

**Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
**July 4, 2021**  
**Independence Day**

***Entrance Hymn: All Are Welcome (BB 414)***

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions;  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak and words are stone and true,  
Where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace.  
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus,  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

**Greeting**

In the name of the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**And with your spirit.**

***God have Mercy***

You come to heal the contrite. God, have mercy. **God, have mercy.**  
You come to call sinners. Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
You plead for us at the right hand of the Father. God, have mercy. **God, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.  
**Amen**

***Gloria***

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,  
We give you thanks for your great glory.

Lord God, heavenly One, O God, almighty Father.

Lord, Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.  
You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer,  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen

### ***Collect***

Let us pray:

O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

***First Reading***          Ezekiel 2:2-5

A reading from the book of the Prophet Ezechiel

As the Most High spoke to me, the spirit entered into me  
and set me on my feet,  
and I heard the one who was speaking say to me:

Child of the Earth, I am sending you to the Israelites,  
rebels who have rebelled against me;  
they and their ancestors have revolted against me to this very day. Hard of face and obstinate of heart are they to whom I am sending you.

But you shall say to them: Thus says the Most High God!

And whether they heed or resist—for they are a rebellious house—they shall know that a prophet has been among them.

The Word of God  
**Thanks be to God**

***Responsorial Psalm***

To you, O God, I lift up my soul; lift up my spirit to my Lord. To you I lift up my soul.  
**To you, O God, I lift up my soul; lift up my spirit to my Lord. To you I lift up my soul.**

Make me know your ways, O God; teach me your paths, guide me, You are my Savior.

**To you, O God, I lift up my soul; lift up my spirit to my Lord. To you I lift up my soul.**

Good and upright our gracious God showing the way, guiding the humble to justice.

**To you, O God, I lift up my soul; lift up my spirit to my Lord. To you I lift up my soul.**

Steadfast and kind your ways, O God; all who revere your covenant know your friendship.

**To you, O God, I lift up my soul; lift up my spirit to my Lord. To you I lift up my soul.**

***Second Reading*** 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Sisters and brothers:

That I, Paul, might not become too elated,  
because of the abundance of the revelations,  
a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan,  
to beat me, to keep me from being too elated.

Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me,  
but God said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you,  
for power is made perfect in weakness."

I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses,  
in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me.

Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the  
sake of Christ;  
for when I am weak, then I am strong.

The Word of our God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

***Alleluia (BB 874)***

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia  
**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Lord, let me live like a prophet  
Emboldened by you, my words, just and free

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

**Gospel** Mark 6:1-6a

The Lord be with you.

**And with your Spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus departed from there and came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples.

When the sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished.

They said, "Where did this man get all this?  
What kind of wisdom has been given him?  
What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!  
Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary,  
and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon?  
And are not his sisters here with us?"

And they took offense at him.

Jesus said to them,  
"A prophet is not without honor except in his native place  
and among his own kin and in his own house."

So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there,  
apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them.

He was amazed at their lack of faith.

The Good News of Salvation  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Homily (take a moment to reflect on the readings - what word or phrase stood out to you?)*

**Universal Intercessions**

Response: God of all creation, hear our prayer.  
(God of all creation, hear our prayer.)

For transformation: that we may allow God's power to work through our weaknesses and incompleteness and free us to become passionate disciples, let us pray...

For all who are called to speak prophetically: that they will listen attentively to the voice of Christ and faithfully announce God's message so that all may have life, let us pray...

For all who are suffering, for the sick, for victims of the building collapse in Florida, for those recovering from natural disasters, especially extensive heat, and for children and parents who are separated: that God will ease their pain, give them strength, and fill their hearts with hope, let us pray...

For peace: that God will turn hearts from violence and help all to recognize the dignity and value of each person's life, let us pray...

For whom else shall we pray today...

## **The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

### ***Preparation of the Gifts* O God, You Search Me (BB 438)**

O God, you search me and you know me. All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.  
When I walk or lie down you are before me; Ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising. You discern my purpose from afar,  
And with love everlasting you besiege me; In every moment of life or death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord, You have know its meaning through and through.  
You are with me beyond my understanding; God of my present, my past and future, too.

