

**Sunday, September 8, 2024**  
**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Gathering: Lead Me, Lord (Becker) BB739**

Blessed are the poor in spirit, longing for their Lord,  
For God's coming kingdom shall be theirs.  
Blessed are the sorrowing, for they shall be consoled,  
And the meek shall come to rule the world.

**Refrain:**

Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord, by the light of truth  
To seek and to find the narrow way.  
Be my way, be my truth, be my life, my Lord,  
And lead me, Lord, today. **Refrain**

Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs,  
And the pure in heart shall see their God.  
Blest are they whose hunger only holiness can fill,  
For I say they shall be satisfied. **Refrain**

Blest are they who through their lifetimes sow the seeds of peace,  
All will call them children of the Lord.  
Blest are you, though persecuted in your holy life,  
For in heaven, great is your reward. **Refrain**

**Gloria: Mass of Creation (Haugen) ... BB885**

**First Reading**

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah

The Almighty God opens my ear that I may hear;  
and I have not rebelled,  
have not turned back.  
I gave my back to those who beat me,  
my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;  
my face I did not shield  
from buffets and spitting.

The Almighty GOD is my help,  
therefore I am not disgraced;  
I have set my face like flint,

knowing that I shall not be put to shame.  
The One is near who upholds my right;  
if anyone wishes to oppose me,  
let us appear together.  
Who disputes my right?  
Let that person confront me.  
See, God the Most High is my help;  
who will prove me wrong?

### **The Word of our God.**

#### **Responsorial: To You, O God (Hurd) BB404**

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

VS1. Make me know your ways, O God;  
Teach me your paths,  
Guide me, you are my Savior.

VS2. Good and upright our gracious God,  
Showing the way,  
Guiding the humble to justice.

VS3. Steadfast and kind your ways, O God;  
All who revere your covenant,  
Know your friendship.

### **Second Reading**

#### **A reading from the Letter of James**

What good is it, my brothers and sisters,  
if individuals say they have faith but do not have works?

Can that faith save them?

If a brother or sister has nothing to wear  
and has no food for the day,  
and one of you says to that person,

“Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well,”

but you do not give the sister or brother the necessities of the body, what good is it?

So also faith of itself,  
if it does not have works, is dead.

Indeed someone might say,  
"You have faith and I have works."

Demonstrate your faith to me without works,  
and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.

### **The Word of God.**

**Gospel Acclamation: Glory in the Cross (Soper) ... (H/O)**

**Refrain:** Glory, we glory in the cross of Christ! (2x)

**Verse:** *Our freedom, our triumph, in the cross of Christ;  
Our longing, our justice, in the cross of Christ.*

### **Gospel Reading**

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

Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?"

They said in reply, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets."

And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ."

Then Jesus warned the disciples not to tell anyone about him.

He began to teach them that the Anointed One must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days.

He spoke this openly.

Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If you wish to come after me you

must deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow me. For if you save your life you will lose it, but if you lose your life for my sake and that of the gospel you will save it.”

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

### **Homily**

### **Prayers of the Faithful**

Response: **Listening God, hear our prayer.**

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For the Church: that we and our church leaders may practice integrity - that the words we profess and the deeds we do, consistently manifest the Gospel that Jesus proclaimed, let us pray...

For all who carry the cross daily; for those with health problems and those who care for them; for the unemployed and the uneducated; for those who have made poor choices in life: that they may know God's presence with them and be enlightened by the Spirit's wisdom and courage, let us pray...

For refugees of war and violence and for all migrants: that God will protect them from danger, help them to find places of safety and touch the hearts of many to assist them, let us pray...

For all who spend their lives serving others: for emergency personnel and community leaders, especially those responding to people affected by war and violence, that God will guide them each day and protect them from harm, let us pray...

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

## **The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

### **Preparation of Gifts**

**Offertory: As We Gather At Your Table (trad.) BB316**

As we gather at your Table,  
As we listen to the Word,  
Help us know, O God, your presence;  
Let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;  
Teach us through this holy banquet  
How to make Love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness  
In the sacrament of life;  
Send us forth to love and serve you,  
Bringing peace where there is strife.  
Give us, Christ your great compassion  
To forgive as you forgave;  
May we still behold your image  
In the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon  
Other guests to share that feast  
Where triumphant Love will welcome  
Those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy blind us  
Nor will pride our peace destroy,  
As we join the saints and angels  
To repeat the sounding joy.

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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: Missa Pacem (Babin) ... H/O**

**Mem: Missa Pacem (Babin) ... H/O**

**Amen: Missa Pacem (Babin) ... H/O**

**Lamb of God: Missa Pacem (Babin) ... H/O**

### **Communion 1: The Summons (Iona Community) ... BB387**

Will you come and follow me, if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known?  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around.  
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me.

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

### **Communion 2: I Will Choose Christ (Booth) ... BB516 & H/O**

#### **Refrain:**

I will choose Christ, I will choose love. I choose to serve.  
I give my heart, I give my life, I give my all to you.

V1: How many times must he call my name  
And show to me that he is God?  
And as a servant he calls to me,  
"You must serve too."

V2: Christ my teacher and healer  
Teach my heart and heal my soul.  
And as I walk this road with you,  
Teach me to love.

V3: As I look upon your cross,  
So too must I die with you.  
And with the death of my own desires,  
I'll rise with you.

### **Prayer after Communion**

### **Announcements**

**Sending : We Are God's Work of Art (Haugen) (V1, V2) G580**

### **Refrain**

We are God's work of art, fashioned in Christ,  
fashioned to shine with goodness and light.  
As it was from the start, formed by this great, great love,  
We are God's great wondrous work of art.

**Vs 1** When we were dead in sin, you brought us to life in Christ,  
And raised us up, up to the heavens. **Refrain**

**Vs 2** How rich is the grace of God, how strong is the love of God  
To send us Christ for our salvation. **Refrain**