# St. Patrick Church

January 28, 2024 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Lake Forest, IL Monsignor Robert Dempsey, Pastor

#### **Entrance Hymn: All Are Welcome** Manibusan 1. Let build where dwell And us a house love can 2. Let build where proph -And us house ets speak, 3. Let build house where love found In us is 4. Let build house where hands will reach Be us 5. Let build where all named, Their us a house are all safe - ly live, place where saints can and Where all strong true, God's chil - dren words are and wine wa ter, and wheat: Α ban quet hall on stone To heal and strength - en, yond the wood and songs and vi sions heard And loved and treas - ured, chil dren tell How hearts learn for to dare seek To dream God's reign to a Where ground, ho 1y peace and jus tice Word they've teach, And live serve and the taught and claimed As words with in the Built hopes and dreams and vi - sions, give. of new. Here the cross shall stand wit - ness as Here meet. the love of God, through Je - sus, stran - ger laugh - ter, Here known. the out and the cast cries Word. Built of tears and and Rock of of Here faith and vault grace; the And as God's sym bol of grace; Here as Is re vealed in time and space; As we the Bear im age of God's face; Let us **Prayers** of faith and songs of grace, Let this love of Christ shall end di vi - sions: one we claim the faith of Je - sus: that All are wel-come, share in Christ the feast frees us: bring an end to fear and dan - ger: house pro-claim from floor to raft - er: all are wel-come, all are wel-come in this place.

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#### **Penitential Rite**

#### **Heritage Mass Glory to God**

O. Alstott

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth 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. 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 on us. 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, Amen.

#### **Liturgy of the Word**

#### First Reading: Deuteronomy 18 15-20

Moses spoke to all the people, saying:

"A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen. This is exactly what you requested of the LORD, your God, at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let us not again hear the voice of the LORD, our God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die. 'And the LORD said to me, 'This was well said.

I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it. But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an oracle that I have not commanded him to speak, or speaks in the name of other gods, he shall die."

The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

#### Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95 O. Alstott (R.) If today, you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.

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#### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties. An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided. An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. A married woman, on the other hand, is anxious about the things of the world, how she may please her husband.

I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety

and adherence to the Lord without distraction.

The Word of the Lord. All: **Thanks be to God.** 

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia (Please Sing)

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:21-28

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him."

His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee. The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.** 

**Homily** 

Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed: All Stand

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, <u>all bow</u> and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful:

Our response: "Lord, hear Our Prayer."

#### Liturgy of the Eucharist



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#### Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

### **Mystery of Faith**

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.

#### <u>Great Amen</u>

#### The Lord's Prayer (Spoken)

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

#### Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

#### Or: Angus Dei

Angus Dei, qui tolis pecatta mundi misere nobis. Angus Dei, qui tolis pecatta mundi misere nobis. Angus Dei, qui tolis pecatta mundi dona nobis pacem.





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#### Reflection

We've all had to put up with boring speeches or sermons from time to time, whether it be from politicians, preachers, at school speech nights or the local service or sports club. Every now and then though we come across someone who really arrests our attention. It mightn't be only that he or she puts words together well; it's often a combination of that and something in the content that strikes a chord. Maybe we are even envious of the obvious gift that person has. This is surely how Jesus came across to those people in the synagogue. This was someone quite different; they had had their share of the run of the mill scribes with their tired old platitudes. Here was someone who really meant what he said and was able to back it up with fearless engagement with a power from which they shrank in ignorance and doubt.

It is not without importance that this is the first public appearance of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. Over the next few weeks we will witness the popular acceptance of Jesus as he battles with a force that takes various forms—physical sickness, opposition from entrenched mindsets, the accusation of collusion with the enemy itself. This is the "gospel", the good news that Jesus invites the people to accept readily by changing their lives.

The same "gospel" is offered to us for we are dealing with a power that can change our lives, not merely a set of nice, pious sayings. Too often we reduce the gospels to that and so remain relatively unmoved by the dynamic challenge they contain

## **Reflection (Continued)**

As we know, in that society possession by "unclean spirits" was a general term that covered all kinds of conditions for which we today have medical or social explanations and sophisticated labels. We can therefore approach these stories with a type of superiority as if they either don't occur anymore or are best left to experts to deal with. Yet isn't it true that all of us are "possessed" in different ways by forces over which we have to admit to having little or no control? Some people are enslaved by addictions to drugs, alcohol, food, gambling, and so on. Many of us suffer from more subtle addictions so that we don't even want to admit to ourselves, let alone to anyone else, that we are virtually powerless to control them. All of us know deep down that many of our habits and ways of dealing with others are so much a part of our make up that we can do little to change them.

The people who acclaimed Jesus realized that he had something special that could influence them to change their lives. The authority and healing power of Jesus is present today in his body, the Church, through the Sacraments, but also in the love, care, and compassion of every community of faith. We only have to look around us when we are gathered for the Eucharist to name it and accept it. It is when the Church is able to back up teaching and doctrine with the same concern for the troubled lives of ordinary people that it is most effective in continuing the mission of Jesus. That is why in the Gospels he is always accompanied by followers learning how to be genuine "fishers of men."