

Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
September 16, 2020
9 AM

Gathering Song: *Faith of Our Fathers & Mothers*

1. Faith of our fathers! Living still in spite of dungeon, fire and sword:
 O how our hearts beat high with joy, whene'er we hear that glorious word:
 Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.

2. The martyrs, chained in prisons dark, were still in heart and conscience free:
 And truly blest would be our fate, if we, like them, should die for thee.
 Faith of the martyrs, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.

3. Faith of our mothers! We will love both friend and foe in all our strife:
 And preach thee, too, as love knows how, by kindly deeds and virtuous life.
 Faith of our mothers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, alt.

First Reading – 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts.

But I shall show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in human and angelic tongues but do not have love,

I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal.

And if I have the gift of prophecy

and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge;

if I have all faith so as to move mountains,

but do not have love, I am nothing.

If I give away everything I own,

and if I hand my body over so that I may boast

but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind.

It is not jealous, love is not pompous,

it is not inflated, it is not rude,

it does not seek its own interests,

it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury,

it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth.

It bears all things, believes all things,

hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails.

If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing;
if tongues, they will cease;
if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing.

For we know partially and we prophesy partially,
but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.

When I was a child, I used to talk as a child,
think as a child, reason as a child;
when I became a man, I put aside childish things.

At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror,
but then face to face.

At present I know partially;
then I shall know fully, as I am fully known.

So faith, hope, love remain, these three;
but the greatest of these is love.

The word of the Lord. – Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Give thanks to the LORD on the harp;
with the ten-stringed lyre chant his praises.

Sing to him a new song;
pluck the strings skillfully, with shouts of gladness.

For upright is the word of the LORD,
and all his works are trustworthy.

He loves justice and right;
of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people he has chosen for his own inheritance.

May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us
who have put our hope in you.

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Gospel Acclamation

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life,
you have the words of everlasting life.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel - Luke 7:31-35

We played the flute for you, but you did not dance. We sang a dirge, but you did not weep.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to the crowds:

“To what shall I compare the people of this generation?

What are they like?

They are like children who sit in the marketplace and call to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, but you did not dance.

We sang a dirge, but you did not weep.’

For John the Baptist came neither eating food nor drinking wine,

and you said, ‘He is possessed by a demon.’

The Son of Man came eating and drinking and you said,

‘Look, he is a glutton and a drunkard,

a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’

But wisdom is vindicated by all her children.”

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

Spiritual Communion Prayer

Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Sending Forth Song

The Love Round

Love, love, love, love, Christians, this is your call.

Love your neighbor as yourself, for God loves us all.