## Franciscan Mission Service Mass

## June 7, 2014

**Gathering Song:** # 744 “Gather Us In,” Verses 1-2

**First Reading:** *Genesis 11: 1-9*

### Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 104: 1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30*

Response: *“Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.”*

**Second Reading:**

*Romans 8:22-27*

**Gospel:**

*John 7:37-39*

### Intercessions

**Response**: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

In thanksgiving for Mariam, and her service, faith, and life: as she journeys onward, may she always remember that our love and appreciation for her are etched on our hearts. We pray to the Lord . . .

As she meets the poor, the pained, and the stranger on her way, may she see in each one the face of Christ. We pray to the Lord . .

In thanksgiving for the newest members of the FMS family: Nonprofit Leadership Associate John Quense and summer volunteers Shenelle Sanior and Mary Unverferth. We pray to the Lord . . .

For all staff, associates, and volunteers serving Franciscan Mission Service, that their work may bring them closer to Christ. We pray to the Lord . . .

For all Franciscan Mission Service board members, that they may be guided by the spirit of simple joy lived by Saints Francis and Clare. We pray to the Lord . . .

For all current missioners, that they receive gifts of courage and wisdom from the Holy Spirit. We pray to the Lord . . .

For all women and men in the Franciscan family who live their faith in radical lifestyles of compassion, poverty, and love for creation, that they enjoy the companionship of fellow disciples . . .

(Spontaneous Intercessions)

**Preparation of the Gifts Song:** #718 “We Are Called,” Verses 1-2

**Communion Song:** #830, “One Bread, One Body,” Verses 1-3

**Blessing of Mariam**

**Leader:** Gathering to celebrate Mariam’s five years at FMS, we give thanks for her participation in the building of God’s Kingdom-- from her greatest feats to her smallest, most unknown acts of service. We give thanks for the witness of her humble spirit and her faithful obedience. We give thanks for her tireless dedication to the work behind the scenes, for her leadership and companionship in the office, and for her mentorship of our missioners. We give thanks for the opportunity to see the face of God through such a bright-shining light. Thus, as the Apostle Paul addressed the Philippians, we say to Mariam:

**All:** I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for you, I always pray with joybecause of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now,being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

**Leader:** We pray: For all that has been, Thank You. For all that will be, Yes." And we offer this prayer of blessing:

**Side A:** May the delight and favor of the Lord our God be upon you;

May the Spirit make fruitful the work of your hands.

May you serve gladly, knowing you have been given much to share,

And so find the joy of Christ living and working in you.

**Side B:** May your heart be ever-widened by the Father’s love.

May your words speak Christ’s liberating truth.

May your touch bring the Spirit’s redemptive healing.

May your actions move the world toward ehe Kingdom and your presence create peace wherever your are.

**Side A:** And as you go forth to meet your future,

May you go out in joy and be led forth in peace;

May the mountains and hills burst into song before you,

And may all the trees of the field clap their hands.

**Side B:** May the compassionate love of God

Flow like a river through you and run deep into the world.

May you receive Christ’s abundance in every encounter,

And may all meet Him in you.

**All:** Mariam, may God who has begun this great work in you continue to guide you on your journey. Amen.

**Closing Song:** #602 “Though the Mountains May Fall,” Verses 1-2