

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
St. Stephen Parish  
August 21-22, 2021



**Prelude: Bread of Heaven (Sarah Hart/Jesse Manibusan)**

**Entrance: Gather Your People (Bob Hurd)**

*Gather your people, O Lord.  
Gather your people, O Lord.  
One bread, one body, one spirit of love.  
Gather your people, O Lord.*

*Draw us forth to the table of life:  
brothers and sisters,  
each of us called to walk in your light.*

*Gather your people, O Lord.  
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One bread, one body, one spirit of love.  
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## **Glory To God: Mass of Renewal (Curtis 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 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, amen.*

## **First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18**

A reading from the Book of Joshua.

Joshua gathered together all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, summoning their elders, their leaders, their judges, and their officers. When they stood in ranks before God, Joshua addressed all the people: "If it does not please you to serve the LORD, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are now dwelling. As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

But the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD for the service of other gods. For it was the LORD, our God, who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, out of a state of slavery. He performed those great miracles before our very eyes and protected us along our entire journey and among the peoples through whom we passed. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 34 (Luke Mayernik)

*"Taste and see the goodness of the Lord."*

## Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians.

Brothers and sisters: Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is head of his wife just as Christ is head of the church, he himself the savior of the body. As the church is subordinate to Christ, so wives should be subordinate to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body.

*For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother  
and be joined to his wife,  
and the two shall become one flesh.*

This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

### CELTIC ALLELUIA

*Celtic Mass*

Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker



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## Gospel: John 6:60-69

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, "Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father."

As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Presentation of the Gifts

### I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE


*(Come and Follow Me)*

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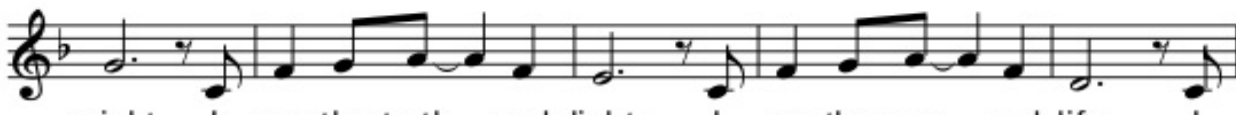
Refrain 1



I am the Bread of Life, I am the hope in



night, I am the door wide o-pen, I am the shep-herd's



might, I am the truth and light, I am the way and life, I



Am Who Am and I am for you: Come and fol-low me.

Refrain 2



I am bread for the world, hope for the hope-less.



Come to me, and know that I'll al-ways be there



with my arms o-pen wide. I



Am Who Am and I am for you: Come and fol-low me.

#### Bridge

I give my heart to those in sorrow, I come to those who are in need;  
hope for today and for tomorrow, light for all who want to see.

Note: Refrains 1 and 2 may be sung simultaneously. Refrain 2 begins at \*.

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## **Holy: Mass of Renewal (Curtis Stephan)**

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

## **Memorial Acclamation: Mass of Renewal (Curtis Stephan)**

*When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.*

## **Amen: Mass of Renewal (Curtis Stephan)**

*Amen, Amen, Amen.*

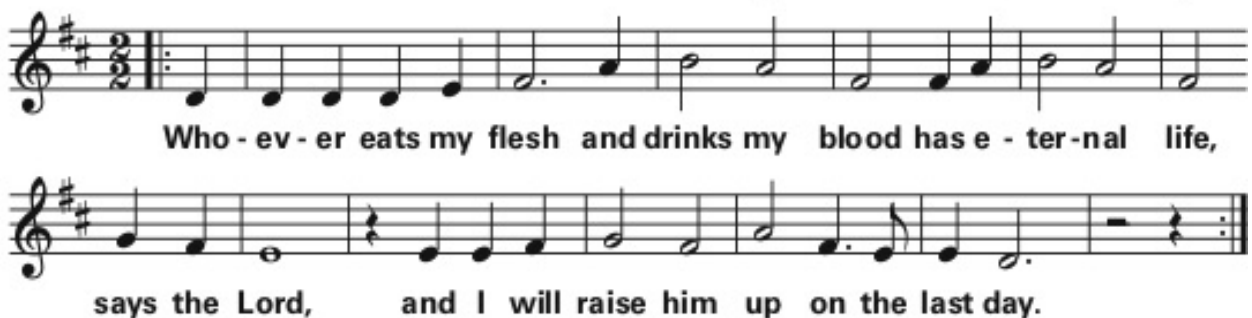
## **Lamb of God: Mass of Renewal (Curtis Stephan)**

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us, grant us peace.*

## **Communion Antiphon**

### **21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME COMMUNION ANTIPHON [II]**

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Who - ev - er eats my flesh and drinks my blood has e - ter - nal life,  
says the Lord, and I will raise him up on the last day.

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# Communion Song

## Taste and See

### Refrain



Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the  
Lord, O taste and see, taste and see the  
good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

### Verses



1. I will bless the Lord at all times.  
2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me,  
3. Wor - ship the Lord, all you peo - ple.

Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;  
To - geth - er let us all praise God's name.  
You'll want for noth - ing if you ask.

my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord  
I called the Lord who an - swered me;  
Taste and see that the Lord is good;

for God has been so good to me,  
from all my troub - les I was set free.  
in God we need put all our trust.

## **Closing: Love Has Come (Matt Maher)**

*With one voice the angels sing  
songs that make creation ring.  
Prophets hear and call us to  
live in spirit and in truth.*

*Word of God, enthroned,  
dwell in us forevermore.  
Love has come to show the way.  
Hallelujah, peace be with us.  
Love has come to show the way.*



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