

St. Thomas a'Becket  
*September 4 & 5 / 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Gathering Song:           **Gather Us In (Marty Haugen)**

1.     Here in this place new light is streaming,  
      Now is the darkness vanished away,  
      See in this space our fears and our dreamings,  
      Brought here to you in the light of this day.  
      Gather us in' the lost and forsaken,  
      Gather us in' the blind and the lame;  
      Call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
      We shall arise at the sound of our name.
  
2.     We are the young' our lives are a myst'ry,  
      We are the old' who yearn for your face,  
      We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,  
      Called to be light to the whole human race.  
      Gather us in' the rich and the haughty,  
      Gather us in' the proud and the strong;  
      Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,  
      Give us the courage to enter the song.
  
3.     Here we will take the wine and the water,  
      Here we will take the bread of new birth,  
      Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
      Call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
      Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
      Give us to eat the bread that is you;  
      Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
      Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Penitential Act

Response:   **Lord/Christ, have mercy.**

Glory to God:           **Mass of Saint Ann (Ed Bolduc)**

Glory, glory to God in the highest,  
Glory, 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.

Glory, glory to God in the highest,  
Glory, glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
Amen.

First Reading:     Isaiah 35:4-7a

Responsorial Psalm:     **Praise the Lord, My Soul (Arr. Kevin Ryan)**

*Refrain*

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146)

1. It is the Lord who preserves fidelity forever,  
    who does justice to those who are oppressed.  
    It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
    the Lord who set prisoners free.
2. The Lord who opens the eyes of the blind,

the Lord who raises up those who are bowed down.  
It is the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord who protects the stranger.

3. The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow,  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign forever,  
the God of Sion from age to age.

Second Reading: James 2:1-5

Gospel Acclamation: **Mass of Endless Mercy (Steve Angrisano)**

Gospel Verse:

Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the Kingdom  
and cured every disease among the people.

Gospel Reading: Mark 7:31-37

Homily

Nicene Creed:

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

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,

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.

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Preparation of the Gifts: **Open My Eyes (Jesse Manibusan)**

1. Open my eyes, Lord.  
Help me to see your face.  
Open my eyes, Lord.  
Help me to see.
2. Open my ears, Lord.  
Help me to hear your voice.  
Open my ears, Lord.  
Help me to see.
3. Open my heart, Lord.  
Help me to love like you.  
Open my heart, Lord.  
Help me to love.

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.

4. I live within you.  
Deep in your heart, O Love.  
I live within you.  
Rest now in me.

Holy, Holy:

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, hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation:

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again, until you come again.

Doxology/Amen

Lord's Prayer

All: **Our Father...**

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God:

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

A Prayer for Those Unable to Receive Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,  
Come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace you as if you were already there  
And unite myself wholly to you.  
Never permit me to be separated from you.  
Amen.

Communion Antiphon: **Psalm 42:2-3 (Angrisano/Hart/Stephan)**

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,  
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;  
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Communion Song: **We Remember (Marty Haugen)**

*Refrain*

We remember how you loved us to your death,  
and still we celebrate, for you are with us here;  
and we believe that we will see you when you come in your glory, Lord.  
We remember, we celebrate, we believe.

1. Here, a million wounded souls  
are yearning just to touch you and be healed.  
Gather all your people, and hold them to your heart.
2. Now we recreate your love,  
we bring the bread and wine to share a meal.  
Sign of grace and mercy, the presence of the Lord.
3. Christ, the Father's great "Amen"  
to all the hopes and dreams of ev'ry heart,  
Peace beyond all telling, and freedom from all fear.
4. See the face of Christ revealed in ev'ry person standing by your side,  
Gift to one another, and temples of your love.

Song of Sending: **City of God (Dan Schutte)**

1. Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!  
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.  
The people in darkness have seen a great light.  
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

*Refrain*

Let us build the city of God.  
May our tears be turned into dancing!  
For the Lord, our light and our love,  
has turned the night into day!

2. We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.  
The One who has loved us has brightened our way.  
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be  
a light for his people to set their hearts free.