

East Timor mass

Opening hymn: *Christ be our light* (Bernadette Farrell)

Welcome

Penitential rite:

Response: God of compassion we ask your forgiveness

For the times we have watched from the sidelines, hesitant to commit ourselves to action for justice

Response

For the times we know we could have done more, the times we have made excuses

Response

For the times we have blamed others for their wrongdoing, unwilling to accept our share of responsibility

Response

Kyrie eleison: Look around you, can you see

Gloria: *sung*

Opening prayer (*adapted from a Filipino prayer*)

God of all ages and peoples,
God of all time and beyond time,
Enfold us in your love as a mother embraces her child
You know our every deed and dream, our hurt and anger

As we stand before you,
Hand in hand with the people of East Timor
Pour out on us the healing river of your compassion
Draw us together in hope, and
Lead us towards the garden of peace

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever.

First reading (*Lamentations 3:22-23; 34-36; 49-51; 55-57*)

Surely Yahweh's mercies are not over,
God's deeds of faithful love not exhausted;
Every morning they are renewed;
Great is God's faithfulness!

When all the prisoners in a country are crushed underfoot,
When human rights are overridden
In defiance of the Most High
When someone is cheated of justice
Does not the Lord see it?

My eyes will weep ceaselessly,
Without relief
Until Yahweh looks down and sees from heaven.
My eyes have grown sore
Over all the daughters of my city.

Yahweh, I called on your name
From the deep pit
You heard my voice, do not close your ear
To my prayer, to my cry.
You are near when I call to you
You said, "Do not be afraid!"

Psalm 46 (adapted)

Response: God is our strength and our refuge

God is both refuge and strength for us
A help always ready in trouble;
We shall not be afraid though the earth be in turmoil

Response

God is in the city, it cannot fall
At break of day God comes to its rescue
Nations are in uproar, kingdoms are tumbling
But God is with us, our citadel

Response

Come, consider the wonders of Yahweh
The astounding deeds he has done on the earth;
God puts an end to wars over the whole world
He breaks the bow, he snaps the spear
Shields he burns in the fire

Response

Be still and acknowledge that I am God

Response

Gospel Acclamation: Celtic Alleluia

Gospel: *Luke 9:1-6*

Jesus called the Twelve together and gave them power and authority over all devils and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. He said to them, "Take nothing for the journey: neither staff, nor haversack, nor bread, nor money; and do not have a spare tunic. Whatever house you enter, stay there; and when you leave let your departure be from there. As for those who do not welcome you, when you leave their town shake the dust from your feet as evidence against them. So they set out and went from village to village proclaiming the good news and healing everywhere.

Homily

Profession of faith

Intercessions

(with thanks to Annabel Shilson-Thomas)

We pray with the people of East Timor, and remember those living in fear and hunger. May we be freed from our comfort and work with them towards the coming of God's kingdom. Lord, in your mercy

We pray for those who mourn, whose hearts ache and whose memories bring torment. May we be freed to weep with them. Lord, in your mercy

We pray for all who hunger and thirst for justice; for all who are fired by anger and compassion to pursue their vision of a new world. May we be freed from our passivity to join in their struggle. Lord, in your mercy

We pray for all who have the courage to show mercy, in spite of their anguish. May we too learn hope and forgiveness. Lord, in your mercy

We pray for the peacemakers, all who with integrity seek peace, undaunted by abuse of power, walking where others fear to tread. May we be inspired and moved from apathy to the active pursuit of peace. Lord, in your mercy

We ask Mary, mother of compassion, to pray with us... Hail Mary

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory hymn: *Lord, while the world with war and hatred burns* (tune: tell out my soul) (Celebrating One World p 84)

Communion hymn: *Who will speak* (Celebrating One World p152)

Recessional: *City of God* (Celebrating One World 170)

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