

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time- A

September 12-13, 2026

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Gathering

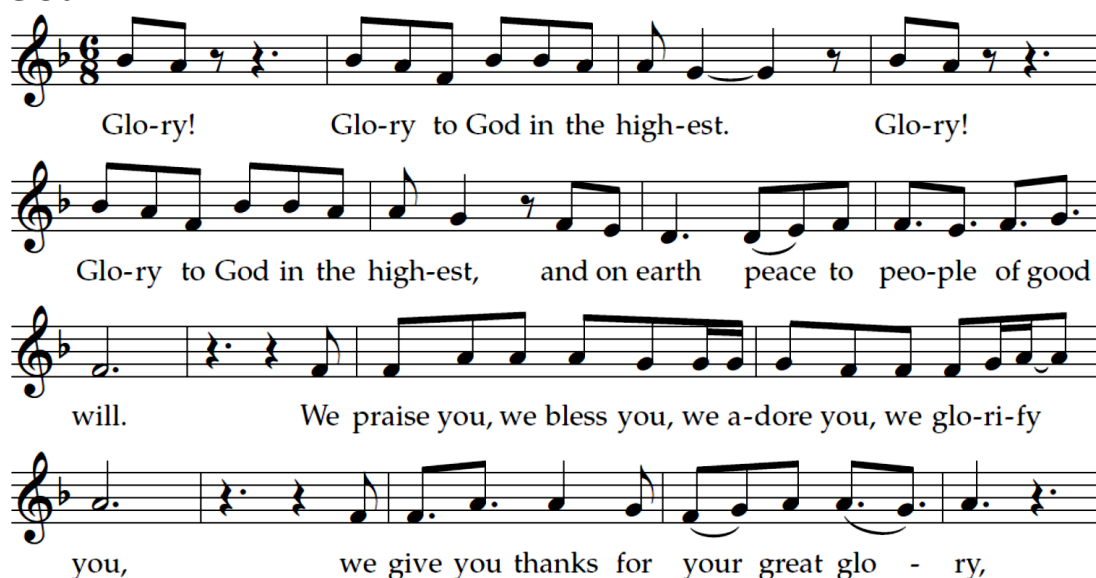
Gather Us In #848

1. Here in this place new light is streaming, Now is the darkness vanished away,
See in this space our fears and our dreamings, Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in' the lost and forsaken, Gather us in' the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken, We shall arise at the sound of our name.
2. We are the young' our lives are a myst'ry, We are the old' who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in' the rich and the haughty, Gather us in' the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly, Give us the courage to enter the song.
3. Here we will take the wine and the water, Here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion, Give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

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Penitential Act

Glory to God



Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est. Glo-ry!

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good

will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy

you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,

Lord God, heav-en - ly King, O God, al - might - y
 Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a -
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you take a -
 way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed at the right
 hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry!
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est. Glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the
 high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will. A - men.

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Collect

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading I

Reading 1

Sir 27:30—28:7

Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight.

The vengeful will suffer the LORD's vengeance, for he remembers their sins in detail.

Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.

Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the LORD?

Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins?

If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins?

Remember your last days, set enmity aside; remember death and decay, and cease from sin!

Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor; remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103

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

Reading II

Rom 14:7-9

Brothers and sisters:

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.

For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord;

so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Gospel

Mt 18:21-35

Peter approached Jesus and asked him,

"Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?"

Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.

That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants.

When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount.

Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt.

At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.'

Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan.

When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount.

He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.'

Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.'

But he refused.

Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt.

Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair.

His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant!

I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?'

Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt.

So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

Homily

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with
the Father; through him all things were
made. For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

(bow for the next two lines)

*and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary, and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate, he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the
giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the
Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic
Church.

I confess one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the
dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen

Universal Prayer

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts

Where Charity and Love Prevail #706

1. Where charity and love prevail, There God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love, By love are we thus bound.
2. With grateful joy and holy fear God's charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul Now love God in return.
3. Forgive we now each other's faults As we our faults confess;
And let us love each other well In Christian holiness.

4. Let strife among us be unknown, Let all contention cease;
Be God's the glory that we seek, Be ours God's holy peace.
5. Let us recall that in our midst Dwells Gods begotten Son;
As members of his body joined, We are in Christ made one.
6. No race nor creed can love exclude If honored be God's name;
Our family embraces all Whose Father is the same.

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Prayer Response

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Eucharistic Acclamations

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest

Memorial Acclamation

Save us, Savior of the World, for by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (repeat)
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Prayer before Communion

Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You, come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Distribution of Holy Communion

The Servant Song #751

Will you let me be your servant, Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to Let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, We are trav'lers on the road;
We are here to help each other Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you In the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; When you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow 'Til we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together Of Christ's love and agony.

Will you let me be your servant, Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to Let you be my servant, too.

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Sending #231 SS

Blessed Are They Who Are Poor in Spirit

Blessed are they who are poor in spirit, Theirs is the Kingdom of God.
Bless us, O Lord, make us poor in spirit; Bless us, O Lord, our God.

***We are the light of the world. May our light shine before all,
That they may see the good that we do, And give glory to God.***

Blessed are they who are meek and humble, They will inherit the earth.
Bless us, O Lord, make us meek and humble; Bless us, O Lord, our God.

Blessed are they who will mourn in sorrow. They will be comforted.
Bless us, O Lord, when we share their sorrow; Bless us, O Lord, our God.

Blest those who hunger and thirst for justice. They will be satisfied.
Bless us, O Lord, hear our cry for justice; Bless us, O Lord, our God.

Blessed are they who show others mercy, They will know mercy too!
Bless us, O Lord, hear our cry for mercy; Bless us, O Lord, our God.

Blessed the hearts that are clean and holy, They will behold the Lord!
Bless us, O Lord, make us pure and holy; Bless us, O Lord, our God.

Blessed are they who bring peace among us, They are the children of God!
Bless us, O Lord, may Your peace be with us; Bless us, O Lord, our God.

Blest those who suffer from persecution, Theirs is the Kingdom of God.
Bless us O Lord, when they persecute us; Bless us, O Lord, our God.

Jean Anthony Greif (1889-1981), and first published in 1966 by the Vernacular Hymns Publishing Co.

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