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25th Sunday of Year
18th after Pent.
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Catholic Centre
Broadcast

Good morning; and welcome to join us here at the Catholic Centre where in a few moments the Mass for today will be beginning in the little 3rd-fl. chapel. A special welcome for you who are ill or cannot yourself take part today with your fellow-Christians in the Sunday celebration and offering of prayer and worship to God. Through contact over the air with the people here as they celebrate in community their Risen Lord and Saviour, you can join in spirit with the prayer and Eucharistic offering of the Christian community this Sunday morning; you can share with them in a personal communion with Christ our Lord, and listen with them to the Word of God.

The scripture readings you'll hear in the first part of the Mass for today, the 25th Sun. of the Year & 18th since Pentec., are from the O.T. prophet Isaiah, from St Paul's letter to the church at Philippi, and from St Matt.'s gospel in ch. 20, the well-known parable of the labourers in the vineyard: the reading of Isaiah is chosen, as usual, in connection with the gospel passage and for the light it throws on it. But before we listen to the word of God, we prepare ourselves in prayer and repentance, in a short introductory rite which begins now as the priest and his assistants approach the altar and an Entry Song is sung. **CHOIR**

Intro. KYRIE, Gloria, ORATIO

The formal Assembly-prayer for today's celebration. Now the people here all sit down to listen to the first of the scripture readings; and this is followed by a responsary recitation from Ps 145.

CREED: After listening to the word of God in scripture, and the homily given by Fr John Russell, celebrant of this morning's Mass, everyone stands to recite together the profession of faith in God's revealing of Himself, the Nicene Creed.

OFFERT.: The prayers of general intercession are the last part of the Liturgy of the Word, a response to God's message and the mission He gives through His Word. Now at the altar, the priest begins the preparation for the sacrament and sacrifice of the Eucharist, in the Offertory rite: he takes the offerings of bread and wine brought to him on our behalf, saying a prayer of blessing over them.

CHOIR

PREFACE: The Offertory rite is concluded by that Prayer over the Gifts. And now begins the central prayer and action of the Mass, the Eucharist; the special Preface for Sundays follows the opening invitation to join in the offering.

PER IPSUM: The conclusion of the Prayer of the Eucharist. We move on now in preparation for the sacrament of the Eucharist, saying together first the family prayer taught us by Christ, the 'Our Father'.

COMMUNION: At the altar the priest now receives the sacrament of the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, in Holy Communion. As he does so and pauses for a moment of two of personal prayer and thanksgiving, people in the congregation here who wish also to share in this Holy Communion with Christ our Lord and with each other in Christ begin to approach the altar. As he gives each one Body of Christ in this sacrament, the priest reminds us of our faith in Christ who shares His Life

with us so that we may be able to share together the gift of His life and love. At this point, while the communicants return to their places for some moments of private prayer, there's an opportunity for thanksgiving and praise, as a hymn for communion time is sung.

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While the priest continues giving Holy Communion and before he recites the final Thanksgiving Prayer for today's celebration, there's some little time in which you may like to pray or reflect with me on this Sacrament of the Eucharist and the scriptures we listened to earlier. Our Lord's parable about the vineyard was to make it quite clear that God's gifts and goodness are not forced from Him, as a recompense or anything else, that His love and life and grace are not limited by or to the ideas we have of how He should act. God is giving, and faithful; everything there is, everything we have of our own is already His grace and giving; the life He of His goodness offers us to share, the promises and hope He gives He will give and keep in His own way. To us, His ways may not be very understandable, or in keeping even with the most unselfish and self-giving ways of human behaviour we've worked out. And so, people complain about God's unfairness; and the cross of Christ remains often a scandal and is not understood. But what we proclaim every time we celebrate the Eucharist is that God so loves the world that He gave His own Son to be our Saviour; Christ gave His life so that we might have life; and this life He shares with us now, His Risen life, in the Eucharist. It is His greatest gift, of Himself, to us; and there's no claim we can make to this gift, except in the

self-surrender of faith and hope in His goodness and fidelity whom we try to love. Because God offers us this gift of Life in Christ, we should receive it with the deepest gratitude and awareness of His goodness and our own complete unworthiness. And if we do begin to realise a little how much we have that is a gift of God's love for us, then our thoughts and our ways may begin to be a little more like God's --- that it's more blessed to give than to receive. Through the Eucharist, we may learn that as Christ gives and shares His Life with us, we will have our lives and the best gifts of life only by giving and sharing them with others. As God is generous, we should learn to be generous too with His gifts; and in the Eucharist of thanksgiving to Him is the grace and power and strength to be what He wants us to be, His children transformed in the likeness of Christ our Lord.

PRAYER (Prayers for Young Christians)

After giving Holy Communion, putting away the chalice and patens used during Mass, and a few moments of silent prayer, the priest now recites the final prayer of thanksgiving and gives the Blessing.

END: The Blessing and Dismissal bring the Mass to an end, and the people begin to leave the chapel here. And here we end too this broadcast of Mass for today, the 18th Sun. after Pentecost, which you've been listening to direct from the chapel at the Catholic Centre in Connaught Rd. Central.

