

**The Feast of St. Teresa of Calcutta Liturgy
(Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time)
September 7, 2025**

Entrance Hymn: This Bread That We Share (MacAllar)

This bread that we share is the body of Christ.
This cup of blessing his blood.
We who come to this table
Bring all our wounds to be healed.

When we love one another as Christ has loved us,
We become God's daughters and sons.
We become for each other the bread, the cup,
The presence of Christ revealed.

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.**

Gloria Mass of Renewal (Stephan)

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you.
We give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King.
O God, almighty Father.

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.

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.

Collect

Let us pray: O God, who called the Virgin Saint Teresa
to respond to the love of your Son thirsting on the Cross
with outstanding charity to the poorest of the poor,
grant us, we beseech you, by her intercession,
to minister to Christ in our suffering brothers and sisters.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Isaiah 58:6-11

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Is this not, rather, the fast that I choose: releasing those bound unjustly, untying the thongs of the yoke;
Setting free the oppressed, breaking off every yoke?

Is it not sharing your bread with the hungry, bringing the afflicted and the homeless into your house;
Clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own flesh?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your wound shall quickly be healed;
Your vindication shall go before you, and the glory of the Most High shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the Most High will answer, you shall cry for help, and God will say: "Here I am!"

If you remove the yoke from among you, the accusing finger, and malicious speech;
If you lavish your food on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted;
Then your light shall rise in the darkness, and your gloom shall become like midday;

Then the Most High will guide you always and satisfy your thirst in parched places,
will give strength to your bones
And you shall be like a watered garden, like a flowing spring whose waters never fail.

The Word of God

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 147:1,3; Psalm 146:7,8,9-10

Refrain: Bless the Lord, my soul, who heals the brokenhearted

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. **Refrain**

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. **Refrain**

The weak and poor you sustain in love, the wicked ones you bring to destruction;
Forever more shall your reign endure to every generation. **Refrain**

Second Reading Philemon 9-10, 12-17

A reading from the Letter of Paul to Philemon

I, Paul, an old man, and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus, urge you on behalf of my child Onesimus, whose father I have become in my imprisonment;

I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I should have liked to retain him for myself, so that he might serve me on your behalf in my imprisonment for the gospel, but I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that the good you do might not be forced but voluntary.

Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a brother, beloved especially to me, but even more so to you, as a man and in the Lord.

So if you regard me as a partner, welcome him as you would me.

The Word of our God.

Thanks be to God

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The love of Christ transforms us;
Teach us to care and give comfort to all today.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Messiah comes in glory, together with all the angels, the Messiah will sit on a glorious throne.

All the nations will be gathered before the throne, and the Holy One will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and will place the sheep on one side, and the goats on the other.

Then the Chosen One will say to some, 'Come, O blessed ones of God, inherit the realm prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.'

Then the righteous will answer and say, 'When did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?

And the Holy One will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these, my sisters and brothers, you did it to me.'

Then turning to the others, the Chosen One will say, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and the devil's angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison and you did not care for me.'

Then they will answer and say, 'When did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and did not minister to your needs?'

Then the Holy One will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.'

And they will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

The Good News of Salvation.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

Universal Intercessions

Response: Compassionate God, hear our prayer.
(Compassionate God, hear our prayer.)

That the Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, consider carefully the lived experience of its members, let us pray...

That we follow the example of St. Teresa of Calcutta and lay down our lives for those we serve, let us pray...

That national and local leaders withstand the urges of special interests and seek the common good, let us pray...

That working conditions in our nation and in other countries reflect the true respect for the dignity of each person, let us pray...

That the people of Old Fangak, in South Sudan, find safety and a way to rebuild their lives, let us pray...

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

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation Song: Instrumental

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Preparation of Gifts

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 of 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 Songs below.)

Service Music: Mass of Renewal (Stephan) (BB 861-866)

Communion Song: Whatsoever You Do (Jabusc) (BB 619)

Refrain

Whatsoever you do to the least of my people,
That you do unto me.

When I was hungry, you gave me to eat;
When I was thirsty, you gave me to drink.
Come enter into the home of my father. **Refrain**

When I was homeless, you opened your door;
When I was naked, you gave me your coat.
Come enter into the home of my father. **Refrain**

When I was weary, you helped me find rest;
When I was anxious, you calmed all my fears.
Come enter into the home of my father. **Refrain**

Prayer after Communion:

Let us pray: Grant that our 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**

Go in peace,
Thanks be to God.

Song of Sending: Bread for the World (Farrell) (B 329)

Refrain

Bread for the world: a world of hunger
Wine for all peoples: people who thirst.
May we who eat be bread for others.

May we who drink pour out our love,

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life,
Broken to reach and heal the wounds of human pain.
Where we divide your people you are waiting there
On bended knee to wash our feet with endless care. **Refrain**

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the wine of peace,
poured into vessels once broken and where dryness sleeps.
Where we are tired and weary, you are waiting there
To be the way which beckons us beyond despair. **Refrain**