Celebration of the Eucharist

to recognize and pray for dedicated Catholic Charities and other workers responding to the Covid-19 pandemic, and in thanksgiving for the generosity of volunteers, board members, and donors, who enable Catholic Charities to carry out the work of providing help and creating hope

Friday, May 1, 2020

The Feast of St. Joseph the Worker

Livestreamed from the Church of Our Saviour on Murray Hill in the City of New York at Noon
WELCOME
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INTRODUCTORY RITES

HYMN

1. Jesus Christ is ris’n to-day, Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav’nly King, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Now above the sky he’s King, Alleluia!
Praise him, now his might confess, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Spirit blest, Alleluia!

Text: St. 1, Sursum Christus hodie, Latin, 14th C.; psm. in Lyra Davídica, 1708, alt.; st. 2, 3, The Compleat Psalmist, c.1750, alt.; st. 4, Charles Wesley, 1707-1788.
Tune: EASTER HYMN, 77 77 with alleluia’s, Lyra Davídica, 1708

SIGN OF THE CROSS

GREETING
Penitential Act

Paul Murray
(b. 1982)

Cantor: Lord Jesus, you are the Word spoken by the Father: Lord, have mercy.
All: Lord, have mercy.

Cantor: Lord Jesus, you work among us and for us: Christ, have mercy.
All: Christ, have mercy.

Cantor: Lord Jesus, you are the Lord of all creation: Lord, have mercy.
All: Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
All: Amen.

Collect

O God, Creator of all things, who laid down for the human race the law of work, graciously grant that by the example of Saint Joseph and under his patronage we may complete the works you set us to do and attain the rewards you promise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Genesis 1:26–28, 31, 2:15, 19–20a

God said: “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and the cattle, and over all the wild animals and all the creatures that crawl on the ground.” God created man in his image; in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them, saying: “Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that move on the earth.” And so it happened. God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good.
Evening came, and morning followed—the sixth day….
Then the LORD God took the man and settled him in the garden of Eden, to cultivate and care for it.

The LORD God formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds of the air, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each living creature was then its name.

The man gave names to all the tame animals, all the birds of the air, and all the wild animals.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Psalm 90(89):12–13, 14–15, 16–17
Theodore Marier
(1912–2001)

Lord, give success to the work of our hands.

Teach us to number our days, that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Turn back, O Lord! How long?
Show pity to your servants.

At dawn, fill us with your merciful love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Give us joy for the days of our affliction, for the years when we looked upon evil.

Let your deed be seen by your servants, and your glorious power by their children.
Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us; give success to the work of our hands.
O give success to the work of our hands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Chant

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed be the Lord day by day, God, our salvation, who bears our burdens.
GOSPEL

Matthew 13:54–58

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus came to his native place and taught the people in their synagogue. They were astonished and said, “Where did this man get such wisdom and mighty deeds? Is he not the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother named Mary and his brothers James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas? Are not his sisters all with us? Where did this man get all this?” And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and in his own house.” And he did not work many mighty deeds there because of their lack of faith.

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

HOMILY

Monsignor Kevin Sullivan, Executive Director Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

God the Father of heaven, have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.
God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.
Holy Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.
Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas, pray for us.
St. Joseph, model of workers, pray for us.

For Catholic Charities Workers:

Helpline and hotline Operators, who answer calls for help from their homes: Lord, have mercy.

Shelter workers, who make a home for those on our streets: Lord, have mercy.

Direct Care Staff, who each day and night create a home for the most vulnerable in residences: Lord, have mercy.
Immigration attorneys and counsellors,
who counsel and represent, now remotely: **Lord, have mercy.**

Day laborers,
who still line up on corners seeking to earn their daily bread: **Lord, have mercy.**

Youth workers,
who now interact and support by mobile devices and internet: **Lord, have mercy.**

Case workers,
who by phone diligently counsel, search, and assist with scarce resources: **Lord, have mercy.**

IT, Tech, and Communications staff,
who are the lifeline of our new normal work environment: **Lord, have mercy.**

Support staff
who are ready, willing, and able to assist as needed: **Lord, have mercy.**

Supervisors,
who face new changing work schedules, locations, and regulations: **Lord, have mercy.**

Human Resource staff,
who support and creatively adjust to new circumstances of work: **Lord, have mercy.**

Finance staff,
who protect our resources to ensure we continue and expand our help: **Lord, have mercy.**

Custodians and Cleaning Staff,
who ensure our facilities are sanitized and clean: **Lord, have mercy.**

And all other dedicated Catholic Charities workers: **Lord, have mercy.**

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**For Healthcare Workers:**

Emergency medical technicians and ambulance drivers,
who pick-up and rescue our sick: **Kyrie, eleison.**

Nurses, who attend, assist, and care: **Kyrie, eleison.**

Doctors, who diagnose, treat, and heal: **Kyrie, eleison.**

Radiologists and Lab technicians,
who are often overlooked and yet so close to danger: **Kyrie, eleison.**

