

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gathering Song: "To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King"

Verse 1: To Jesus Christ, our sov' reign King, Who is the world's salvation,
All praise and homage do we bring and thanks and adoration.

Refrain: Christ Jesus, Victor! Christ Jesus, Ruler!
Christ Jesus, Lord and Redeemer!

Verse 2: Your reign extend, O King benign, to ev'ry land and nation;
For in Your kingdom, Lord divine, alone we find salvation.

Refrain: Christ Jesus, Victor! Christ Jesus, Ruler!
Christ Jesus, Lord and Redeemer!

Verse 3: To You, and to Your church, great King, we pledge our heart's oblation;
Until before Your throne we sing in endless jubilation.

Refrain: Christ Jesus, Victor! Christ Jesus, Ruler!
Christ Jesus, Lord and Redeemer!

Reading I

Is 50:5-9a

The Lord GOD opens my ear that I may hear;
and I have not rebelled,
have not turned back.

I gave my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;
my face I did not shield
from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced;
I have set my face like flint,
knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

He is near who upholds my right;
if anyone wishes to oppose me,
let us appear together.

Who disputes my right?

Let that man confront me.

See, the Lord GOD is my help;
who will prove me wrong?

The Word of the Lord.

Psalm Response: "I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living."

Reading II

Jas 2:14-18

What good is it, my brothers and sisters,
if someone says he has faith but does not have works?
Can that faith save him?
If a brother or sister has nothing to wear
and has no food for the day,
and one of you says to them,
“Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well, ”
but you do not give them the necessities of the body,
what good is it?
So also faith of itself,
if it does not have works, is dead.
Indeed someone might say,
“You have faith and I have works.”
Demonstrate your faith to me without works,
and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel

Mk 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples set out
for the villages of Caesarea Philippi.
Along the way he asked his disciples,
“Who do people say that I am?”
They said in reply,
“John the Baptist, others Elijah,
still others one of the prophets.”
And he asked them,
“But who do you say that I am?”
Peter said to him in reply,
“You are the Christ.”
Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him.
He began to teach them
that the Son of Man must suffer greatly
and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes,
and be killed, and rise after three days.
He spoke this openly.
Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.
At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples,
rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan.
You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.”
He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them,
“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow me.
For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for my sake
and that of the gospel will save it.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts: "Take Up Your Cross"

Verse 1: "Take up your cross," the Savior said, "if you would my disciple be;
Take up your cross with willing heart, and humbly follow after Me."

Verse 2: Take up your cross; let not its weight fill your weak spirit with alarm.
His strength shall bear your spirit up and brace your heart and nerve your arm.

Verse 3: Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and let your foolish heart be still;
The Lord for you accepted death upon a cross on Calv'ry's hill.

Verse 4: Take up your cross, then, in His strength, and calmly ev'ry danger brave;
It guides you to a better home and leads to vict'ry o'er the grave.

Verse 5: Take up your cross and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down;
For only those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.

Communion: "We Remember"

Refrain: We remember how You loved us to Your death,
And still we celebrate for You are with us here;
And we believe that we will see You when You come
In Your glory, Lord.
We remember, we celebrate, we believe.

Verse 1: Here a million wounded souls are yearning just to touch You and be healed.
Gather all Your people and hold them to Your heart.

Refrain: We remember how You loved us to Your death,
And still we celebrate for You are with us here;
And we believe that we will see You when You come
In Your glory, Lord.
We remember, we celebrate, we believe.

Verse 2: Now, we recreate Your love; we bring the bread and wine to share a meal.
Sign of grace and mercy, the presence of the Lord.

Refrain: We remember how You loved us to Your death,
And still we celebrate for You are with us here;
And we believe that we will see You when You come
In Your glory, Lord.
We remember, we celebrate, we believe.

Verse 3: Christ, the Father's great "Amen" to all the hopes and dreams of ev'ry heart,
Peace beyond all telling and freedom from all fear.

Refrain: We remember how You loved us to Your death,
And still we celebrate for You are with us here;
And we believe that we will see You when You come
In Your glory, Lord.
We remember, we celebrate, we believe.

Verse 4: See the face of Christ revealed in ev'ry person standing by your side,
Gift to one another, and temples of Your love.

Refrain: We remember how You loved us to Your death,
And still we celebrate for You are with us here;
And we believe that we will see You when You come
In Your glory, Lord.
We remember, we celebrate, we believe.

Recessional: "Lift High the Cross"

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Verse 1: Come, Christians, follow where the Master trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Verse 4: O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
Your death has bought us life eternally.

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.