

∞ Preaching By Our Lives ∞

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

All: Amen

Leader: "I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learned from my Father." (John 15:15)

All: Wisdom of God, be with us, always at work in us.

Leader: "You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; so that the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name." (John 15:16)

All: Wisdom of God, be with us, always at work in us.

Leader: "My command to you is to love one another." (John 15:17)

All: Wisdom of God, be with us, always at work in us.

Psalm 16

Side 1: Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord, "you are my God.
My happiness lies in you alone."

Side 2: You have put into my heart a marvelous love
For the faithful ones who dwell in your land.
Those who choose other gods increase their sorrows.
Never will I offer their offerings of blood.
Never will I take their name upon my lips.

All: O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
It is you yourself who are my prize.
The lot marked out for me is my delight:
Welcome indeed the heritage that falls to me!

Side 1: I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
Who even at night directs my heart.
I will keep the Lord ever in my sight:
Since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

Side 2: And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
Even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
Nor let your beloved know decay.

All: You will show me the path of life,
The fullness of joy in your presence,
At your right hand happiness for ever.

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.

Leader: *"A Christian community is evangelized in order to evangelize. A light is lit in order to give light. A candle is not lit to be put under a bushel, said Christ. It is lit and put up high in order to give light. That is what a true community is like. A community is a group of men and women who have found the truth in Christ and in his gospel, and who follow the truth and join together to follow it more strongly. It is not an individual conversion, but a community conversion. It is a family that believes, a group that accepts God. In the group, each one finds that the brother or sister is a source of strength and that in moments of weakness they help one another and, by loving one another and believing, they give light and example. The preacher no longer needs to preach, for there are Christians who preach by their own lives." (From a homily of Archbishop Oscar Romero, October 29, 1978)*

(Pause for a moment of silent reflection.)

Leader: United in mind and heart, let us pray that we may be bearers of the Word:
Our Father, most holy.

All: Our Creator, our Redeemer and Savior.

Leader: Who is in heaven.

All: With all the saints, giving them light to know you.
You are Light. They love you because you are Love.

Leader: Holy is your name.

All: May we grow in knowledge of you,
That we may appreciate your endless favors,
And the greatness of your promises to us.

Leader: Your Kingdom come.

All: So that you may rule in us through grace.
In your Kingdom, sight of you is clear,
Love of you is perfect, enjoyment of you is eternal.

Leader: Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

All: So we may live in you with all our hearts,
By always keeping you in mind.
May we love our brothers and sisters as you love us;
May our Community be your Kingdom on earth.

Leader: Give us this day.

All: So that we will remember, understand and respect the love Jesus bore for us.

Leader: Our daily bread.

All: Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: And forgive us our debts.

All: In your unutterable mercy,
In virtue of the suffering of your Son, Jesus.

Leader: As we forgive our debtors.

All: And what we do not forgive, Lord, make us forgive.
So that for your sake we may love our enemies,
And intercede for them.

Leader: And lead us not into temptation.

All: Neither hidden nor apparent;
Neither sudden nor persistent.

Leader: But deliver us from evil.

All: Past, present and future.
To you be all glory and honor forever and ever. Amen.

Leader: May the Lord bless us, let his face shine upon us and grant us his peace.

All: Amen.

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