

WELCOME: (COMMENTATOR)

On behalf of the Charis Community, I welcome you to our Sunday Mass. All are truly welcome, and we are excited that you are joining us whether it's your first time praying with us or if you've been with us for a while. The worship aid for Mass is on our website, and we will put the address in the chat for you should you like to pull it up to support your prayer.

We are a Eucharistic people, so we invite you to have bread and wine, in whatever form you have it, with you where you are. Even though we are in many locations, we affirm that we are one table of believers. We trust that the Holy Spirit has never been and will never be restrained by time or space or distance!

The apostles had been on a difficult journey, they were tired and looking for a quiet place to rest. Our days too can be long and difficult, and finding a quiet place to rest and reflect can be a struggle. We are invited, just like the Apostles were, to "Come away..." to a quiet place where we can find peace. Christ will be with us in that quiet place feeding us, teaching us, and preparing us for our next journey.

Let us rejoice in song that God calls us to do Christ's work but also calls us to times of rest and relaxation.

FIRST READING: (LECTOR #1)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

Woe to the shepherds
who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture,
says the Most High.
Therefore, thus says the Most High, the God of Israel,
against the shepherds who shepherd my people:
You have scattered my sheep and driven them away.
You have not cared for them,
but I will take care to punish your evil deeds.

I myself will gather the remnant of my flock
from all the lands to which I have driven them
and bring them back to their meadow;
there they shall increase and multiply.
I will appoint shepherds for them who will shepherd them
so that they need no longer fear and tremble;
and none shall be missing, says the Most High.

Behold, the days are coming, says the Most High,
when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David and Bathsheba;
who shall reign and govern wisely,
and do what is just and right in the land.
In those days Judah shall be saved,
Israel shall dwell in security.
They will give this one the name,
The Most High, our justice.

The Word of God. R/. Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: (LECTOR #2)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians.

Sisters and Brothers:

In Christ Jesus you who once were far off
have become near by the blood of Christ.

For Christ is our peace, who made both one,
and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his flesh,
abolishing the law with its commandments and legal claims,
that he might create in himself one new person in place of the two,
thus establishing peace,
and might reconcile both with God,
in one body, through the cross,
putting that enmity to death by it.

Christ came and preached peace to you who were far off,
and peace to those who were near,
for through Christ, we both have access in one Spirit
to our God.

The Word of God. R/. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: (PRESIDER)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

The apostles gathered together with Jesus
and reported all that they had done and taught.

Jesus said to them,
"Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while."
People were coming and going in great numbers,
and they had no opportunity even to eat.
So Jesus and the apostles went off in the boat by themselves
to a deserted place.
People saw them leaving and many came to know about it.
They hastened there on foot from all the towns,
and arrived at the place before them.

When Jesus disembarked and saw the vast crowd,
his heart was moved with pity for them,
for they were like sheep without a shepherd;
so he began to teach them many things.

The Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ.
R/. Praise to you, O Jesus Christ.

COMMENTATOR

Loving God, gather us again into Your fold, reviving our souls and guiding our pathways, that as we receive, we may also share Your goodness and mercy as members in Your holy household.

Our response is: Teach us and heal us, O Lord

Loving God, our righteousness, reclaim this World, this Nation, and this Community from unfaithful shepherds who scatter and divide Your flocks by evil doing. Bestow your grace upon all leaders who strive to dispel fear and dismay, who deal wisely and with justice, and who foster safety and hope among all Your people.

We pray to the Lord: **Teach us and heal us O Lord.**

Loving God, our righteousness, anoint with Your love all who are troubled with physical pain, depression, or addiction, and renew the spirit of those who give them help. We pray to the Lord: **Teach us and heal us O Lord.**

Loving God, comfort our hearts as we send those we love into Your open arms, to dwell in the joy of Your glorious House forever. We pray especially for John Hanley, Sheila Sullivan's brother and Trish and Sheila's uncle, whose memorial service was held yesterday.

We pray to the Lord: **Teach us and heal us O Lord.**

We also want to support each other in our individual concerns and prayer needs. For who and for what do we want to pray today? We invite you to share your prayers.

Pause to allow members to offer their prayers.

We pray to the Lord: **Teach us and heal us O Lord.**

God of Compassion and Hope, urge us on as one new humanity in place of many, that we may break down walls of division, and be reconciled to You in the peace of Christ, as one body through the Cross. We ask through Jesus, the Cornerstone who joins us together; and the Holy Spirit, our Access to the Divine; who together with You are One God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer After Communion

(Lay leader)

Good Shepherd,
Teach us to follow you:
to care for all that are close to us,
to protect those who are threatened,
to welcome those who are rejected,
to forgive those who are burdened by guilt,
to heal those who are broken and sick,
to share with those who have little or nothing,
to take the time to really know one another
and love as you have loved us.

Good Shepherd,
Teach us to follow you:
to spread compassion to those who are far away,
to speak for those who are voiceless,
to defend those who are oppressed and abused,
to work for justice for those who are exploited,
to make peace for those who suffer violence,
to take the time to recognize our connectedness,
and to love as you have loved us.

Good Shepherd,
Teach us to follow you
and to be faithful to calling you gave us
to be shepherds in your name.

Amen.