

Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time
September 5, 2021

Entrance Hymn: A Place at the Table (H/O)

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead.

Refrain

And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy.

For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair. **Refrain**

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 (Mass of Creation)

Refrain

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. (x2 at beginning)

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. **Refrain**

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. **Refrain**

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 **Refrain**

Collect

Let us pray:

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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 Isaiah 35:4-7a

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says God, the Most High:

Say to those whose hearts are frightened:
Be strong, fear not!
Here is your God.

God comes with vindication;
with divine recompense God comes to save you.

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,
the ears of the deaf be cleared;
then will the lame leap like a stag,
then the tongue of the mute will sing.

Streams will burst forth in the desert,
and rivers in the steppe.
The burning sands will become pools,
and the thirsty ground, springs of water.

Or what great nation has statutes and decrees that are as just as this whole law which I am setting before you today?"

The Word of God
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Happy are the people the Lord has chosen, chosen to be his own.
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Your words, O God, are truth indeed, and all your works are ever faithful;
you love justice and right, your compassion fills all creation.

Happy are the people the Lord has chosen, chosen to be his own.

See how the eye of God is watching, ever guarding all who wait in hope,
to deliver them from death and sustain them in time of famine.

Happy are the people the Lord has chosen, chosen to be his own.

Our soul is waiting on God, for God is our help and our shield,
May your kindness, O God, be upon us who place our hope in you.

Happy are the people the Lord has chosen, chosen to be his own.

Second Reading James 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of James

My sisters and brothers,

show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ.

For if a person with gold rings and fine clothes comes into your assembly, and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Sit here, please," while you say to the poor one, "Stand there," or "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil designs?

Listen, my beloved sisters and brothers.

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that was promised to those who love God?

The Word of our God.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia (Missa Pacem)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Open your hearts to God's ways; Be God's love in the world.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel Mark 7:31-37

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis.

And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him.

He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him,

"Ephphatha!"— that is, "Be opened!" —

And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly.

Jesus ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished and they said,

"He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

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: Compassionate God, hear our prayer.

(Compassionate God, hear our prayer.)

For the Church: that we may convey hope and healing to all who are in distress through our friendship, our listening and our service, let us pray...

For a greater awareness of the powerless and voiceless members of society and the church: that we may recognize their struggles, hear their stories, and give voice to their needs, let us pray...

For all who have fled their homes because of persecution, violence, or natural disasters: that God will lead them to safety, bring an end to violence and guide them in finding new communities to call home, let us pray...

For all who have experienced abuse, discrimination or hatred: that God will heal their pain and renew their spirits, let us pray...

For all who labor and enable us to be nourished, to live safely and be productive: that God will bless them in mind, body and spirit, and renew their energy and creativity, let us pray...

For whom else shall we pray...

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts On Holy Ground (H/O)

This is holy ground, we're standing on holy ground,

For the Lord is present and where He is is holy.

This is holy ground, we're standing on holy ground,

For the Lord is present and where He is is holy.

These are holy hands, you've given us holy hands,
you work through these hands, and so these hands are holy.

These are holy hands, you've given us holy hands,
you work through these hands, and so these hands are holy.

You will lead me Lord, by the right road, my Lord

With simplicity and trust, I will heed your call.

You will lead me Lord, by the right road, my Lord

With simplicity and trust, I will heed your call.

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.

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and peace, graciously grant that, through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the sacred mystery we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. 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: Missa Pacem

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: One Bread, One Body (BB 336)

Refrain

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.

And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. **Refrain**

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. **Refrain**

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all. **Refrain**

Communion Meditation For the Healing of the Nations (BB 732)

For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;
For a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love and action, help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us now, Lord into freedom, from despair your world release.
That redeemed from war and hatred, All may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness, fear will die and hope increase.

Prayer after Communion:

Let us pray:

Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **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: In the Day of the Lord (BB 576)

Refrain

In the day of the Lord, the sun will shine like the dawn of eternal day.
All creation will rise to dance and sing the glory of the Lord!

And on that day will justice triumph, on that day will all be free:
free from want, free from fear, free to live **Refrain**

Then shall the nations throng together to the mountain of the Lord:
they shall walk in the light of the Lord! **Refrain**