taught us, the Our Father, now introduces the preparation for Holy Communion and the Communion rite of the Mass.

Communion: The verse for the Communion Song; the priest is now receiving in Holy Communion the Body and Blood of Christ, taking first the consecrated Host and then drinking from the chalice, with the prayer 'May the Body of Christ bring me to everlasting life/ May the blood of Christ bring me to everlasting life'. As he does so, those of the congregation who wish to receive the sacrament of the Eucharist begin to file up to the rail in front of the altar, where the priest will come to give them Holy Communion **CHOIR**

While the priest continues to give Holy Communion, we have some minutes for our own personal prayer and reflection, in which to join in spirit with the people here as they return to their places in the chapel having received our Lord in this sacrament of the Eucharist. You may

like to make your own spiritual communion with Christ our Lord at this time, or say your own prayers; in this quiet period, before the priest recites for us the final thanksgiving prayer of the Mass, perhaps some thoughts and reflection on the scripture we listened to earlier and on this Eucharist we've celebrated today may help you in your prayer. Most of us, I suppose, are more used to hearing and quoting the Beatitudes in the version St Matthew gives; there are, however, some not unimportant differences between his and St Luke's which we heard this morning. For instance, St Luke has our Lord addressing a wider audience than the apostles and disciples alone, and what Jesus says is put more directly and forcefully to his hearers: "you poor...you that hunger now..." The point of contrast with the world, the urgency and uncomplicatedness of putting one's total trust in God is stressed. So is the Christian necessity of sharing with Christ, in His suffering and being scorned as well as in His joy and resurrection. The Beatitudes are nonsense from a point of view that's entirely limited to this world and our present existence; for they are (as is the whole of Christian life fully lived) a reversal of the values of this world. If prosperity, comfort, peace of mind, popularity, are the goals or achievements that make a man fully satisfied with his life, then there is no room in this self-enclosure for God and the life and happiness He offers to men and which is not confined to the span of this mortal life. This is not to say that poverty, hunger, grief, public resentment are in themselves guarantees of eternal happiness; but because the kingdom of God has come among us and the friendship of Christ is present in the world, people who are

undistracted by the consolations and happiness that this world can indeed give are freer and more open to see and accept the gift of God; their need and their capacity to receive the riches of God's friendship and happiness are the greater. The Beatitudes are an invitation as well as a promise; in something the same way the Eucharist too is both promise and present fulfillment, where Christ is present giving Himself to those who will accept His love, life and friendship. When we come together around the table of the Lord, in worship and thanksgiving, in brotherhood with one another and with Christ our Lord, we celebrate the liberation He has brought to us and made us able to recognise and accept. We celebrate His rising from death, "the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep" as St Paul wrote in his letter to Corinth; it's this fact that gives us faith and hope, that there is a way out of just living for this present life and world, that in Christ God has offered His joy and friendship, a fulfillment of our deepest needs and aspirations which can't be met by ~~trust~~ trust in ourselves or our fellowmen alone. It's this fact that makes the Beatitudes intelligible and acceptable; they are not only an ethical code or high ideals, but for those who put their trust in God a present beginning of the happiness of His kingdom which will last forever. The Eucharist should make us aware of what it is God's love offers us, and of our own and the world's needs which ultimately only His love can satisfy. Our faith and the words of Christ which challenge human wisdom and natural values should be a message of good news to the world; if so many people today who are searching for happiness and are not satisfied to trust in themselves or other men do not find God's love, one reason perhaps is that our lives, we who

share ~~one~~ faith and one Eucharist together, do not show clearly enough and simply enough the truth of those blessings and congratulations of Christ, the Beatitudes.

The Communion
are now over, and at the altar the priest first puts away in the tabernacle the hosts that remain. Then he briefly cleans the chalice and patens that have been used during Mass and Holy Communion, and they are taken away from the altar by one of the assistants. After a few moments of silent prayer and praise to God, the celebrant now recites the concluding prayer for today's Mass.

End : The Blessing and Dismissal form the concluding rite of the Mass; the priest and his assistants now make a reverence towards the altar and return to the sacristy. With the Mass now over, and the congregation beginning to disperse, we end this broadcast which has come to you this morning direct from the chapel at the Catholic Centre in Connaught Rd., Central.

good things be ours in good measure: through Christ our Lord.
ALL : Amen.

Offertory Song

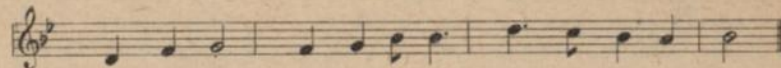
ALL SING : (See p. 1 or any suitable hymn from the Hymn Book)

Prayer over the Gifts

O God, may this offering cleanse us from sin and bring us life, that by it we may be guided and protected. Through Christ our Lord.

ALL : Amen.

Memorial Acclamation

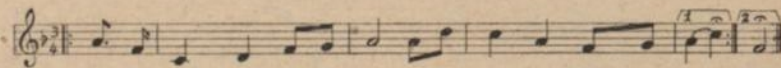


Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.

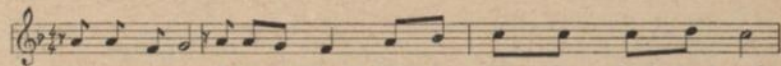
Communion Song

READER : All marveled at these things that came from the mouth of God.

