

A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH (11: 1-9)

A SHOOT SHALL SPROUT FROM THE STUMP OF JESSE,
And from those roots a bud shall blossom
The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon that One;
A spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
A spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord.
Then the poor will be judged with justice,
and the land's afflicted will receive a favorable judgment.
Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
The calf and the young lion shall browse together,
with a little child to guide them.
There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord,
as water covers the sea.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Responsorial: You, O God are my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

O God, you are my shepherd; I shall not want.

You make me to lie in green pastures.

You lead me to restful waters, to restore my soul.

You, O God are my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You guide me in the paths of righteousness

For the sake of your holy name.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I fear no evil; For you are with me;

Your crook and your staff give me comfort

You, O God are my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You prepare a table before me

In the presence of my foes;

You anoint my head with oil,

My cup overflows.

You, O God are my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me

All the days of my life;

And I shall dwell in your holy house forever and ever

You, O God are my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

2nd reading:

A Reading from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians (1:3-6 & 9-11)

I thank my God whenever I think of you; and every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes.

My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognize what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

Alleluia! Your Word, O God, is eternal life. Your Word is a lamp to guide me.

Alleluia

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark (10:1, 13-16)

Now Jesus came to the districts of Judea / and once more the crowds gathered around / and as usual Jesus began to teach them.

And people were bringing their children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples scolded them for this.

When Jesus saw this he was very displeased and said to them,

“Let the children come to me; do not stop them.

It is to just such as these that the reign of God belongs.

The truth is, whoever does not welcome the reign of God as a little child

Will not enter it.” /// And Jesus took the children in his arms and blessed them, Laying his hands on them. ////

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful for the Funeral Mass for S. Marina Rose Parisi Nov 20, 1921

For the World:

Faithful God, you know how much S. Marina Rose loved peace, at home and for all the world. May we and all people build bridges of peace and understanding no matter where we are. **We pray: Loving God, Hear our Prayer**

For Our Church:

You who know the depths of our hearts, you know our struggles with fear and anxiety. Sister Marina Rose modeled for us how to trust. May your Spirit of wisdom and understanding deepen our trust until love overcomes all fear and we become the church community you desire, from the least of us to our leaders. **We pray: Loving God, Hear our Prayer**

For all the people of God

You who embraced children taught us that the reign of God can best be found in the openness of heart of a child. We remember with joy how Sister Marina Rose welcomed so many children into her heart and life. May we too learn the openness of heart that is able to welcome You and each person You send us. **We pray: Loving God, Hear our Prayer**

For the Sisters of the Holy Names

We thank you, loving God, as we remember how S. Marina Rose helped spread the good news. We ask your continued blessing on the Sisters and Affiliates of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, that they may be always open to your guidance and direction. May they be recognized as your disciples and that in their very being may they be always your good news. **We pray: Loving God, Hear our Prayer**

For Sister Marina Rose's Family, Friends, and Living Community

As we mourn the sudden loss of Sister Marina Rose we reach out to you O God for your comfort and your healing. May the light of your love break the darkness of grief. May you be with Marina Rose's family, friends, and housemates as they walk the journey of loss and grief. Be with them in comfort and strength in all the days ahead. **We pray: Loving God, Hear our Prayer**

For the many groups to which S. Marina Rose brought her energy and joy

Loving God, we call to mind all the teachers and children, catechists, guild members, sons and daughters of Italy, boards, classmates, the Yakima Mission Centre and Holy Names Sisters, and others who knew her. We ask your consoling presence and blessings for each of them. **We pray: Loving God, Hear our Prayer**

Closing Prayer by the presider:

Loving God, in our sorrow and in our faith we bring you these our many prayers, asking that you bless us with peace and favor us with hope in this time of need, through Jesus our Savior. Amen

Isaiah: How do YOU imagine the Peaceable Reign of God?
Philippians: "The One who has begun this good work in you..."
Gospel: "Welcome children, and welcome the reign of God like a child"

Thank you Msgr Siler

We look at the Gospel: Here is Jesus, outside his home turf, not in Galilee but in Judea, gathering huge crowds, teaching first by everything he does, and then by his words. We see parents who want their children to crowd a little closer to Jesus..... you can imagine them, right? Parents trying to scoot their children closer, children making their way through the crowd, trying to get closer. But the disciples see this and scold the children and their parents. Stop bothering him!

But then, Jesus scolds his disciples, his students, his best friends! Oops! Think the disciples: He WANTS all these little ragamuffins around him? What can they understand? This is adult stuff.

"Don't keep them away!" says Jesus, seeing that his friends don't get it yet. "In fact," he says, "the reign of my Father, the perfect peaceable kin-dom I keep telling you about, my Father's loving will for you, can only be understood and lived if you have the open trusting heart of a child. I want you to imitate THEM, because they know how to welcome good news. And good gifts, with open hearts. In fact, you ADULTS can't get in to the kin-dom unless you keep your heart open and welcoming toward our Heavenly Father and his plan, open like the heart of a child."

Anyone who knows S. Marina Rose knows why we chose to bring this "teachable moment" to our gathering today. Can you remember hearing Marina's delight as she would talk about her children preparing for the sacraments? Or her children learning to sing new and old songs at the Heritage University Early Learning Center? Her children learning to get along with each other, learning to share, learning to listen, and then her many catechists learning to teach, her Marie Rose Circle girls learning to put on parties for the Sisters in the convent in Spokane.... learning.... Teaching.....learning. Yes, even after Marina officially retired, she had to keep teaching little children. So she volunteered at Heritage, and she helped beloved individual children prepare for their first communion and other sacraments.

And she kept her own heart fresh like a child's, too, open and joyful. She loved what she loved! Jesus, being a Holy Names Sister, friends, family, community living, being Italian, everything about Peru, Easter bread, community donuts, being almost 90, cooking, gardening, celebrations, little wind-up toys S. Kathleen would bring her from her various trips. We could make a long litany of all that Marina loved!

Jesus loved well who he loved, too. He brought good news to poor people, he proclaimed freedom to captives, sight for the blind, release from debts and bondage..... Those most in need of God's attention received love and attention from Jesus.

And he surely knew the beautiful images in Isaiah, the ones we heard today, When Emmanuel, God with us, will rise from a stump, a root, a little left-over nothing of a plant, and become a bud, a blossom, a full flowering promise that will bear much fruit: We love to name these gifts. These are the gifts our hearts really want for Christmas, and for all year long: wisdom and understanding, counsel and courage, knowledge and fear of the Lord. How many times did Marina teach these gifts of the Holy Spirit? Teach them, pray them, receive them and live them Learning..... teaching.....learning..... Then mortal enemies shall live together in peace. Isaiah promises. Here's a promise we really need to grab onto, isn't it? And it's so vivid! Wolf and lamb; leopard and baby goat; calf and young

lion.....Predator and prey..... They will find ways to be safe with each other and live in peace. How will this happen?

No one needs to tell us we live in a world and a nation, in a Church and even in families that are divided in ways that grieve and frustrate us. Yet Isaiah assures us: With Emmanuel in charge, a little child will guide us into this peaceable kin-dom, into the communion with God, with our inner self, and with each other that we really long for. There's that little child again. Don't we long to be open and trusting with each other, to let our love flow freely back and forth without fear? Won't that be heaven?

Marina doesn't have to long for the peaceable kin-dom any more. We believe she has it. We rejoice for her. We who are left behind, we get to hold on to the promises, as she did, And we get to pay attention to the ways God works in our lives each day, drawing us closer to His heart and thus to one another and to everything else God makes and loves, draw us closer, just as He did for her.