

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

**Gathering: A Place at the Table (Murray/True) H/O and G 06**

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 over head.

**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 to share,  
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,  
for woman and man, a system that's fair. **Refrain**

For young and for old, a place at the table,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to belong. **Refrain**

For just and unjust, a place at the table.  
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,  
in anger, in hurt, a mind-set of mercy,  
for just and unjust, a new way to live. **Refrain**

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
for everyone born, the right to be free. **Refrain**

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

**First Reading**

**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.

### **The word of God.**

**Responsorial: Bless the Lord, My Soul (Haugen) ...G125, Verses G 146**

**Refrain:** Bless the Lord, my Soul,  
Who heals the broken-hearted

VS1. You give your sight to all the blind  
You raise up those bent low.  
Your heart is near to the broken ones,  
You welcome in the stranger.

VS2. Happy those who keep faith with you,  
Securing justice for the oppressed,  
Who give your food to each hungry heart,  
Your freedom to each captive.

VS3. The weak and poor you sustain in love,  
The wicked ones you bring to destruction;  
For ever more shall your reign endure,  
To every generation.

### **Second Reading**

**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 God.**

#### **Gospel Acclamation: Missa Pacem (Babin) ... (H/O)**

*“Welcome the stranger and outcast;  
Take care of all those in need.”*

#### **Gospel Reading**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

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.**

#### **Homily**

#### **Prayers of the Faithful**

Response: **God of the poor, hear our prayer.**

God of the poor, 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, especially our LGBTQIA siblings: 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 or violence: 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 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 an end to gun violence, especially against children and the vulnerable, let us pray...

For whom else shall we pray...

## **The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

### **Preparation of Gifts**

#### **Offertory: Open My Eyes (Maribusan) ... BB 405**

Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.

Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.

Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.

*(Bridge)*

And the first shall be last, and our eyes are opened.

And we'll hear like never before.

And we'll speak in new ways, and we'll see God's face

In places we've never known.

Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.

Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.

I live within you. Deep in your heart, O Love.

I love within you. Rest now in me.

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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: Taste and See (Moore) ... BB348**

**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.

V1 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**

V2 Glorify the Lord with me.

Together let us all praise God's name.

I called the Lord who answered me;

From all my troubles I was set free. **Refrain**

3 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 2: O Healing River (Hellerman, arr. Joncas) ... G408**

V1 O healing river, send down your waters  
Send down your waters upon this land.  
O healing river, send down your waters,  
And wash the blood from off the sand.

V2 This land is parching, this land is burning.  
No seed is growing in the barren ground.  
O healing river, send down your waters.  
O healing river, send your waters down.

V3 Let the seed of freedom, awake and flourish.  
Let the deep roots nourish, let the tall stalks rise.  
O healing river, send down your waters,  
O healing river, from out of the skies.

### **Prayer after Communion**

### **Announcements**

### **Sending : Cantic of the Turning (Cooney) ... G376**

**Vs 1** My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,  
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn.  
So from east to west shall my name be blest, Could the world be about to turn?

### **Refrain**

My heart shall sing of the say you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

**Vs 2** Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me.  
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn.  
You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. **Refrain**

**Vs 3** From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for you justice tears every tyrant from the throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;  
There are tables spread, every mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. **Refrain**

**V4** Though the nations rage from age to ae, we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound.  
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. **Refrain**