

A black rectangular sign with white text is centered on a background of light-colored, weathered wooden planks. The text is arranged in six lines, reading: "FRIENDS", "ARE", "GOD'S", "WAY OF", "TAKING CARE", "OF US!".

FRIENDS
ARE
GOD'S
WAY OF
TAKING CARE
OF US!

Welcome to our Mass

8th November 2023



Friends are a gift

Entrance Hymn

Gather! Gather!

Gather in the light of his flame.

Gather! Gather!

Shout! Praise! Glorify his name.

Shout with joy for Jacob. (echo)

Hail the King of nations. (echo)

Proclaim! Proclaim!

Gather! Gather!
Gather in the light of his flame.
Gather! Gather!
Shout! Praise! Glorify his name.

Lord of all creation. (echo)
Come to us your people. (echo)
Proclaim! Proclaim!

Gather! Gather!

Gather in the light of his flame.

Gather! Gather!

Shout! Praise! Glorify his name.

Christ the Lord has called us. (echo)

Joined us as one body. (echo)

Proclaim! Proclaim!

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Sign of the Cross and Greeting

Fr. Jim: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Fr. Jim: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And with your spirit.

Introduction



Lord I am sorry for the wrong things that I've done.

Lord I am sorry for my sins every one.

I love You, I need You, though sometimes it's so hard but today Lord I'll try hard for you.

Lord I am sorry for the people that I've hurt.
Lord I am sorry for not list'ning to Your word.

I love You, I need You, though sometimes it's so hard but today Lord I'll try hard for you.

Lord I am sorry for being selfish and unkind.
Lord I am sorry for not keeping You in mind.

I love You, I need You, though sometimes it's
so hard but today Lord I'll try hard for you.

Penitential Act

Response to the prayers:

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Penitential Rite

Fr. Jim: May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen

The Liturgy of the Word



First Reading

St Paul's Letter to the Philippians

3: 8,10

At the end of the First Reading.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

The response to the Psalm is:

Lord I am happy to be with you.

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand to greet the Gospel.

All: Halle, halle, halle...luia.

Halle, halle, halle...luia.

Halle, halle, halle...luia.

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

I want you to be my friends and be happy with me.

Alleluia.

Halle, halle, halle...luia.

Halle, halle, halle...luia.

Halle, halle, halle...luia.

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Fr. Jim: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Fr. Jim: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

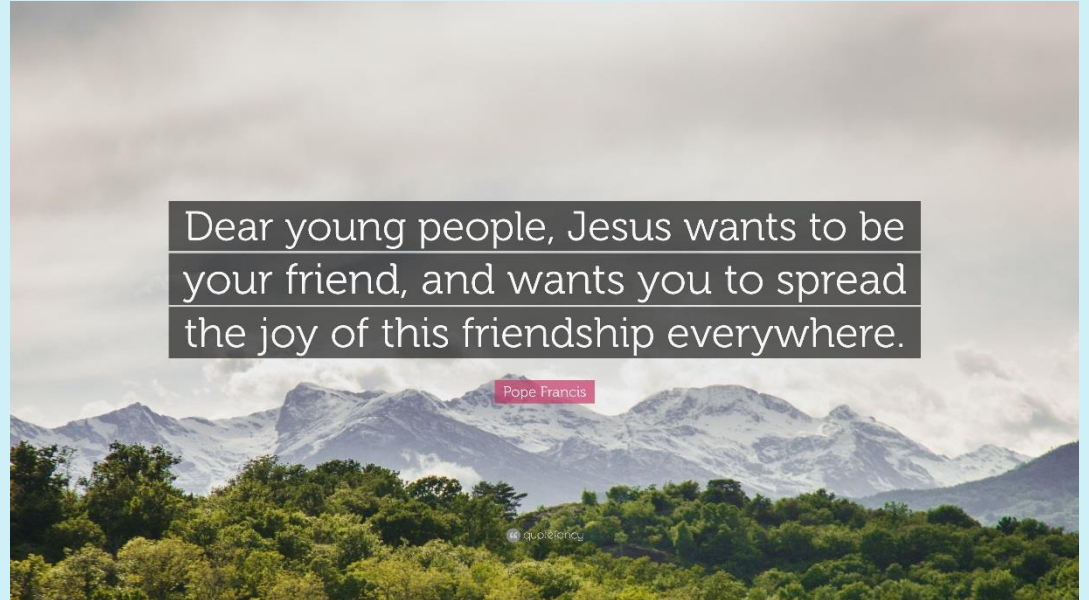
All: Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel:

Fr. Jim: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Homily



The Prayer of the Faithful

Response to the prayers:

Hear our prayer.

