

Introducing the New Testament and *The Gospel according to Mark*

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- 8:30** *Arrival & Setup*
- 8:45** *Opening Prayer / Initial Announcements*
- 9:00** **Session 1 – The New Testament Canon: An Introductory Overview**
The Canonical Gospels in the *Lectionary for Mass*
New Testament: Contents & Order & Genres
Multiple Stages of Composition & Transmission
What Are the Gospels? Four Portraits of Jesus
Kurt Aland's *Synopsis of the Four Gospels*
- 10:00** *Table-Group Discussions: How can having four Gospels enrich our faith, rather than confuse us?*
- 10:15** *Break*
- 10:30** **Session 2 – The Gospel according to Mark: The First/Oldest Written “Gospel”**
Mark's Gospel: Outline & Overview
Mark's Gospel: Literary Features
Jesus' Preaching & Teaching
Jesus' Public Ministry & Miracles
- 11:45** *Table Discussions: Which of the literary features of Mark's Gospel most surprise or impress you?*
- 12:00** *Lunch*
- 1:00** **Session 3 – The Gospel according to Mark: Christology & Discipleship**
Mark's Christology: Who Is Jesus? (Son of God/Christ/Servant)
Disciples & Apostles (students & missionaries)
Role Models in Mark's Gospel (negative & positive)
Jesus' Journey to Jerusalem: Three Passion Predictions
Bethsaida & Bartimaeus: Blindness and (In)Sight
- 2:00** *Table Discussions: Why does the Markan Jesus not want most people to tell others about him?*
- 2:15** *Break*
- 2:30** **Session 4 – The Gospel according to Mark: Eschatology & Suffering**
Mark 13: The Eschatological Discourse
Mark 14-15: The Passion Narrative
Mark 16: The Empty Tomb Story (& later additions)
So What? – Mark's Gospel for Today's Christians
- 3:30** *Table Discussions: Which character in Mark's Gospel inspires you the most, as a positive role model for Christian discipleship? Why?*
- 3:45** *Homework Instructions / Final Announcements / Closing Prayer*
- 4:00** *Clean-up & Departure*




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Opening Song:
(vv. 1-2)

SEED, SCATTERED AND SOWN

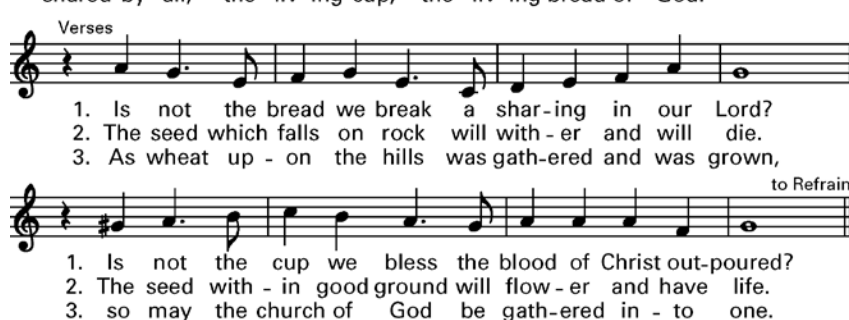
Dan Feiten

Refrain



Seed, scat-tered and sown, wheat, gath-ered and grown,
bread, bro-ken and shared as one, the liv-ing bread of God.
Vine, fruit of the land, wine, work of our hands, one cup that is
shared by all; the liv-ing cup, the liv-ing bread of God.

Verses



1. Is not the bread we break a shar-ing in our Lord?
2. The seed which falls on rock will with-er and will die.
3. As wheat up - on the hills was gath-ered and was grown,

to Refrain

1. Is not the cup we bless the blood of Christ out-poured?
2. The seed with - in good ground will flow - er and have life.
3. so may the church of God be gath-ered in - to one.

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Gospel Reading (Mark 4:1-9):

Leader: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark:

On another occasion Jesus began to teach by the sea. A very large crowd gathered around him so that he got into a boat on the sea and sat down. And the whole crowd was beside the sea on land. And he taught them at length in parables, and in the course of his instruction he said to them, "Hear this! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Other seed fell on rocky ground where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep. And when the sun rose, it was scorched and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it and it produced no grain. And some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit. It came up and grew and yielded thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold." He added, "Whoever has ears to hear ought to hear."

