

**Twenty-sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
**September 26, 2021**

***Entrance Hymn: All Are Welcome (BB415)***

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 strong 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.

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine, and wheat:  
A banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet  
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;  
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us.  
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 (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, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promise heirs to the treasures of heaven. 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**            Numbers 11:25-29

A reading from the Book of Numbers

The Most High God came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses. Taking some of the spirit that was on Moses, God bestowed it on the seventy elders; and as the spirit came to rest on them, they prophesied.

Now two men, one named Eldad and the other Medad, were not in the gathering but had been left in the camp. They too had been on the list, but had not gone out to the tent; yet the spirit came to rest on them also, and they prophesied in the camp.

So, when a youth quickly told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp," Joshua, son of Nun, who from his youth had been Moses' aide, said, "Moses, my lord, stop them."

But Moses answered him,

"Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of God were prophets! Would that God might bestow this spirit on them all!"

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

*Responsorial Psalm*

Your words are spirit and life, O Lord: richer than gold, stranger than death.

Your words are spirit and life, O Lord; life everlasting.

**Your words are spirit and life, O Lord: richer than gold, stranger than death.**

**Your words are spirit and life, O Lord; life everlasting.**

God's law is perfect, refreshing the soul, reviving the weary spirit.

God's rule can be trusted: bringing us wisdom, bringing God's wisdom to birth.

**Your words are spirit and life, O Lord: richer than gold, stranger than death.**

**Your words are spirit and life, O Lord; life everlasting.**

Living by God's truth is holy and sure; God's presence is everlasting.

God's truth is eternal, bringing us justice; bringing God's justice to earth.

**Your words are spirit and life, O Lord: richer than gold, stranger than death.**

**Your words are spirit and life, O Lord; life everlasting.**

God's word is precious, desired more than gold; worth more than we dare imagine and, sweeter than honey, this word will feed us, bringing fulfillment and joy.

**Your words are spirit and life, O Lord: richer than gold, stranger than death.**

**Your words are spirit and life, O Lord; life everlasting.**

*Second Reading* James 5:1-6

A reading from the letter of James

Come now, you rich,  
weep and wail over your impending miseries.

Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten, your gold and silver have corroded, and that corrosion will be a testimony against you; it will devour your flesh like a fire.

You have stored up treasure for the last days.

Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the God of hosts.

You have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure; you have fattened your hearts for the day of slaughter.

You have condemned; you have murdered the righteous one who offers you no resistance.

The Word of our God.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Alleluia (Missa Pacem)*

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

Your way, O Lord, is truth; be doers of God's word.

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

*Gospel Mark 9:30-37*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your Spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time, John said to Jesus,

"Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent it because the person does not follow us."

Jesus replied,

"Do not prevent it. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose their reward.

"If you cause one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for you if a great millstone were put around your neck and you were thrown into the sea.

If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna.

And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where 'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.'"

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 the poor, hear our prayer.  
(God of the poor, hear our prayer.)

For all who exercise leadership in the Church: that the Spirit will guide their motivations and inspire their efforts to strengthen faith and build unity, let us pray...

For all young people: that God's Spirit will fill them with wisdom and understanding so that they may correctly perceive the values of life and not be seduced by wealth, fame, or power, let us pray...

For our LGBTQ+ brothers and sisters, that they may know they are God's children and the Church may realize the same, let us pray...

For refugees: that God will protect them from harm, guide them to new communities, and help them to use their gifts for the good of the human family, let us pray...

For whom else shall we pray...

## **The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

### ***Preparation of the Gifts* Earthen Vessels (B404)**

#### **Refrain**

We hold a treasure, not made of gold, in earthen vessels, wealth untold;  
One treasure only: the Lord, the Christ, in earthen vessels.

Light has shone in our darkness: God has shone in our heart  
with the light of the glory of Jesus, the Lord. **Refrain**

God has chosen the lowly who are small in this world;  
in this weakness is glory in Jesus, the Lord. **Refrain**

### ***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.**

Grant us, O merciful God, that this our offering may find acceptance with you and that through it the wellspring of all blessing may be laid open before us. 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: Here At This Table (BB312)***

### **Refrain**

Come and be filled here at this table. Food for all who hunger and drink for all who thirst.  
Drink of his love, wine of salvation. You shall live forever in Jesus Christ, the Lord.

You who labor for justice, you who labor for peace  
You who steady the plow in the field of the Lord. **Refrain**

You with lives full of pain, you who sorrow and weep,  
you, beloved of Christ, come to him, come to him! **Refrain**

Children of every color in every land, you are his own, he gathers you gently.  
Don't you grow weary, for when you run, you run with the Lord! **Refrain**

You, the aged among us, holy, faithful and wise,  
may the wisdom you share form our lives and our world! **Refrain**

Let each woman and man learn from the stranger, We're not so different and so much unites us.  
For we are one, blest with the Spirit and the power of love! **Refrain**

### ***Communion Meditation Loving and Forgiving (BB654)***

#### **Refrain**

Loving and forgiving are you, O Lord, slow to anger, rich in kindness,  
Loving and forgiving are you.

All my being bless the Lord, bless he holy name of God  
All my being bless the Lord, remembering the goodness of God. **Refrain**

God forgives us all our sins, healing those who live in pain,  
saving us from final death. God fills us with goodness and love. **Refrain**

Good and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger, rich in love.  
God remembers not our sins; forgiving and loving is God. **Refrain**

As heaven soars above the earth, so great the love of God for us.  
As far as east is from the west, the Lord takes our sins from us. **Refrain**

#### **Prayer after Communion:**

Let us pray:

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord, restore us in mind and body, that we may be coheirs in glory  
with Christ, to whose suffering we are united whenever we proclaim his Death, 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: Sing a New Church (B 420)***

Summoned by the God who made us rich in our diversity,  
Gathered in the name of Jesus, Richer still in unity.

**Refrain**

Let us bring the gifts that differ and in splendid, varied ways,  
Sing a new church into being, one in faith and love and praise.

Radiant risen from the water, robed in holiness and light,  
Male and female in God's image, Male and female, God's delight: **Refrain**

Trust the goodness of creation; trust the Spirit strong within.  
Dare to dream the vision promised, sprung from seed of what has been. **Refrain**