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Holy Mass
29 September 2023

Entrance song: Mo ma yen mfa

Let us serve our Creator with joy and united hearts! With joy and united hearts, let us praise our God and Protector! God is gracious, he protects us, he is with us always. All you believers, let us sing praises to our Creator! Let us hear a praise! He protects us at all times.

Greeting

Kyrie

Chor/alle:

A-wu-ra - de hu yen mmo - boo

A-wu-ra - de hu yen mmo - boo

Chor/alle:

Christ - e hu yen mmo - boo

Christ - e hu yen mmo - boo

Chor/alle:

A-wu-ra - de hu yen mmo - boo

A-wu-ra - de hu yen mmo - boo

Opening Prayer

Priest: Let us pray! God, our Father, You called Blessed Adolph Kolping, a craftsman, to the priesthood, and You worked in him to help youths find a way to solve their religious and social conflicts. Grant that his prayers and his example help us to understand the conflicts of our times and give us the strength to overcome them. 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.

All: Amen!

First Reading (Jam 2,14-17)

A reading from the letter of St. James

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of

clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, "I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty", without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

Gospel Songs: Asem Papa

I have heard good news, God is good!

Alleluja



Halleluja, die Engel im Himmel singen für Gott. Sie singen Halleluja; morgens, mittags, abends. Die Engel im Himmel singen Halleluja.

Gospel (Mt 5, 13-16)

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew (

¹³. 'You are salt for the earth. But if salt loses its taste, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled under people's feet.

¹⁴. 'You are light for the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden.

¹⁵. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house.

¹⁶. In the same way your light must shine in people's sight, so that, seeing your good works, they may give praise to your Father in heaven.

Homily

Dear Kolping sisters, dear Kolping brothers,

"You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world"

This is the Gospel we always hear when we assemble to celebrate the Eucharist in honour of Blessed Adolph Kolping.

It is a text that fits Adolph Kolping very well, because here, with salt and light, there are two symbols that everyone knows, that are present in our everyday life and thus represent the tangible part of our Christian faith.

It was important to Adolph Kolping that the Good News was not just somehow captured in golden letters. He wanted it to be proclaimed and lived in daily life.

Adolph Kolping was a religious genius! He knew how to reconcile faith and life without losing touch with reality. He was not immediately recognized by the church and society for his openness to the concerns and needs of a socially disadvantaged group of people at that time. On the contrary, he had to trust in God and be patient until his concerns were understood by large parts of the church and society.

Since that time, the Kolping Society - in all of its structures - has helped shape church and society. This is precisely the task that Catholic social teaching assigns to us in the Church.

Taking Adolph Kolping as our inspiration can, shall, and must be an incentive for us in Kolping to be active all over the world.

The world and the circumstances of life in the world are what they are, and therefore we are called to show solidarity with the poor, with the marginalized, with those who struggle with worries and hardships.

Solidarity with words when it comes to taking a clear stand towards decision-makers in society, politics and the church.

Solidarity through action locally and globally, that we can bring the love of God closer to the lost, that we can join them on their journey to a good future.

People are waiting for us Christians and may expect us to take sides with them. This is our mission today in the Church and in Kolping. That we share our salt, our light and our capabilities to create a just world. Not sometime in the future but here and now. We have all been sent as disciples, with the help of the Spirit that we received at our baptism and confirmation. Everyone can and should contribute his or her talents, no matter how insignificant they may seem to an individual. The sum of all our capabilities creates the positive result that we may not be able to imagine. Hundreds of thousands of Kolping sisters and Kolping brothers have been inspired by this idea since the time when Adolph Kolping was alive and they have done all they could. All over the world in the most diverse forms and functions.

Our current General Praeses, Msgr. Christoph Huber, is one of them. I am mentioning this because we can celebrate his silver jubilee as a priest with him today.

Twenty-five years ago he declared: "I am ready!" Ready to follow Jesus Christ, His message, the Gospel in a special way as a priest.

And I think we all say, dear Christoph, thank God that you were ready. Good that you proclaim in your own way the message of the passionate God, of Jesus, our Lord and brother. Those who were ordained priests 25 years ago set out with the message of the "Aggiornamento" of Vatican Council II: "to carry the faith forward and bring it up to date". "Understanding the signs of the times and interpreting them in the light of the Gospel" or to put it with Adolph Kolping: "To perceive people's concerns and needs and to act adequately". This was not pandering of

Christians to the modern world, but the adequate way of interpreting and living the Gospel itself. I call this critical Christian contemporaneity, as the effort to ensure that the Gospel is not deprived of its power. It is a relationship to the present, as the theologian Hugo Rahner once described it: "The Christian shall keep a distance from this world without despising it; he shall love it without becoming lost to it." Contemporaneity means remembering the origin, questioning the superficial and addressing what holds this world together at its core. In this way, the priest is a contemporary whenever he speaks the words of Jesus "Do this in remembrance of me," and at the same time he contributes with deeds to keep the message of Jesus alive. The priest is a critical contemporary, not a troublemaker. He is the representative of the legacy of Jesus, who does not agree with everything, but shows the way in everything: "Repent and believe in the good news."

