



Saint Thomas the Apostle
Parish

September 12/13, 2020 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Mass Intention: 5:00 pm † Margaret Hager

Sunday Mass Intentions: 7:30 am † Mary Hieshetter

9:00 am † Joan and † Jim Jones

11:00 am † Carol Powers

Gathering Hymn – Bring Forth the Kingdom

Refrain: Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy, bring forth the Kingdom of peace; Bring forth the Kingdom of justice, bring forth the City of God!

† You are salt for the earth, O people: Salt for the Kingdom of God! Share the flavor of life, O people: Life in the Kingdom of God!

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Reading 1 – Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight. The vengeful will suffer the LORD's vengeance, for he remembers their sins in detail. Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the LORD? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins? If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins?

Remember your last days, set enmity aside; remember death and decay, and cease from sin!

Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor; remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103

The Lord is kind and merciful, the Lord is kind and merciful.

† Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all my being bless God's name; bless the Lord, and forget not God's benefits.

† God pardons all your iniquities, and comforts your sorrows, redeems your life from destruction and crowns you with his kindness.

† Merciful, merciful, and gracious is our God; slow to anger, abounding in kindness.

Text: Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8; para. by Marty Haugen, © 1983, GIA Publications, Inc.; refrain trans. © 1969, ICEL

Reading 2 – Romans 14:7 - 9

Brothers and sisters: None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Gospel – Matthew 18:21 - 35

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master

and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Preparation of the Gifts – Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow, give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

† You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing. Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.

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Communion Hymn – Song of the Body of Christ

Refrain: We come to share our story, we come to break the bread, we come to know our rising from the dead.

† We come as your people, we come as your own, united with each other, love finds a home.

† We are called to heal the broken, to be hope for the poor, we are called to feed the hungry at our door.

† Bread of life and cup of promise, in this meal we all are one. In our dying and our rising, may your kingdom come.

† You will lead and we shall follow, you will be the breath of life; living water, we are thirsting for your light.

† We will live and sing: "Aloha," (your praises,) "Alleluia" is our song. May we live in love and peace our whole life long.

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Communion Hymn – Without Seeing You

Refrain: Without seeing you, we love you; without touching you, we embrace; without knowing you, we follow; without seeing you, we believe.

† We return to you deep within, leave the past to the dust; turn to you with tears and fasting; you are ready to forgive.

† The sparrow will find a home, near to you, O God; how happy, we who dwell with you, forever in your house.

† Forever we sing to you of your goodness, O God; proclaiming to all the world of your faithfulness and love.

† For you are our shepherd, there is nothing that we need; in green pastures we will find our rest, near the waters of peace.

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Dismissal – Canticle of the Turning (instrumental)

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