Saint Elizabeth Roman Catholic Church Upper Uwchlan Township, PA

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"Consider Your Own Calling" -Reflections on 1 Corinthians 1/26

February 8-9-10, 2015



Opening Hymn: [all stand]

Sunday- Enter the Journey [BB, #654; Friedman/Vogt]

Monday- *River of Glory* [BB, #660; Schutte]

Tuesday- Hail Redeemer, King Divine [BB, #735; Brenan/Elvey]

Greeting and Opening Prayer

Psalmody: [L = tabernacle side; R = BVM side] [all are seated]

Sunday Antiphon & Psalm: Psalm 104

Leader: The Lord looked upon all that He had made and saw that it was very good.

L: Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord, God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe!

- R: You stretch out the heavens like a tent. Above the rains you build your dwelling. You make the clouds your chariot, and walk on the wings of the wind; you make the winds your messengers and flashing fire your servants.
- L: You founded the earth on its base, to stand firm from age to age. You wrapped it with the ocean like a cloak: the waters stood higher than the mountains.
- R: At your threat they took flight; at the voice of your thunder they fled. They rose over the mountains and flowed down to the place which you had appointed. You set limits they might not pass lest they return to cover the earth.
- L: You make springs gush forth in the valleys: they flow between the hills. They give drink to all the beasts of the field; the wild-asses quench their thirst. On their banks dwell the birds of heaven; from the branches they sing their song.
- R: From your dwelling you water their hills; earth drinks its fill of your gift. You make the grass grow for the cattle and the plants to serve our needs.
- L: So that we may bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer our hearts; oil, to make us glad and bread to strengthen our hearts.
- R: The trees of the Lord drink their fill, the cedars he planted on Lebanon; there the birds build their nests: on the tree-top the stork has her home. The goats find a home on the mountains and rabbits hide in the rocks.
- L: You made the moon to mark the months; the sun knows the time for its setting. When you spread the darkness it is night and all the beasts of the forest creep forth. The young lions roar for their prey and ask their food from God.
- R: At the rising of the sun they steal away and go to rest in their dens. People go forth to their work, to labor till evening falls.

- L: How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your riches.
- R: There is the sea, vast and wide, with its moving swarms past counting, living things great and small. The ships are moving there and the monsters you made to play with.
- L: All of these look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it, they gather it up: you open your hand, they have their fill.
- R: You hide your face, they are dismayed; you take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth.
- L: May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! He looks on the earth and it trembles; the mountains send forth smoke at his touch.
- R: I will sing to the Lord all my life, make music to my God while I live. May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find joy in the Lord. Let sinners vanish from the earth and the wicked exist no more. Bless the Lord, my soul.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

All: The Lord looked upon all that He had made and saw that it was very good.

Monday Antiphon & Psalm: Psalm 118

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

L: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his love endures forever. Let the house of Israel say: "God's love endures forever."

R: Let the house of Aaron say: "God's love endures forever." Let those who fear the Lord say: "God's love endures forever."

L: I called to the Lord in my distress; the Lord answered and freed me. The Lord is at my side; I do not fear.

R: What can anyone do against me? The Lord is at my side as my helper: I shall look down on my foes.

L: It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put one's trust in mortals; it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put one's trust in princes.

R: The nations all encompassed me; in the Lord's name I crushed them. They compassed me, compassed me about; in the Lord's name I crushed them.

L: The compassed me about like bees; they blazed like a fire among thorns. In the Lord's name I crushed them.

R: I was hard-pressed and was failing, but the Lord came to help me. The Lord is my strength and my song; the Lord is my Savior!

L: There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me.

R: The Lord's right hand has triumphed; I shall not die, I shall live to recount his deeds. I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die.

L: Open to me the gates of holiness: I will enter and give thanks. This is the Lord's own gate where the just may enter. I will thank you for you have answered me.

R: The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

L: O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord, grant us success. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord God is our light.

R: Go forward in procession with branches even to the altar. You are my God, I thank you. My God, I praise you. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love endures forever.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

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

Tuesday Antiphon & Psalm: Psalm 139

Leader: Lord, how wonderful is your wisdom, so far beyond my understanding.

L: O Lord, you search me and you know me, you know my resting and my rising, you discern my purpose from afar. You mark when I walk or lie down, all my ways lie open to you.

R: Before ever a word is on my tongue you know it, O Lord through and through. Behind and before you besiege me, your hand ever laid upon me. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, too high, beyond my reach.

L: O where can I go from your spirit, or where can I flee from your face? If I climb the heavens, you are there; if I lie in the grave, you are there.

R: If I take the wings of the dawn and dwell at the sea's farthest end, even there your hand would lead me, your right hand would hold me fast.

L: If I say, "Let the darkness hide me and the light around me be night," even darkness is not dark for you, and the night is as clear as the day.

R: For it was you who created my being, knit me together in my mother's womb. I thank you for the wonder of my being, for the wonders of all your creation.

L: Already you knew my soul, my body held no secret from you when I was being fashioned in secret and molded in the depths of the earth.

R: Your eyes saw all my actions, they were all of them written in your book; every one of my days was decreed before one of them came into being.

L: To me, how mysterious are your thoughts, the sum of them not to be numbered! If I count them, they are more than the sand; to finish, I must be eternal, like you.

R: O search me, God, and know my heart. O test me and know my thoughts. See that I follow not the wrong path and lead me in the path of life eternal.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

All: Lord, how wonderful is your wisdom, so far beyond my understanding.

Readings: Sunday- Hebrews 4/14-5/10

Monday- Isaiah 6/1-8

Tuesday- Colossians 2/9-12; 3/1-4

Mission Homily

Sunday- Affirming Our Priestly Calling

Monday- Engaging Our Prophetic Calling
Tuesday- Embracing Our Royal Calling

Closing Hymn:

Sunday- *One Spirit, One Church* [BB, #421; Kell] Monday- *Here I Am, Lord* [BB, #375; Schutte] Tuesday- *To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King* [BB, #734; Hellriegel]

Tuesday Evening: Closing Benediction

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: [all kneel]

Scripture Reading: *Philippians 4/4-9*

Hymn: Down in Adoration Falling [BB, inside back cover]

Prayer and Benediction:

(When the priest makes the sign of the cross over the people with the Blessed Sacrament, it is customary for each person to make a sign of the cross.]

Divine Praises: (recited by all) [while deacon reposes the Blessed Sacrament]

Blessed be God.

Blessed be his Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be his most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.

May the Heart of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament be praised, adored and loved, with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the tabernacles of the world, even until the end of time. Amen.

Closing Hymn: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name [BB, inside back cover]

Thank you for your prayerful participation in the parish mission.

May the Lord bless you and keep you!