

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Sunday September 17, 2023



Gather Us In
Marty Haugen

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

Penitential Rite

Gloria *Composed Through*

Glory, Glory to God in the highest
Glory, Glory to God in the highest
And on earth, peace to people of good will

We praise you we bless you we adore you we glorify you
we give you thanks for your great glory Lord God,
Heavenly King O God, O Almighty Father

Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son Lord God, Son of
the Father You take away the sins of the world, have
mercy on us you take away the sins of the world receive
our prayer You are seated at the right hand of the
Father, have mercy on us

For you alone are the Holy One you alone are the Lord
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ
With the Holy Spirit In the glory of God the Father
Glory, Glory to God in the highest
Glory, Glory to God in the highest
And on earth, peace to people of good will
Amen!

I Reading Sirach 27:30 - 28:9

Responsorial Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12
The Lord Is Kind and Merciful,
Slow to Anger, and Rich in Compassion

II Reading Romans 14:7-9

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel
Matthew 18:21-35
Homily

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

At the words that follow up to and including "the Virgin Mary," all bow.

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

We pray to the Lord – **Lord Hear Our Prayer**

Loving and Forgiving
Scott Soper

Refrain
Loving and forgiving are you, O Lord;
slow to anger, rich in kindness,
loving and forgiving are you.

Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest

Memorial Acclamation

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again, until you come again.

Great Amen

Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world
Have mercy on us
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world
Have mercy on us
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world
Grant us peace

We Remember Marty Haugen

**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.**

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least 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.

City of God Dan Schutte

**Refrain
Let us build the city of God.
May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love,
has turned the night into day!**

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TODAY'S READINGS

1. Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

Written only 200 years before Jesus, The Book of Sirach is a compilation of reflections on the Torah to help others on their spiritual journey. Today's excerpted passage is directed to someone injured by another, and is a warning against wrath and vengeance. Sirach reminds the reader that there is an inherent contradiction between the unwillingness to extend forgiveness to another and looking for healing and mercy from God for one's own sins. Toward the end of the reading, Sirach warns that a day is coming when a person will have to answer for their choices and their own sins will go unforgiven if they fail to offer it when they have the chance.

2. Romans 14:7-9

In this excerpted passage, Paul encourages us to take an honest look at our lives. We live and we die for the Lord. We should never imagine that we are the ones in charge of those lives. All comes

from God; all belongs to God. Because Jesus won the victory over death, He is Lord of the dead and of the living.

3. Matthew 18:21-35

In this dialogue between Jesus and Peter, Jesus proposes a new concept of mercy and forgiveness. Common rabbinical teaching would call for forgiveness as many as three times. Peter, no doubt feeling he was righteously going beyond that suggests seven times, more than doubling the generosity shown by the rabbis. Symbolically, Jesus raises the bar even further – indefinite is the number Jesus has in mind. The king and the servant illustrate the point of Sirach's reflection; God places no limits on forgiveness, neither by number or kind, thus humans must go and do likewise. Forgiveness must be unending and from the heart. If humans place limits on forgiveness, limits will be placed on them.

Reflections for the Week

1. Do you readily forgive those who offend you? Do you reach out to them first?
2. What transformation of your heart do you have to make to forgive as Jesus forgives?
3. How can a deeper trust in grace help you release the debts (hurts) caused by another?

Readings for Today's Mass

