

September 1 – Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Opening Song All Are Welcome

Let us build a house where love can dwell
And all can safely live;
A place where saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
Rock of faith and vault of grace:
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome all are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
And words are strong and true;
Where all god's children dare to seek,
To dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
And as symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
All are welcome, all are welcome all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found
In water wine and wheat;
A banquet hall on holy ground,
Where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
Is revealed in time and space:
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us,
All are welcome, all are welcome all are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where hands will reach
Beyond the wood and stone;
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
And live the Word they've known
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face:
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome, all are welcome all are welcome in this place

Presider: We gather together on this Sacred Morning in the name of God, who is the Source of All Being, God who is the Incarnation, and God who is Holy Spirit

All: Amen

Rite of Reconciliation

All: Lord have Mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord Have Mercy

Gloria All: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to all beings on earth. Lord God, heavenly Being, Compassionate God and Creator. We worship You, we give You thanks, and we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus who is the Christ, only Son of God; Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of God; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus the Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God our Creator. Amen.

Opening Prayer: All: Source of All Being, every good thing comes from you. Place in our hearts a desire to do your will and fill our minds with insight into love, so that every thought may grow in wisdom and all our efforts will radiate your peace. We ask this through Jesus, who is the Christ, Amen.

Liturgy of the Word:

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8

Resp. Psalm: Psalm 15: 2-5

**The one who does justice
will live in the presence of the Lord**

2nd Reading: James 1: 17-18, 21-23

Gospel: Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Homily and Sharing

All are welcome to share your thoughts and insights of the homily.

Intentional Prayers

Liturgy of the Eucharist

As the altar is set, please feel welcome to also have a small piece of bread that will also be consecrated so that you can receive communion.

Preparations:

Presider: Blessed are you, God of all creation. You are the giver of this bread, fruit of the earth and of human labor. It will become for us the Bread of Life

All: Blessed be God forever

Presider: Blessed are you, God of all creation. You are the giver of this wine (and juice), fruit of the vine and of human labor. It will become our spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Presider: Source of All Being, we ask you to receive us and be pleased with the gifts we offer you with humble and contrite hearts.... Pray, my sisters and brothers, that these our gifts may be acceptable to God, who is both Mother and Father.

All: May God accept these gifts from our hands for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good, and the good of all God's people.

Prayer over the Gifts: All: Loving God, may this holy offering bring us your blessings and accomplish within us its promise of true life. We ask this through Jesus, who is the Christ, Amen.

Presider: The God of Compassion is with you. **All: And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them up to God.** Let us give thanks to our Creator **All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Preface:

Presider: All loving and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus, who is the Christ. By his birth, we are reborn. in his suffering, we are made free. By his rising from the dead, we rise to everlasting life. in his return to you we enter the heavenly realm. And so, we join the angels and the saints and sing the unending hymn of praise:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Presider and **all:** *Source of All Being, you are holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness. Let your spirit come upon these gifts to make them holy, so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of your son, Jesus, the Christ, at whose invitation we celebrate this eucharist.*

Presider: Before he was given up to death, a death he freely accepted, he took bread and gave you thanks and praise. He broke the bread, gave it to his friends and said; "Take this all of you and eat it. This is my Body which will be given up to you."

Presider: When supper was ended, Jesus took the cup. Again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his friends and said: "Take this all of you and drink from it. This is the cup of my Blood, the Blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

Presider: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

All: Christ Jesus, by your life, death and resurrection you have set us free. You are the redeemer of the world.

Presider: In memory of his life, death and resurrection we offer you, God of Compassion, this life-giving bread, this redeeming cup. We thank you for counting us worthy to be in your presence and serve you. May all of us who share in the body and blood of the Christ remember our connection with the Circle of Life and our unity through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Loving God, remember your People throughout the world and nurture our growth in love together with our bishop Michael, and all the people of God.

Remember our family members, our partners, spouses, pets and friends, and all who have walked with us on the life's journey and who have crossed over to be completely in the light of your divine presence. With gratitude, we honor them and are thankful they shared their lives with us.

Keep us mindful of the precious gift of our Mother Earth, and all of creation. Continue to awaken us to her wondrous mystery. May your love for your creation show us the path to harmony and balance.

May we always remember your Compassion, as we share eternal life with Mary, the Mother of God, with all who have followed the spiritual path and who have done your will throughout the ages. May we praise you in union with them, and give you glory through your Son, Jesus, our brother, who is the Christ.

**ALL: Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, our loving God forever and ever, Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord be with you
And also with you

**All: Lamb of God, your love and compassion heals the world, have mercy on us ...
Lamb of God, your love and compassion heals the world, have mercy on us ...
Lamb of God, your love and compassion heals the world, grant us peace**

(the Sacred Bread is given out, after which we all receive together)

Prayer of Receiving: All: Lord, you have made us worthy to receive you and by your Word, we are healed.

Communion Song: Be Not Afraid

You shall cross the barren desert,
But you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety
Though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
And all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

(Refrain)

Be not afraid, I go before you always.
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

If you pass through raging waters
In the sea you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
You shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the power or hell,
And death is at your side,
Know that I am with you through it all.

Blessed are your poor,
For the Kingdom shall be theirs
Blest are you who weep and mourn,
For one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you
All because of me,
Blessed, blessed are you.

Communion Prayer: All: God of Compassion, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. In gratitude, we thank you through Jesus, the Christ, Amen

Solemn Blessing

Presider:

The Source of All Being blesses us and keeps us **All: Amen**

The face of God shines on us and is gracious to us **All: Amen**

We are looked upon with Kindness and peace dwells within **All: Amen**

And we are blessed by our Creator who is Mother and Father, who is Son, and who is Holy Spirit **All: Amen**

Closing Song: Let There Be Peace of Earth

Let there be peace on earth
and let it begin with me..
Let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was meant to be.
With God as Creator, family all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me;
let this be the moment now.
With every step I take,
let this be my solemn vow..
To take each moment and live each moment
In peace eternally..
Let there be peace on earth,
and let it begin with me.

**Blessings to your day. Remember..
Be all you are called to be. As you are Light, so let your light shine!**