### ***Offertory Prayers***

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.  
**Blessed be God forever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.  
**Blessed be God forever.**

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

May this oblation dedicated to your name purify us, O Lord, and day by day bring our conduct closer to the life of heaven. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*The Eucharistic Prayer* (if you are watching the video or listening to the audio, please follow along and participate with Fr. Jack; and continue with the Communion Reflection Song below. If you are using this at home with your family, continue with the Spiritual Eucharist below)

**Service Music: Mass of Renewal (BB 876-881)**

### **Spiritual Communion**

*Invite the Family to **stand** for the Our Father. Although without a Priest, we cannot offer the Mystery of Jesus' Sacrifice on the Cross, we can join with the Church throughout the world in offering a Spiritual Communion until such time as we can again participate in the great Sacrifice of the Mass.*

### **Our Father**

*Leader:* At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

*Family:* Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

*Leader:* Deliver us Lord we pray from every evil, and grant us peace in our days that by the help of your mercy we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

*Family:* For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

*Leader:* Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign forever and ever.

*Family:* Amen.

*Leader:* May the peace of the Lord be with us always.

*Invite the family to **kneel** if practical. The following formula of prayers can be prayed together as a family, inviting Jesus spiritually into our hearts.*

*Leader:* Together with the whole Church throughout the world, let us profess an Act of Faith in Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist.

*All:* O my God, I firmly believe that you are one God in three divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

I believe that your divine Son became man and died for our sins and that he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches because you have revealed them who are eternal truth and wisdom, who can neither deceive nor be deceived. In this faith I intend to live and die.

Amen.

*Leader:* Through His sacrifice on the cross, Jesus made the ultimate act of love by offering himself as expiation for our sins. Let us now make our own act of love as we pray:

*All:* O Lord God, I love you above all things and I love my neighbor for your sake because you are the highest, infinite and perfect good, worthy of all my love. In this love I intend to live and die. Amen.

*Leader:* With a humble and contrite heart, we ask the Lord to come to us just as He would if we were able to receive the sacrament.

*All:* My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

### ***Communion Song: Taste and See (BB 331)***

#### **Refrain**

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times. God's praise shall always be on my lips;  
My soul shall glory in the Lord for God has been so good to me. **Refrain**

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God's name.  
I called the Lord who answered me; from all my troubles God set me free. **Refrain**

Worship the Lord, all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask.  
Taste and see that God is good; in God we need put all our trust. **Refrain**

### ***Communion Meditation World Peace Prayer (H/O)***

#### **Refrain**

Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth,  
from despair to hope, from fear to trust.

Lead us from hate to love from war to peace;

let peace fill our hearts, let peace fill our world, let peace fill our universe.

Still all the angry cries, still all the angry guns,  
Still now your people die, earth's sons and daughters.

Let justice roll, let mercy pour down,

Come and teach us your way of compassion. **Refrain**

So many lonely hearts, so many broken lives,  
longing for love to break into their darkness.  
Come, teach us love, come, teach us peace,  
Come and teach us your way of compassion. **Refrain**

Let justice ever roll, let mercy fill the earth,  
Let us begin to grow into your people.  
We can be love, we can bring peace,  
We can still be your way of compassion. **Refrain**

### **Prayer after Communion:**

Let us pray:

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, having been replenished by such great gifts, we may gain the prize of salvation and never cease to praise you. Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### **Concluding Rite**

#### *Final Blessing*

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Creator, and the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit come down on you and remain with you forever.

**Amen**

Go in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

#### *Song of Sending: Let Justice Roll Like a River (G 516)*

##### **Refrain**

Let justice roll like a river, and wash all oppression away;  
Come, O God, and take us, move and shake us,  
Come now and make us anew, that we might live justly, like you.

Take from me your holy feasts, all your offerings and your music;  
Let justice flow like waters, and integrity like an ever-flowing stream. **Refrain**

How long shall we wait, O God, for the day of your mercy to dawn,  
the day we beat our swords into ploughs, when your peace reigns over the earth? **Refrain**