

Songs For Mass July 19th, 2020
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

OPENING HYMN: GATHER US IN

Here in this place new light is streaming, Now is the darkness vanished away,
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in' the lost and forsaken, Gather us in' the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken, We shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young' our lives are a myst'ry, We are the old' who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in' the rich and the haughty, Gather us in' the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly, Give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water, Here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion, Give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

GLORIA

PSALM: “Lord, you are good and forgiving.”

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

HOMILY

PREPARATION: THE REIGN OF GOD

The reign of God, like farmer's field, Bears weed along with wheat;
The good and bad are intertwined Till harvest is complete.

The reign of God cannot be found In far-off, foreign land
Till in familiar face and place We find it close at hand.

The reign of God is like a pearl On barren land concealed.
If once you find that precious pearl, Go out and buy that field.

Though hidden now, the reign of God May, yet unnoticed, grow;
From deep within it rises up, Like yeast in swelling dough.

Like mustard tree, the reign of God From tiny seed will spread,
Till birds of ev'ry feather come To nest, and there be fed.

The reign of God is come in Christ; The reign of God is near.
Ablaze among us, kindling hearts, The reign of God is here!

EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS—MASS OF CREATION

COMMUNION HYMN: SEED, SCATTERED AND GROWN

Seed, scattered and sown, wheat, gathered and grown,
bread, broken and shared as one, the Living Bread of God.
Vine, fruit of the land, wine, work of our hands,
one cup that is shared by all; the Living Cup, the Living Bread of God.

1. Is not the bread we break a sharing in our Lord?
Is not the cup we bless the blood of Christ outpoured?

Seed, scattered and sown...

2. The seed which falls on rock will wither and will die.
The seed within good ground will flower and have life.

Seed, scattered and sown...

3. As wheat upon the hills was gathered and was grown,
So may the church of God be gathered into one.

CLOSING HYMN: GOD WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO KINDLE

God, whose purpose is to kindle, Now ignite us with your fire.
While the earth awaits your burning, With your passion us inspire.
Overcome our sinful calmness, Stir us with your saving name.
Baptize with your fiery Spirit, Crown our lives with tongues of flame.

God, who in your holy gospel Wills that all should truly live,
Make us sense our share of failure, Our tranquility forgive.
Teach us courage as we struggle In all liberating strife.
Lift the smallness of our vision By your own abundant life.

God, who still a sword delivers Rather than a placid peace,
With your sharpened sword disturb us, From complacency release!
Save us now from satisfaction, When we privately are free,
Yet are undisturbed in spirit By our neighbor's misery.