SACRED HEART 14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4 July 2021

We hear of Jesus experiencing opposition in the Gospel passage today, which causes him to utter 'a prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.' This passage sums up much of what has already been seen in Mark's Gospel, but which we have not yet heard on Sundays so far. Jesus is a healer whose fame has gone far and wide, and he is a teacher who preaches in the synagogue, as we hear today. Yet he has not pleased everyone and has already crossed swords with the Pharisees. The exact meaning of Jesus's 'brothers and sisters' isn't clear (possibly cousins) but it reminds us that he did have a family; he himself talks of his relations.

1R is from a prophet of an earlier age, Ezekiel, but who has a similar experience to relate, of resistance, defiance and obstinacy. The psalm is most obviously a parallel in the third stanza, we are filled with contempt, the scorn of the rich, the proud man's disdain. Until then it is the song of someone who is receptive to the Lord's message. It shows that following a prophet is as open to negative reactions as being one.

2R has another proverbial saying; 'a thorn in the flesh'. This is unexplained. Is Paul referring to a physical illness or to the distress of having his message doubted or misunderstood? If the latter, it harmonizes well with the other readings.

Happy Independence Day!

Prelude: Variations on 'America' (Rink)

Introductory Rites

Opening Song: There's a wideness in God's mercy

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty. There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind, and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. If our love were but more simple we should take him at his word, and our lives would be thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

Troubled souls, why will you scatter like a crowd of frightened sheep? Foolish hearts, why will you wander from a love so true and deep? There is welcome for the sinner and more graces for the good; there is mercy with the Savior, there is healing in his blood.

Text: 87 87 D; Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt. Music: Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlieties en Contredansen, ca. 1710.

Glory to God: Mass of Joy and Peace (Alonso)

GLORY TO GOD, GLORY TO GOD, GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH PEACE, ON EARTH PEACE, 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, almighty Father.

GLORY TO GOD, GLORY TO GOD ...

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of 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 of us.

GLORY TO GOD, GLORY TO GOD ...

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 TO GOD, GLORY TO GOD, GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH PEACE, ON EARTH PEACE, PEACE TO PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL. AMEN.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:

Psalm 123: Our eyes are on the Lord

Our eyes are on the Lord our God, till he show us his mercy.

Music: © 2021 Philip Jakob Text: Abbey Psalms & Canticles © 2010, 2018, USCCB

Second Reading:

Gospel Greeting: Salisbury Alleluia (Walker)

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me for he sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

Homily

Creed

Universal Prayer

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts & Altar: Open my eyes (Manibusan)

Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face. Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice. Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.

Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you. Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.

And the first shall be last, and our eyes are opened, and we'll hear like never before. And we'll speak in new ways, and we'll see God's face in places we've never known.

I live within you. Deep in your heart, O Love. I live within you. Rest now in me.

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Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Creation (Haugen)

Holy, Holy – When we eat this bread – Amen

Communion Rite

Our Father

Lamb of God: Mass of Creation (Haugen)

Communion Song: Taste and see (Moore)

TASTE AND SEE, TASTE AND SEE THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD. O TASTE AND SEE, TASTE AND SEE THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD, OF THE LORD.

I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips; my soul shall glory in the Lord for God has been so good to me.

TASTE AND SEE...

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God's name. I called the Lord who answered me; from all my troubles I was set free.

TASTE AND SEE...

Worship the Lord, all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask. Taste and see that the Lord is good; in God we need put all our trust.

TASTE AND SEE...

Text: Psalm 34; James E. Moore, Jr., b.1951, © 1983, GIA Publications, Inc.

Post-Communion: Come to me (Bell)

COME TO ME, COME TO ME, WEAK AND HEAVY LADEN: TRUST IN ME, LEAN ON ME. I WILL GIVE YOU REST.

Text: Matthew 11:28; John L. Bell, b. 1949, © 2008, Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

Concluding Rite

Closing Song: Sent by the Lord am I

Sent by the Lord am I; my hands are ready now to make the earth the place in which the kingdom comes. Sent by the Lord am I; my hands are ready now to make the earth the place in which the kingdom comes.

The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain into a world of love, of justice and of peace. The task is mine to do to set it really free. O help us to obey; help me to do your will.

> Text: Jorge Maldonado (Chile) Music Arrangement: © 1991, WGRG Iona Community

Postlude: Sortie in Eb (Lefebure-Wely)

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