

**Sunday, August 31, 2025**  
**22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Gathering: Come, Now Is the Time to Worship (Doerkson) ... BB539**

Come, now is the time to worship.  
Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come, just as you are, to worship.  
Come, just as you are, before your God.  
Come.

One day every tongue will confess  
You are God.  
One day every knee will bow.  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those  
Who gladly choose you now.

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**Gloria: Mass of Renewal (Stephan) ... BB858**

**First Reading**

**A reading from the Book of the Prophet Sirach**  
*Sirach 3:17-18,20, 28-29 (126C) <https://bible.usccb.org/>*

My child, conduct your affairs with humility,  
and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts.

Humble yourself the more, the greater you are,  
and you will find favor with God.

What is too sublime for you, seek not,  
into things beyond your strength search not.

The mind of a sage appreciates proverbs,  
and an attentive ear is the joy of the wise.

Water quenches a flaming fire,  
and alms atone for sins.

**The word of God**

**Responsorial: The Cry of the Poor-Ps34 (Foley SJ) ... G46**

Refrain

The Lord hears the cry of the poor. Blessed be the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times, with praise ever in my mouth.  
Let me soul glory in the Lord, who will hear the cry of the poor. Refrain

Let the lowly hear and be glad: the Lord listens to their pleas;  
And to hearts broken God is near; who will hear the cry of the poor. Refrain

We proclaim your greatness O God, your praise ever in my mouth;  
Ev'ry face brightened in your light, for you hear the cry of the poor. Refrain

**Second Reading**

**A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews**

*Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-224a* <https://bible.usccb.org/>

Brothers and sisters:

You have not approached that which could be touched  
and a blazing fire and gloomy darkness  
and storm and a trumpet blast  
and a voice speaking words such that those who heard  
begged that no message be further addressed to them.

No, you have approached Mount Zion  
and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem,  
and countless angels in festal gathering,  
and the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven,  
and God the judge of all,  
and the spirits of the just made perfect,  
and Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant,  
and the sprinkled blood that speaks more eloquently than that of Abel.

**The word of God**

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia**

## **Gospel Reading**

### **A reading from the Gospel according to Luke**

*Luke 14:1, 7-14* <https://bible.usccb.org/>

On a sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully.

He told a parable to those who had been invited, noticing how they were choosing the places of honor at the table.

“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited, and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place.

Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you the host may say, ‘My friend, move up to a higher position.’

Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table. For everyone who exalts himself or herself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself or herself will be exalted.”

Then Jesus said to the host who invited him, “When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

## **The Good News of Salvation.**

### **Homily**

### **Universal Intercessions**

**Response: God of love, hear our prayer.**

(God of love, hear our prayer.)

For the Church: that we may grow in our awareness that everything is gift and that all we have and all we accomplish is a result of God’s love for us, let us pray...

For the grace to be accepting: that we may be open to all the gifts that different cultural, ethnic, economic, educational and age groups bring, and work to include these gifts in the ministries and activities of this Christian community, let us pray..,

For all who are in need: that our hearts may be open to sharing the gifts we have received with all who can never repay us, so that the reign of God may be known in our time, let us pray...

For communities facing suffering, that God will preserve them from harm, help them to be faithful disciples, and empower them to show forgiveness to their persecutors, let us pray...

For all people of tremendous heart wisdom, whose faith is one of service, inclusion and love for all, let us pray...

For what other intentions do we want to pray...

## **The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

### **Preparation of Gifts: Simple Gifts (Shaker hymn) ... H/O**

(V1) 'Tis a gift to be simple, 'tis a gift to be free.  
'Tis a gift to come down where we ought to be.  
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,  
It will be in the valley of love and delight.

Refrain:

Love is the greatest gift of all.  
Like a quiet rain, it blesses where it falls.  
The gift of love helps us to see:  
'Tis better to give than it is to receive.

(V2) 'Tis a gift to be gentle, 'tis a gift to be fair,  
'Tis a gift to wake and breathe the morning air,  
To walk every day in the path that we choose,  
'Tis a gift that we pray we may never lose.

Refrain

(V3) 'Tis a gift to be knowing, 'tis a gift to be kind,  
'Tis a gift to wait and hear another's mind,  
That when we speak our feelings,  
we might come out true,  
'Tis a gift for me, and a gift for you.

## Refrain

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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.**

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that, through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory 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 Songs below.)*

**Holy: Mass of Renewal (Stephan) ... BB861**

**Mem: Mass of Renewal - When We Eat This Bread (Stephan) ... BB863**

**Amen: Mass of Renewal (Stephan) ... BB865**

**Lamb of God: Mass of Renewal (Stephan) ... BB866**

## **Communion 1: All Are Welcome (Haugen) ... BB443**

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 a 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

### **Prayer after Communion**

### **Announcements**

**Sending: Go Make a Difference (Angrisano & Tomaszek) ... BB485**

### **Refrain**

Go make a diff'rence.  
We can make a diff'rence.  
Go make a diff'rence in the world.  
Go make a diff'rence.  
We can make a diff'rence.  
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

### **Verse 1**

We are the salt of the earth,  
called to let the people see  
the love of God in you and me.  
We are the light of the world,

not to be hidden but be seen.  
Go make a difference in the world.

### **Refrain**

### **Verse 2**

We are the hands of Christ  
reaching out to those in need,  
the face of God for all to see.  
We are the spirit of hope;  
we are the voice of peace.  
Go make a difference in the world.

### **Refrain**

### **Verse 3**

So let your love shine on,  
let it shine for all to see.  
Go make a difference in the world.  
And the spirit of Christ  
will be with us as we go.  
Go make a difference in the world.

### **Refrain**