Offertory hymn

Fr Jim:

Blest are you, Lord, God of all creation,
thanks to your goodness this bread we offer:
fruit of the earth, work of our hands,
it will become the bread of life.

All:

Blessed be God! Blessed be God!

Blessed be God forever! Amen!

Blessed be God! Blessed be God!

Blessed be God forever! Amen!

Fr Jim:

Blest are you, Lord, God of all creation,
thanks to your goodness this wine we offer:
fruit of the earth, work of our hands,
it will become the cup of life.

All:

Blessed be God! Blessed be God!

Blessed be God forever! Amen!

Blessed be God! Blessed be God!

Blessed be God forever! Amen!

Fr. Jim: Pray brethren that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Fr. Jim: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Fr. Jim: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Fr. Jim: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

Fr Jim: God, our loving Father,
we are glad to give you thanks and praise
because you love us.

With Jesus we sing your praise:

All: Glory to God in the highest.

Fr Jim: Because you love us,
you gave us this great and beautiful world.
With Jesus we sing your praise:

All: Glory to God in the highest.

Fr Jim: Because you love us,
you sent Jesus your Son
to bring us to you
and to gather us around him
as the children of one family.
With Jesus we sing your praise:

All: Glory to God in the highest.

Fr Jim: For such great love
we thank you with the Angels and Saints
as they praise you and say:

All: 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.

Fr Jim: Blessed be Jesus, whom you sent to be the friend of children and of the poor.

He came to show us
how we can love you, Father,
by loving one another.

He came to take away sin,
which keeps us from being friends,
and hate, which makes us all unhappy.

He promised to send the Holy Spirit,
to be with us always
so that we can live as your children.

All: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Fr Jim: God our Father,
we now ask you
to send your Holy Spirit
to change these gifts of bread and wine
into the Body and Blood
of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Fr Jim: The night before he died,
Jesus your Son showed us how much you love
us.

When he was at supper with his disciples,
he took bread,
and gave you thanks and praise.
Then he broke the bread,
gave it to his friends, and said:
Take this, all of you, and eat of it,
for this is my Body,
which will be given up for you.

All: Jesus has given his life for us.

Fr Jim: When supper was ended,
Jesus took the chalice that was filled with
wine.

He thanked you, gave it to his friends, and
said:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it,
for this is the chalice of my Blood,
the Blood of the new and eternal covenant,
which will be poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.

All: Jesus has given his life for us.

Fr Jim: Then he said to them:
Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim our faith:

All: Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

Fr Jim: And so, loving Father,
we remember that Jesus died and rose again
to save the world.

He put himself into our hands
to be the sacrifice we offer you.

All: We praise you, we bless you, we thank
you.

Fr Jim: Lord our God,
listen to our prayer.
Send the Holy Spirit
to all of us who share in this meal.
May this Spirit bring us closer together
in the family of the Church,
with Francis, our Pope,
Declan, our Bishop,
all other Bishops,
and all who serve your people.

All: We praise you, we bless you, we thank
you.

Fr Jim: Remember, Father, our families and friends,
and all those we do not love as we should.
Remember those who have died.
Bring them home to you
to be with you for ever.

All: We praise you, we bless you, we thank you.

Fr Jim: Gather us all together into your Kingdom.

There we shall be happy for ever with the Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our mother.

There all the friends of Jesus the Lord will sing a song of joy.

All: We praise you, we bless you, we thank you.

Fr Jim: Through him, and with him, and in
him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

The Communion Rite

Fr. Jim: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say

All: Our Father ...