Certified Nursing Assistants,
whose work makes social distancing almost impossible: **Kyrie, eleison.**

And all other dedicated healthcare workers: **Kyrie, eleison.**

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**For the “not able to stay at home” workers essential for our well-being:**

Farmers, who grow our food: **Señor, ten Piedad.**

Truck drivers, who haul goods across the country: **Señor, ten Piedad.**
Grocery and supermarket workers, who unload trucks and stock shelves: **Señor, ten Piedad.**

Cashiers, who pack up our purchases and check us out: **Señor, ten Piedad.**

Delivery people, who bring us packages and food: **Señor, ten Piedad.**

Cooks, who prepare our food to be picked up and delivered: **Señor, ten Piedad.**

Food pantry volunteers, who pack bags and prepare meals: **Señor, ten Piedad.**

Food processing plant workers, whose grueling work enables millions far away to eat: **Señor, ten Piedad.**

Sanitation workers, who keep our neighborhoods clean and trash disposed of: **Señor, ten Piedad.**

Bus Drivers, Train Operators and Conductors, who enable our essential workers to get to their jobs and often cannot socially distance: **Señor, ten Piedad.**

Taxi and Uber Drivers, who get us to where we need to go: **Señor, ten Piedad.**

For all other essential workers: **Señor, ten Piedad.**

And all others whose work is overlooked, who enable us to cope and function: **Señor, ten Piedad.**

Almighty God, in your providence you chose Blessed Joseph to be part of Jesus’ family, along with his Mother, Mary:

Grant, that as Joseph passed on his own carpentry work to your Son, Jesus, may he be the strong intercessor for all our Catholic Charities and other workers.

We ask this, of you, now in these trying Coronavirus times and beyond, for you live and reign forever and ever.

**Amen.**
Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory

Ubi caritas et amor

The text for this hymn was written during the first millennium, A.D.

Often times, in concentrating on the very beautiful opening phrases, we do not attend to other verses.

The English translation of the entire hymn is:

Where charity and love are found, God is there.

The Love of Christ has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice in Him and be glad.

Let us fear, and let us love the living God. And from a sincere heart let us love.

Also therefore, when are gathered into one: let us beware lest we be divided in mind,

Let evil contentions stop, let disputes cease. And in the midst of us be Christ our God.

And with the saints we also see thy face in glory, O Christ our God:

The joy that is immense and good, Unto the world without end. Amen.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, fount of all mercy, look upon our offerings,

which we bring before your majesty in commemoration of Saint Joseph,

and mercifully grant that the gifts we offer

may become the means of protection for those who call upon you.

Through Christ our Lord.

Preface Responses
SANCTUS

A Community Mass

Richard Proulx
(1937–2010)

Mystery of Faith

Chant

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion,

un-til you come a-gain.

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Amen

Danish

A-men, a-men, a-men.

Communion Rite

The Lord’s Prayer

Sign of Peace
COMMUNION

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Jesus, I believe that you are present
in the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist.
I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you and draw closer to you.
Since I cannot you receive your body and blood sacramentally at this time,
come to me spiritually.
Help me to embrace you more deeply
and unite myself more wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from your love.
Amen.
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having fed upon heavenly delights,
we humbly ask you, O Lord, that, by Saint Joseph’s example,
cherishing in our hearts the signs of your love,
we may ever enjoy the fruit of perpetual peace.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.
**CONCLUDING RITE**

**BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

**HYMN**

“And let us not be weary in doing good, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”

(Galatians 6:9)

I’ll Overcome Some Day was a hymn composed by the Reverend Charles Albert Tindley of Philadelphia and included the Galatians 6:9 epigraph. The modern version is said to have been first sung by tobacco workers during a 1945 cigar workers strike in Charleston, South Carolina. Farmworkers in the United States sang the song in Spanish, Nos Venceremos, during the 1960’s grape strikes and boycotts. The hymn is perhaps best known as the anthem of the civil rights movement.

*Today we sing this in honor of the workers in so many different places and jobs who are risking their safety and lives so that we might survive this pandemic – healthcare workers, food pantry workers, direct care workers, food processing plants, police officers, home health aides, nurse’s assistant, lab technician, custodians, and food delivery workers.*

We shall overcome, We shall overcome,
We shall overcome some day.
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe:
We shall overcome some day.

We are not afraid, We are not afraid,
We are not afraid today.
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe:
We are not afraid today.

We shall all be healed, We shall all be healed,
We shall all be healed some day.
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe:
We shall all be healed some day.

We'll walk hand in hand, We'll walk hand in hand,
We'll walk hand in hand some day,
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe:
We shall overcome some day.

We shall live in peace, We shall live in peace,
We shall live in peace some day.
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe:
We shall live in peace some day.

*The musicians for today’s liturgy are from the Church of Our Saviour:*

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Paul J. Murray, Director of Music and Organist