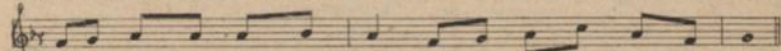
ALL SING :



ANT. I've re-ceived the liv-ing God and my heart is filled with joy! joy!



1. He says to me: I am the bread which I give to feed your soul,
2. He says to me: I am the vine which will nour- ish eve- ry shoot,
3. He says to me: I am the life which de - stroys e - ter - nal doom,
4. He says to me: I am the way where my Fa - ther waits for you,
5. He says to me: I am the light in the dark - ness of your night,
6. He says to me: I am the peace which the world seeks all in vain,
7. He says to me: I am the love which a - lone can all u - nite,
8. He says to me: I am the lamb sa - cri - ficed for sin - ners all,



1. He who eats of this, my flesh, will at - tain the heav - 'nly goal.
2. As it feeds up - on my sap it will give a - bun - dant fruit.
3. Whoso - e - ver lives in me will rise like me from the tomb.
4. If you fol - low in my steps you will see me with him too.
5. Whoso - e - ver wel - comes me will be led on paths a - right.
6. On - ly he who spreads my love is a wit - ness of my reign.
7. On - ly he who feeds on me can dif - fuse my love and light.
8. He who drinks my pre - cious blood is pre - pared to hear my call.

Prayer after Communion

P. Let us pray.

O Lord, grant that we who have been nourished with the food of heaven may always hunger after this bread which truly makes us live. Through Christ our Lord.

ALL : Amen.

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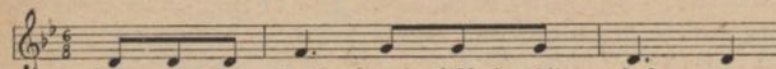
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(6th Sunday after Epiphany)

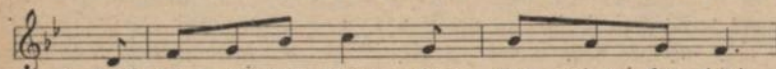
Entry Song

LEADER: Worship God, all you his angels. Sion heard and was glad, and all the daughters of Juda rejoiced.

ALL SING:



1. Serve you the Lord, heart filled with glad - ness.
2. Know that the Lord is our cre - a - tor.
3. We are the sheep of his green pas - ture,
4. En - ter his gates bring - ing thanks - giv - ing,
5. Our Lord is good, his love en - dur - ing,
6. Hon - our and praise be to the Fa - ther,



1. Come in - to his pres - ence sing - ing for joy!
2. Yes, he is our Fa - ther; we are his sons.
3. For we are his peo - ple; he is our God.
4. O en - ter his courts while sing - ing his praise.
5. His word is a - bid - ing now with all men.
6. The Son, and the Spir - it, world with - out end.

Opening Prayer

P. Let us pray.

Almighty God, let our minds always be fixed on your truths, so that, in every word and deed, we may do what is pleasing to you. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ALL : Amen (Sit)

First Reading:

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah (17:5-8)

Thus says the Lord: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his arm, whose heart turns away from the Lord. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed is

the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit." — This is the word of the Lord.

ALL : Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 1)

READER : Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

ALL : Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

READER : He is like a tree planted by streams of water, that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

ALL : Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

READER : The wicked are not so, but are like chaff which the wind drives away. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

ALL : Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Second Reading:

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (15:12, 16-20)

If Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. — This is the word of the Lord.

ALL : Thanks be to God.

Alleluia (All stand)

READER SINGS:



ALL : (repeat)

READER : I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life.

ALL : (sing Alleluia)

Gospel

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke (6:17, 20-26)

ALL : Glory to you, Lord.

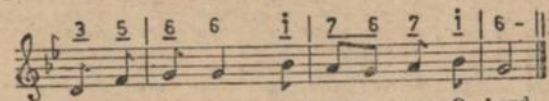
Jesus came down with the twelve and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples and said: "Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you that hunger now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you that weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, on account of the Son of man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. But woe to you that are rich, for you have received consolation. Woe to you that are full now, for you shall hunger. Woe to you that laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. Woe to you, when all men speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets." — This is the gospel of the Lord.

ALL : Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ (Sit)

General Intercessions

PRIEST : God's Church has spread throughout the world, and everywhere the Holy Spirit prompts its members to follow their faith. Let us pray our heavenly Father that each one of us may become holier and bear witness to his name.

LEADER : That God may watch over, protect, and guide his Church, especially our Holy Father Pope Paul, we pray to the Lord.



ALL : Hear your peo-ple, have mer- cy, O Lord.

LEADER : That God may comfort the suffering, console the lonely, protect the homeless, restore peace to those troubled in mind and body, we pray to the Lord.

That God may bless the families of this place, that, following the example of Nazareth, they may show forth the Christian virtues, we pray to the Lord.

That God may direct all rulers that his people everywhere may know good government and enjoy lasting peace, we pray to the Lord.

PRIEST : Listen to the prayers of thy family, Lord, and lead us in whole-hearted obedience to thee, supporting and shielding us. Through our trust in thy guidance may nothing harmful befall us and