Fr. Jim: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours now and for ever.

Fr Jim: Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordancy with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen

The Sign of Peace

Fr. Jim: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

Fr. Jim: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.



The Breaking of the Bread

All: 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.

Fr. Jim: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Hymns

You have called us by our name, we belong to you.

You have called us by our name and we are yours. x2

You have chosen us to be members of your family,
in your love you have created us to live in unity.

You have called us by our name, we belong to you.

You have called us by our name and we are yours.

You will lead us to your light,
walk before us through the night,
you will guide us on our journey,
you will keep our vision bright.

You have called us by our name, we belong to you.

You have called us by our name and we are yours.

You will hold us when we fall,
give new strength to hear your call,
you will never be beyond us,
for your love is all in all.

You have called us by our name, we belong to you.

You have called us by our name and we are yours.

You will nourish, you will lead,
giving every gift we need,
for your reign will be established,
from the smallest of all seeds.

You have called us by our name, we belong to you.

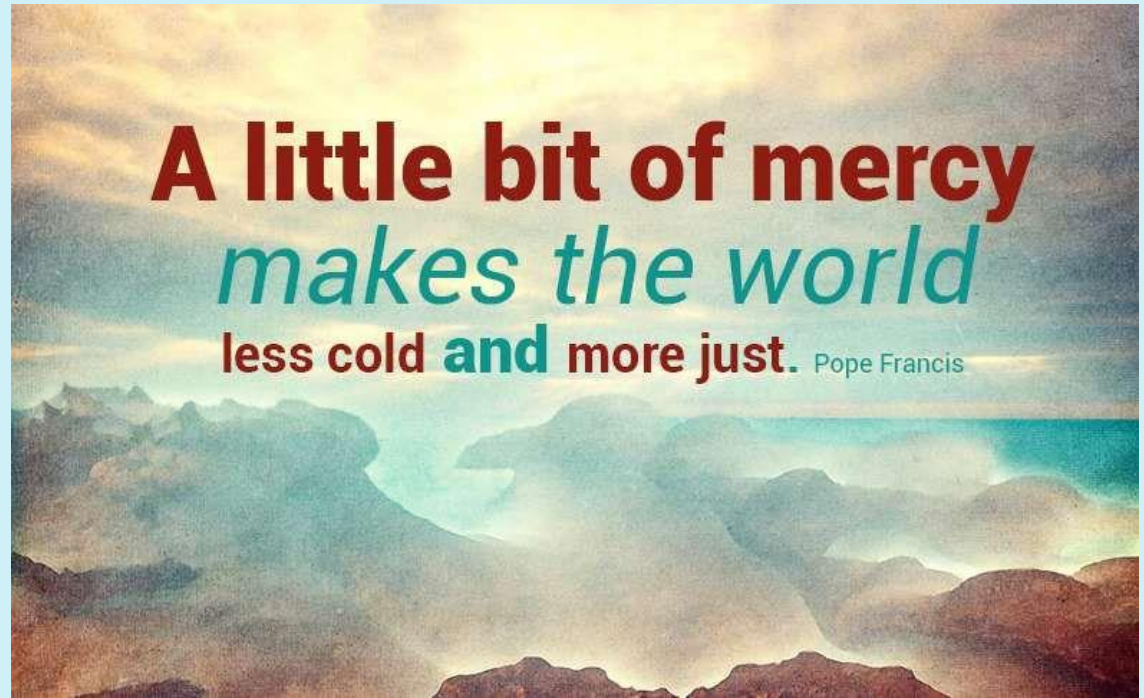
You have called us by our name and we are yours.

Through our sharing here today,
may our faith and life convey,
Christ our light and Christ our vision,
Christ our purpose, Christ our way.

You have called us by our name, we belong to you.

You have called us by our name and we are yours.

Reflection



The Concluding Rites

Fr. Jim: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Fr. Jim: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Fr. Jim: Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Final Hymn

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me.


Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light.



Everyone must be a missionary,
everyone can hear that call of Jesus
and go forth and proclaim the Kingdom!

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