

September 5th / Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE HYMN –

PRAISE TO THE LORD

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1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the king of cre - a - tion! O my soul,
2. Praise to the Lord, who shall pros-per our work and de-fend us; Sure-ly his
3. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in us a-dore him! All that has



1. praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion! Come, all who hear:
2. good-ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at-tend us. Pon-der a - new
3. life and breath come now with prais - es be-fore him! Let the "A-men"



1. Now to his al - tar draw near, Join-ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
2. what the Al-might-y can do, Who with his love will be-friend us.
3. sound from his peo-ple a - gain, Now as we wor-ship be - fore him!

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Music: *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Stralsund, 1665; adapt. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863.

FIRST READING

Is 35:4-7a

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

R/ Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 146:6-7,8-9,9-10

R. Praise the Lord my soul!

The God of Jacob keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets captives free. **R/**

The LORD gives sight to the blind; the LORD raises up those who were bowed down. The LORD loves the just; the LORD protects strangers. **R/**

The fatherless and the widow the LORD sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts.
The LORD shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia. **R/**

SECOND READING**Jas 2:1-5**

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**R/ Thanks be to God****ALLELUIA****MT 4:23**

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

R. Alleluia, alleluia.**GOSPEL****MK 7:31-37**

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."

This is the Gospel of the Lord**R/ Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ****OFFERTORY HYMN –****Open My Eyes**

Verses



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



O - pen my eyes,	Lord.	Help me to see. (To verse 2)
O - pen my ears,	Lord.	Help me to hear. (To verse 3)
O - pen my heart,	Lord.	Help me to love. (To bridge)
I live with - in	you.	Rest now in me.

And the first shall be last, and our eyes are o - pened,
and we'll hear like nev-er be - fore. And we'll speak in new ways,
and we'll see God's face in plac-es we've nev-er known. **D.C.**

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COMMUNION HYMN –

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Bernadette Farrell

Verses

1. Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
2. Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
3. Long-ing for food, — man-y are hun-gry. Long-ing for
4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man-y are home-less. Long-ing for
5. Man-y the gifts, — man-y the peo-ple, man-y the
1. truth, — we turn to you. **Make** us your own, —
2. hope, — man-y de-spair. Your word a-lone —
3. wa-ter, man-y still thirst. **Make** us your bread, —
4. warmth, — man-y are cold. **Make** us your build-ing,
5. hearts that yearn to be-long. **Let** us be ser-vants
1. your ho-ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
2. has pow'r to save us. **Make** us your liv-ing voice.
3. bro-ken for oth-ers, shared un-til all are fed.
4. shel-ter-ing oth-ers, walls made of liv-ing stone.
5. to one an-oth-er, mak-ing your king-dom come.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark-ness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion My good Jesus, I thank You with all my heart for giving me Yourself, the Source of all graces, in holy communion. I thank You for all the blessings that I have received from You, especially through the Holy Eucharist, in which You are ever present to console us and to help us in our needs. In thanksgiving of all Your favors, I offer You all that I am and have. Dispose of me according to Your pleasure. May Your will be done in me and through me, now and forever.

RECESSIONAL HYMN -

For the Healing of the Nations



1. For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with
 2. Lead us now, Lord, in - to free - dom, From de - spair your
 3. All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, Let it from the
 4. You, cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten Your great name on



one ac - cord; For a just and e - qual shar - ing
 world re - lease; That re - deemed from war and ha - tred,
 earth be banned; Pride of stat - us, race or school - ing,
 hu - man - kind; For our grow - ing in your like - ness



Of the things that earth af - fords. To a life of
 All may come and go in peace. Show us how through
 Dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon
 Bring the life of Christ to mind: That by our re -



love and ac - tion Help us rise and pledge our word.
 care and good - ness Fear will die and hope in - crease.
 quest for jus - tice May we hal - low life's brief span.
 sponse and serv - ice Earth its des - tin - y may find.

