

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B

ENTRANCE HYMN

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me His praises should sing?
Praise him! Praise him! (x2)
Praise the everlasting King.
2. Angels, help us to adore Him;
Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him! (x2)
Praise with us the God of grace!



GLORIA

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 sins of the world:
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins 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.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 35:4-7
The ears of the deaf shall be unsealed and the tongues of the dumb shall be loosed.

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;

for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 145:7-10. R] v. 1

R. My soul, give praise to the Lord.

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St. James 2:1-5
God chose the poor to be the heirs to the kingdom.

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats;' then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! 1 Sam 3:9; Jn 6:68
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

Or

Alleluia, alleluia! Cf. Mt 4:23
Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom,
and cured all kinds of sickness among the people.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 7:31-37
He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he

insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
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I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
(All bow)
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and
became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN

1. In bread we bring you, Lord, our bodies labour.
In wine we offer you, our spirit's grief.
We do not ask you, Lord, who is my neighbour?
but stand united now, one in belief.
Oh we have gladly heard, your Word, your holy Word,
and now in answer, Lord, our gifts we bring.
Our selfish hearts make true, our failing faith renew,
our lives belong to you, our Lord and King.
2. The bread we offer you is blessed and broken,
and it becomes for us our spirit's food.
Over the cup we bring your Word is spoken;
make it your gift to us, your healing blood.
Take all that daily toil, plants in our heart's poor soil
take all we start and spoil, each hopeful dream,
the chances we have missed, the graces we resist,
Lord, in thy Eucharist, take and redeem.

COMMUNION HYMNS

*Lay your hands gently upon us,
let their touch render your peace,
let them bring your forgiveness and healing,
Lay your hands, gently lay your hands.*

1. You were sent to free the broken-hearted,
You were sent to give sight to the blind,
You desire to heal all our illness,
Lay your hands, gently lay your hands.
2. Lord, we come to you through one another,
Lord, we come to you in all our need.
Lord, we come to you seeking wholeness.
Lay your hands gently, lay your hands.

*Make me a servant, humble and meek
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak,
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant (x3) today.*

1. Even though you were in the form of God
you took the form of a slave.
You accepted death even on a cross,
So God exalted your name.
2. Ere you formed me in my mother's womb,
you called me by my name.
And you touched my mouth and appointed me
a prophet to the world.
3. May I heal the sick and the crippled bind,
Bring back the sheep that stray.
May I seek the lost and the weak strong
With justice feed the poor.

1. All to Jesus I surrender,
all to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him,
in His presence daily live
*I surrender all, I surrender all
All to Thee, my blessed Saviour, I surrender all.*
2. All to Jesus I surrender
Lord, I want to follow Thee
Lose my life that I may save it,
through thy Cross gain victory
3. All to Jesus I surrender,
born of Mary, God's own Son
Thru this Eucharistic banquet,
make me Jesus, with Thee one.
4. All to Jesus I surrender:
may I see Thee in the poor
In the fight against oppression
let me never Thee ignore.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

1. This is my commandment,
That you love one another
As I have loved you
As I have loved you, (x2)
This is my commandment,
That you love one another,
As I have loved you.
2. Love your enemies,
Do good to those who hurt you,
And live in my love,
live in my love (x2)
This is my commandment.
That you love one another,
As I have loved you.