

Placing of Christian Symbols

Welcome & Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading By Carly

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

15:51-57

Death is swallowed up in victory.

I will tell you something that has been secret; that we are not all going to die, but we shall all be changed. This will be instantaneous, in the thinking of an eye, when the last trumpet sounds. It will sound, and the dead will be raised, imperishable, and we shall be changed as well, because our present perishable nature must put on imperishability and this mortal nature must put on immortality.

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true:

Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thank be to God



Psalm 22(23)

The Lord's my shepherd (sung)

*The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want,
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green. He leadeth me
the quiet waters by.*

*My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill.
For thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.*

*My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes,
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.*

*Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me.
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord;
take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you
since the foundation of the world.*

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:1-6

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

‘How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy a those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily and Intercessions

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Lord of the Dance

COMMUNION HYMN

Here I am Lord

*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night. I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?*

***Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.***

*I, the Lord of snow and rain. I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone. Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?*

***Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord?
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*I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?*

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