PRIEST : Father, may we give our lives in the service of others as your Son did. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL : Amen (Sit)

Prayer over the Gifts

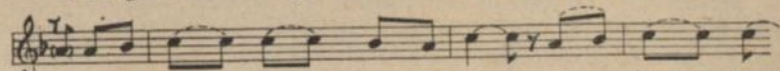
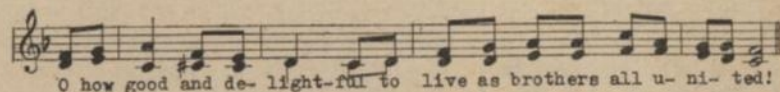
P. Lord, we bring these gifts to show our faith and love. May they be pleasing to you and become for us the eucharist of Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

ALL : Amen.

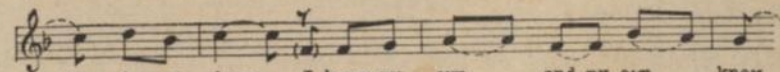
Communion Song

You have commanded that your precepts be diligently kept. Oh, that I might be firm in the ways of keeping your statutes!

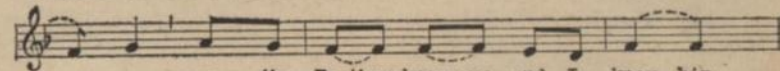
ALL SING :



1. I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord, my life I lay
2. If you keep on faithful to my word, you are tru-ly
3. I am the vine and you are the branches and my Fa-ther
4. He who comes to me shall not hunger, who be-lieves in me



1. down for my sheep, I know my own and my own know
2. my dis-ciples, you shall come to know the truth
3. is the gard'ner, he who dwells in me bears a-bun-
4. shall ne-ver thirst, I am the Bread that came down from hea-



1. me, as the Fa-ther knows me and I know him.
2. in-deed, and the truth shall make you free.
3. dant fruit, for with-out me you can do no-thing.
4. ven, Bread that brings life to the world.

Prayer after Communion

P. Let us pray.

Lord, you make us strong through your eucharist. Continue to help us with your love; may we put into action the faith we profess here and the love we share. Through Christ our Lord.

ALL : Amen.

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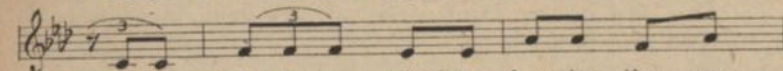
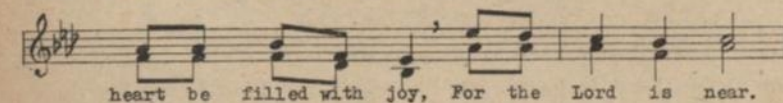
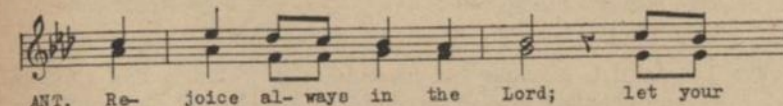
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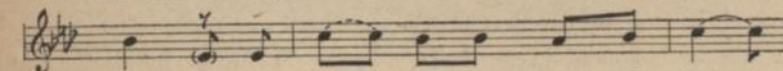
Entry Song

READER : I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. From whatsoever difficulty they cry to me, I shall hear them, and I shall be their Lord for ever.

ALL SING :



1. From my heart I re-joiced on hear-ing them pro-
2. For our feet are now set with-in your courts of
3. May peace reign in your walls, and in your ram-parts,
4. For the love of the house of God I say a-



1. claim: Let us go to the house of God.
2. peace, Je-ru-sa-lem, with-in your gates.
3. peace, And pros-per-i-ty with-in your homes.
4. gain: For your hap-pi-ness I pray the Lord.

Opening Prayer

P. Let us pray.

Father, you guide all things to perfection according to your law of love. May we love you and one another, and come to the eternal life for which you have created us. 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 Isaiah (55, 6-9)

(Theme: My thoughts are not your thoughts)

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

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let him return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on him and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. — This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL : Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 145)

LEADER : Every day I will bless thee, and praise thy name for ever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

ALL : The Lord is near to all who call him.

LEADER : The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

ALL : The Lord is near to all who call him.

LEADER : The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings. The Lord is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.

ALL : The Lord is near to all who call him.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians (20c-24, 27a)

(Theme: For me to live is Christ)

Christ will be honoured in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If it is to be life in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ. — This is the Word of the Lord.

Alleluia (All stand)

READER SINGS : (Alleluia, Alleluia)

ALL : (repeat the refrain)

READER : Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.

ALL : (repeat the refrain)

Gospel

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew (20, 1-16)

ALL : Glory to you, Lord.

(Theme: Why are you jealous because I am generous?)

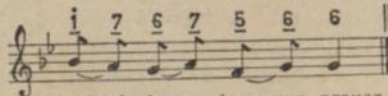
Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a householder who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place; and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing; and he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, 'Call the labourers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the householder, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you, and go; I choose to give to this last as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' So the last will be first, and the first last." — This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

General Intercessions

PRIEST : Christ has shown us how God's compassion can be translated into human terms; let us ask him to give us compassion and understanding to meet the needs of others.

READER : For the holy people of God, we ask a faith that is alive, a hope that is firm, and a love beyond all words. Lord, hear us.

ALL SING : 
Lord of glo-ry, hear our prayer.

For the nations of the world, we ask peace, freedom and justice. Lord, hear us.

For all who live in pain and sorrow, we ask the compassion of our Saviour. Lord, hear us.

For those who are present at this mass, we ask the gift of the Holy Spirit. Lord, hear us.