

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Sunday September 26, 2021**



Gather Your People
Bob Hurd

Refrain
Gather your people, O Lord.
Gather your people, O Lord.
One bread, one body, one spirit of love.
Gather your people, O Lord.

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 Numbers 11:25-29

Responsorial Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14
The Precepts of the Lord Give Joy to the Heart

II Reading James 5:1-6

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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.

Universal Prayer

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

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

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim
your Death, O Lord 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.

Spirit and Grace

Spirit and grace here in this meal;
You are the wind that breathes through the field.
Gather the wheat and form us in Christ.
Come be our source and breath of life.

**In the bread, blessed, broken and shared.
Christ is our life, whose presence we bear.
Come, O Spirit, make your grace revealed
In this holy meal.**

An Act 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 in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment 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.

Join in the Dance

Dan Schutte

Refrain

**Join in the dance of the earth's jubilation!
This is the feast of the love of God.
Shout from the heights to the ends of creation:
Jesus the Savior is risen from the grave!**

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TODAY'S READINGS

1. Numbers 11: 25-29

Like the **Book of Exodus**, the narratives in this book are punctuated by accounts of rebellion on the part of the Chosen People as they journey toward the Promised Land. The people complain repeatedly about the difficulties of the journey. Moses, in turn, complains to God that he cannot shoulder this great responsibility and God intervenes, bestowing the same spirit on seventy chosen members of the community. In this excerpt God makes it clear that no matter what the manner in which He chooses to confer this spirit, it is He Who ultimately is the giver and in a way He chooses.

2. James 5: 1-6

Provoked by some disparity in the community, James, in strong and even scathing language, denounces those Christians who have put their trust in riches. Since, traditionally, the main sources (and signs) of wealth were seen to be crops, garments and gold and silver, these ill-gotten goods will all meet destruction, along with their owners. Special condemnation is reserved for those who cheat their workers. The cries of these laborers for justice will not go unheard.

3. Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

This passage continues last week's reflection on authority within the community of believers. Someone outside the group is working miracles in Jesus' name and the disciples object, not because of their concern for Jesus but for their own authority. Once again, Jesus rebukes them. The disciples, for all the wrong reasons, want discipleship defined narrowly. Jesus, for all the right reasons, defines it broadly. Then Jesus adds a further warning. Those who consciously become stumbling blocks for those of faith are destined for Gehenna, a valley south of Jerusalem used to burn garbage and the symbol for condemnation.

Reflections for the Week

1. Like Joshua in the 1st Reading, am I jealous of the gifts that others seem to have (not wealth, but spiritual gifts, e.g. love, compassion, generosity)?
2. Is the 2nd Reading, concerning possessions, luxury, justice, etc., addressed to me in any way? Think hard.
3. Am I the cause for anyone stumbling spiritually, children, spouse, co-workers, neighbors? How