Dear Christoph, Serving in this Church for 25 years, that's a long time. Let me thank you very much for devoting that time to the Church and, of course, to us at Kolping in particular. Bishop Kamphaus once said of time: "The best thing we can do is: We can offer time as a gift". Thank you for sharing your time, your example of faith, thank you for being a role model." Here is how Adolph Kolping put it: "Time itself is completely worthless, it gains value for us only from the activity we do in it."

Your time and your activities within that time were and remain very valuable for us.
Thank you !

Amen!

Profession of faith

General intercessions

Lord Jesus Christ, you have given us the commandment to love as the fulfilling of the law. Through the intercession of Blessed Adolph Kolping we ask you:

- Let the willingness to live together in love like sisters and brothers grow in our Church and among all Christians. Christ, hear us.
- Retain in all members of the International Kolping Society the openness for the questions of faith and authentic life, so that we can be witnesses for you in our time. Christ, hear us.
- Accompany our Kolping Families with the strength of your Spirit, so they can renew themselves time and time again. Let them continue to be communities that live by their faith and prove themselves in the love of solidarity towards people in need. Christ, hear us.
- Grant us and the Kolping sisters and brothers in all the countries of the world the courage and the strength to alleviate the material and spiritual needs of their compatriots. Let us be bearers of hope for our fellow men and women. Christ, hear us.

Lord, our God! You have placed us in the ministry for a better world. We thank you for having promised us the help of your Spirit, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Offertory song:

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| 1. | Bra Jesus ho sesei | Come now to Jesus! |
| 2. | Obe gye wo mkwa sesei | He will save you. |
| 3. | Ana gyedi sesei | Do you believe? |
| 4. | Megye me di sesei | Yes, I believe. |
| 5. | Abodin nka Nyame | Glory to God! |
| 6. | Animuonyam nka Nyame | Praise be to God! |
| 7. | Nyame ye ode ampa | Yes, God is love. |
| 8. | Halleluya Amen | Hallelujah Amen |

Prayer over the gifts

Priest: Let us pray! Father of mercy, we have these gifts to offer in honour of Blessed Adolph Kolping who bore witness to Your mighty power. May the power of the eucharist bring us Your salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen!

Sanctus: Kron Kron

Lord's prayer

Agnus Dei

Sign of peace

Me-de me-do ke-se be-ma me nu-
 a-wa a-ni-gye muo kye-a me o kye-
 a me. o-do nae-ye — o-
 do nae-ye — o-do nae-ye — kye-
 a me o kye-a me.

I pass on my great love to my sister, my brother, in joy. Give me your hand! Love is good, give me your hand!

Communion: Wa hen dze aba

Song of thanks: Se menya

Prayer after communion

Priest: Let us Pray! Lord, may we who are renewed by these mysteries follow the example of Blessed Adolph Kolping who worshipped. You with love and served your people with generosity. Trough Christ our Lord.

All: Amen!

Blessing and dismissal

Final song

Father Kolping

1. S'war einst ein bra-ver Jung-ge-sell, er —
 le-be e-wig hoch! Sein Na-me klingt so weit, so hell,
 Va-ter Kol-ping le-be hoch! Va-ter Kol-ping le-be hoch!

2. A cobbler, going through the world,
with heart sincere and true.
/: He made new shoes repaired them too. :/
/: Father Kolping, we love you! :/

3. Cantemos con mucha alegría
Reunidos este día.
Somos mucha gente en acción
Juntemos manos y corazón.
/: Padre Kolping Vivirá!:/

4. Er wollt Gesellenvater sein,
das Handwerk liebt er noch.
/: Er gründet den Gesell'nverein. :/
/: Vater Kolping lebe hoch! :/

5. Père Kolping, prêtre zélé de Dieu,
Soyez aujourd'hui avec vos amis
Et nous donnant la main, nous frères, prions,
Et nous donnant la main, sous soeurs, prions:
Père Kolping, que Dieu vous bénisse!

Organ

Choir: KINDUKU

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