

Catholic Bible Institute - January 4, 2014 - Opening Prayer

CALL TO PRAYER:

Leader: Behold, I come to bring together
all nations and tongues.
They shall come and see my glory
and proclaim it to the far off lands.

All: Glory to you, Creator God, Living Word,
Indwelling Spirit, As it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

GATHERING SONG: (See back side) *What Child Is This*

READING: (Colossians 3:17—4:1)
Whatever you do, in word or in deed, do
everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving
thanks to God the Father through him.
Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is
proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives,
and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children,
obey your parents in everything, for this is
pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your
children, so they may not become discouraged.
Slaves, obey your human masters in everything,
not only when being watched, as currying favor,
but in simplicity of heart, fearing the Lord.
Whatever you do, do from the heart, as for the
Lord and not for others, knowing that you will
receive from the Lord the due payment of the
inheritance; be slaves of the Lord Christ.
For the wrongdoer will receive recompense for the
wrong he committed, and there is no partiality.
Masters, treat your slaves justly and fairly,
realizing that you too have a Master in heaven.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Psalm 98:1, 7-9)

All: **All the ends of the earth have seen
the saving power of God.**

Leader: Sing a new song to the Lord, for he
has done marvelous deeds; Whose right
hand and holy arm have won the victory.

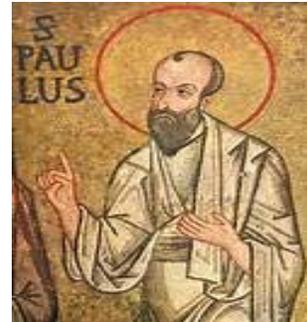
All: **All the ends of the earth have seen
the saving power of God.**

Leader: Let the sea and what fills it resound,
the world and those who dwell there.
Let the rivers clap their hands, the
mountains shout with them for joy

All: **All the ends of the earth have seen
the saving power of God.**

Leader: Before the Lord who comes,
who comes to rule the earth;
To rule the world with justice
and the people with equity.

All: **All the ends of the earth have seen
the saving power of God.**



INTERCESSIONS:

Let us praise Jesus, Son of the living God, who
humbled himself to become son of a human family.

Lord, you are the model and Savior of all.

Son of God, you showed us God's unbounded love;
**reveal the love of God to men and women
through the love we show for one another.**

You come that we may have life, life to the full,
reveal to us the fullness of your life.

Let our bodies be signs of your life;
**in our living and our dying, may we bring
you to birth.**

Illumine our hearts with God's light,
that we may see as God sees.

Grant peace to your human family;
**teach us how to be ministers of your peace
in word and in deed.**

Where two or three are gathered, Christ prays with
us **Our Father...**

CONCLUDING PRAYER:

Loving God, you have made known the birth of
the Savior by the light of a star. May Christ
continue to guide us with his light, to direct our
steps and keep us from stumbling. We pray in his
name, Jesus the Lord. **Amen.**

WHAT CHILD IS THIS

GREENSLEEVES



1. What child is this, who, laid to rest On
2. This child is born the Prince of Peace To
3. In joy a moth - er lulls her babe, This
4. A fath - er guards this ho - ly babe Who's
5. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, Come



1. Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
2. all whose hearts are bro - ken. To love and heal the
3. child of hope and prom - ise; An an - gel's call re -
4. sleep - ing in a man - ger, Pro - tect - ing him from
5. peas - ant, king, to own him; The King of kings sal -



1. an - thems sweet, While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
2. wound - ed soul, God's might - y Word is spo - ken.
3. ceived her yes, God's love poured out up - on us.
4. earth - ly harm, And keep - ing him from dan - ger.
5. va - tion brings, Let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep - herds



guard and an - gels sing; Haste, haste to



bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

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SCRIPTURE: **1 Corinthians 12: 4-7, 12-13, 27**

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service, but the same Lord; there are different workings, but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. ... As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body... Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it.

REFLECTION: *From a homily by St Augustine—*

“... If you wish to understand the body of Christ, listen to what the apostle says to the believers, 'You are the body of Christ and his members.' If, therefore, you are the body of Christ and his members, it is your own mystery that has been placed on the table of the Lord. It is your own mystery that you receive. To this which you are, you respond 'Amen' and in responding, you accept it. What you hear is 'the Body of Christ' and to this you respond 'Amen'. So, be a member of Christ's body, that your Amen may be true. ... Be what you see and accept what you are.”

CLOSING PRAYER:

All: Loving God, we thank you for the gift of this New Year. Help us to be open to your ways of mercy, compassion, and truth that we may call forth in ourselves and in one another your ways of wisdom and truth. Help us to recognize one another as brothers and sisters in Christ, members of one body, united around the table of the Lord. Bless us as we place our trust in you. Amen.

CLOSING SONG: **We Are Many Parts by Marty Haugen**

(see back side)

WE ARE MANY PARTS

Marty Haugen

Refrain



We are man-y parts, we are all one bod-y, and the
 gifts we have we are giv-en to share. May the Spir-it of love
 make us one in - deed; one, the love that we share, one, our
 hope in de-spair, one, the cross that we bear.

Verses



1. God of all, we look to you, we would be your
 2. So my pain is pain for you, in your joy is
 3. All you seek-ers great and small, seek the great-est
 to Refrain
 1. ser-vants true, let us be your love to all the world.
 2. my joy, too; all is brought to-geth-er in the Lord.
 3. gift of all; if you love, then you will know the Lord.

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