The Gospel of the Lord!

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 126:1-6):

All: *Those who sow in tears will reap with cries of joy.*

Women: When the LORD restored the captives of Zion / we thought we were dreaming.
Then our mouths were filled with laughter / our tongues sang for joy.

All: *Those who sow in tears will reap with cries of joy.*

Men: Then it was said among the nations / "The LORD had done great things for them."
The LORD has done great things for us / Oh, how happy we were!

All: *Those who sow in tears will reap with cries of joy.*

Women: Restore our captives, LORD / like the dry stream beds of the Negeb.
Those who sow in tears / will reap with cries of joy.

All: *Those who sow in tears will reap with cries of joy.*

Men: Those who go forth weeping / carrying sacks of seed,
Will return with cries of joy / carrying their bundled sheaves.

All: *Those who sow in tears will reap with cries of joy.*



Intercessions

Leader: Jesus said, “The kingdom of God... is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade.” Let us now pray in faith to God who hears our prayers. The response to our petitions is, “**Lord, sow within us the seed of everlasting life.**”

For our Holy Father, bishops, clergy, and religious: that they may continue to model a spirit of unity and love as they shepherd the Church. We pray to the Lord...**(Response)**

For leaders of nations: that they may serve with humility and integrity, and strive to exercise justice that brings hope and fullness of life to all people. We pray to the Lord...**(Response)**

May Saint Teresa of Kolkata help us to attain a thirsting love of Jesus who defended the human dignity of all and so as to become the light of His love. We pray to the Lord...**(Response)**

May men and women respond with compassion to the hunger of all people for knowledge of Jesus. We pray to the Lord...**(Response)**

That with dedicated spirits, we will beg the Lord of the Harvest to provide an abundance of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in our diocese who will help gather the wheat of souls into His barn. We pray to the Lord...**(Response)**

That those called to help Christ feed the multitude will not be held back by what they see as their limitations, but will rely on Jesus who will feed those to whom they are sent. We pray to the Lord...**(Response)**

The Lord's Prayer

Leader: Together, let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us...

Closing Prayer:

All: Father, I abandon myself into your hands.
Do with me what you will. Whatever you may do,
I thank you. I am ready for all, I accept all.
Let only your will be done in me and in all
your creatures. I wish no more than this, O Lord.
Into your hands I commend my spirit.
I offer it to you with all the love of my heart,
for I love you Lord, and so need to give myself
into your hands, without reserve,
and with boundless confidence,
for you are my Father. Amen.



by Charles de Foucauld

Closing Song (v. 3)

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Call to Prayer

Leader: In the name of our God who shares divinity with us,
in the name of our God who shares humanity with us,
in the name of our God who unsettles and inspires us,
let us give praise and thanks!

All: Amen!

(More Than Words, Janet Schaffran and Pat Kozak, p.38)

Gospel Reading (Mark 1:9-11)

Leader: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

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

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 33)

Women: *Our soul waits for the Lord, who is our help and shield.*

Men: *For in God our hearts rejoice; in your holy name we trust.*

Women: *May your kindness, Lord, be upon us;*

Men: *We have put our hope in you.*

All: Hallelujah!

Concluding Prayer

All: God of glory, in Jesus Christ you reveal the way of life through obedience. Inscribe your love in our hearts, so that we may not stray from you, but may remain your faithful people. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Final Blessing

Closing Hymn

RAIN DOWN

Jaime Cortez

Refrain

Rain down, rain down, rain down your
love on your peo - ple. love, God of life.

Verses

1. Faith-ful and true is the word of our God. All of God's
2. We who re - vere and find hope in our God live in the
3. God of cre - a - tion, we long for your truth; you are the

1. works are so wor - thy of trust. God's mer - cy falls on the
2. kind - ness and joy of God's wing. God will pro - tect us from
3. wa - ter of life that we thirst. Grant that your love and your

to Refrain

1. just and the right; full of God's love is the earth.
2. dark - ness and death; God will not leave us to starve.
3. peace touch our hearts, all of our hope lies in you.