

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
St. Stephen Parish
September 4-5, 2021



Prelude: Our God is Here (Chris Muglia)

Entrance: Blessed and Beloved (Lourdes Montgomery)

*Blessed and beloved, you, the poor and lowly,
you are blessed and holy in the sight of our God.
Blessed and beloved, you who mourn in sorrow.
You shall dance tomorrow in the joy of the Lord.*

*Rejoice and be glad, for you are not forgotten.
Great will be the treasure that awaits you now in heaven.
Rejoice and be glad, for you are not forgotten.
Blessed and beloved are you.*

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: Isaiah 35:4-7

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD:

Say to those whose hearts are frightened:

Be strong, fear not!

Here is your God, he comes with vindication;
with divine recompense he 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 the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 146 (Luke Mayernik)

"Praise the Lord, my soul!"

Second Reading: James 2:1-5

A reading from the Letter of Saint James.

My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. For if a man 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 brothers and sisters. Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?

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: Mark 7:31-37

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

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

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



Presentation of the Gifts

OPEN MY EYES

Abre Mis Ojos

Jesse Manibusan

Verses



1, 5. O - pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to
 2. O - pen my ears, Lord. Help me to
 3. O - pen my heart, Lord. Help me to
 4. I live with - in you. Deep in your

1, 5. A - bre mis o - jos, que quie - ro
 2. A - bre mis o - í - dos, que quie - ro o -
 3. A - bre mi co - ra - zón, que quie - ro a -
 4. Ven y des - can - sa en mi



1, 5. see your face. O - pen my eyes, Lord.
 2. hear your voice. O - pen my ears, Lord.
 3. love like you. O - pen my heart, Lord.
 4. heart, O Love. I live with - in you.

1, 5. ver co - mo tú. A - bre mis o - jos,
 2. ír co - mo tú. A - bre mis o - í - dos,
 3. mar co - mo tú. A - bre mi co - ra - zón,
 4. co - ra - zón. Ven y des - can - sa,



1, 5. Help me to see.
 2. Help me to hear.
 3. Help me to love.
 4. Rest now in me.

1, 5. a - yú - da - me a ver.
 2. a - yú - da - me a o - ír.
 3. a - yú - da - me a a - mar.
 4. te a - li - vía - ré.

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.

*Dame la alegría de tu salvación,
 crea en mí un corazón puro.
 No me arrojes lejos de tu rostro, Señor,
 no me quites tu santo espíritu.*

Text: Based on Mark 8:22-25; Psalm 51 (50):12-14a.

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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

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME COMMUNION ANTIPHON [1]

Steve Angrisano, Sarah Hart, and Curtis Stephan

Like the deer that yeams for run - ning streams, so my
soul is yearn-ing for you, my God; my soul is
thirst-ing for God, the liv - ing God.

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Communion Song

AS GRAINS OF WHEAT

Laurence Rosania



1. As grains of wheat are gath-ered in we've come to - geth - er;
2. Each grain must fall and give it - self: it first is bro - ken;
3. From man - y fields the har-vest comes to feed the hun - gry;
4. Your har - vest, Lord, is gath-ered in; we stand be - fore you



1. from lives a - part we bring our hearts to make one whole.
2. then, joined with oth-ers, makes one bod - y and one bread.
3. the world cries out to taste the good-ness of the Lord.
4. to be your bread, to be your bod - y in the world.



For man - y are we, and bro - ken we've come, but



we shall be - come one. one.



one. We shall be one.

Closing: Go Make A Difference (Steve Angrisano/Tom Tomaszek)

Go make a diff'rence. We can make a diff'rence.

Go make a diff'rence in the world.

Go make a diff'rence. We can make a diff'rence.

Go make a diff'rence in the world.

*We are the salt of the earth, called to let the people see
the love of God in you and me.*

*We are the light of the world, not to be hidden but be seen.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.*

Go make a diff'rence. We can make a diff'rence.

Go make a diff'rence in the world.

Go make a diff'rence. We can make a diff'rence.

Go make a diff'rence in the world.



Thank you for joining us!

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