

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
St Stephen Deacon & Martyr Parish
January 24, 2021

Entrance Hymn: "Sing a New Song"

Sing a new song unto the Lord
Let your song be sung from mountains high
Sing a new song unto the Lord
Singing 'alleluia

Yahweh's people dance for joy
O' come before the Lord
And play for Him on glad tambourines
And let your trumpet sound

Sing a new song unto the Lord
Let your song be sung from mountains high
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Rise, o' children, from your sleep
Your Savior now has come
He has turned your sorrow to joy
And filled your soul with song

Reading I

Jon 3:1-5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying:
"Set out for the great city of Nineveh,
and announce to it the message that I will tell you."
So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh,
according to the LORD'S bidding.
Now Nineveh was an enormously large city;
it took three days to go through it.
Jonah began his journey through the city,
and had gone but a single day's walk announcing,
"Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed,"
when the people of Nineveh believed God;
they proclaimed a fast
and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way,
he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them;
he did not carry it out.

Responsorial Psalm

R. (4a) Teach me your ways, O Lord.
Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths,

Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my savior.
R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.
Remember that your compassion, O LORD,
and your love are from of old.
In your kindness remember me,
because of your goodness, O LORD.
R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.
Good and upright is the LORD;
thus he shows sinners the way.
He guides the humble to justice
and teaches the humble his way.
R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Reading II

1 Cor 7:29-31

I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out.
From now on, let those having wives act as not having them,
those weeping as not weeping,
those rejoicing as not rejoicing,
those buying as not owning,
those using the world as not using it fully.
For the world in its present form is passing away.

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent and believe in the Gospel.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mk 1:14-20

After John had been arrested,
Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:
"This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel."

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee,
he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea;
they were fishermen.
Jesus said to them,
"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."
Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.
He walked along a little farther
and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John.
They too were in a boat mending their nets.
Then he called them.
So they left their father Zebedee in the boat
along with the hired men and followed him.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

For the Church, trusting in Jesus' constant presence, that we may act to bring the reign of God to realization in the world, loving God and loving our neighbor as we love ourselves, let us pray to the Lord.

For our nation, that we may repent for the wrongs we have done, whose repercussions continue to be felt, and the wrongs that we continue to do, and turn to the source of life and goodness, let us pray to the Lord.

For all those who suffer from want, from lack of shelter, heat, adequate nutrition, or health care, that they may find sustenance and hope in the generosity of those with plenty, let us pray to the Lord.

For women religious, who have taken to heart Jesus' call to follow him, that they may be blessed in the work that they do, let us pray to the Lord.

For our parish community, that we may always be willing to look into our own hearts and repent and return to the Lord when we have strayed, let us pray to the Lord.

For all who are ill with the coronavirus: that God's healing love will touch them, relieve their suffering, and restore them to health, let us pray to the Lord.

For all those who work to provide essential services during this pandemic, that they may find the strength and energy to continue the work they are doing and they be kept safe in all that they do for those in their care, let us pray to the Lord.

For all those who have died, especially Bruce Spengler and for those who have died from the Corona Virus pandemic, that we may know their presence eternally in the communion of saints, let us pray to the Lord.

For Adam & Josephine Pierczynski, Theresa Manikowski, Palma Spalla, Jack Fashing, Margaret Richardson, Matilde Perez, Elia Kress, McClean Family, Mary O'Donnell, and the parishioners of St. Stephen's, for whom this Mass is being offered, let us pray to the Lord.

For all the prayers in our parish intention book, for the prayer requests that have been sent in and for all the prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts (PAUSE)..., let us pray to the Lord

Preparation of the Gifts

“By Our Love”

By our love, by our love, they will know we are Christians by our love. Not by words, but how we live, yes they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.

When we feed the hungry, they will know by our love, lifting up the lowly, lifting up the lowly, by our love, by our love. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may be one day restored.

By our love, by our love, they will know we are Christians by our love.
Not by words, but how we live, yes they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.

Welcome to the stranger, they will know by our love, shelter for the homeless, by our love, by our love. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God did in our land.

By our love, by our love, they will know we are Christians by our love.
Not by words, but how we live, yes they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.

Communion

"We Are Many Parts"

We are many parts
We are all one body.
And the gifts we have,
We were given to share.
May the spirit of love, make us one indeed;
One, the Love that we share;
One, our hope and despair;
One, the cross that we bear.

God of all, we look to you,
We would be your servants true,
Let us be your love for all the world
We are many parts
We are all one body.
And the gifts we have,
We were given to share.
May the spirit of love, make us one indeed;
One, the Love that we share;
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Recessional

"Christ Be Our Light "

"Go make of all disciples:" We hear the call, O Lord, That comes from you, our Father,
In your eternal Word. Inspire our ways of learning Through earnest, fervent prayer,
And let our daily living Reveal you ev'rywhere.

"Go make of all disciples." Baptizing in the name Of Father, Son, and Spirit
From age to age the same. We call each new disciple To follow you,
O Lord, Redeeming soul and body By water and the Word.