

Mass at Home

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2021

Year B

Link for this week's Mass is <https://youtu.be/AZK0mlrQD-A>



Introduction

In today's Mass we are reminded that God offers us courage, invites us to love without exception and brings us to healing and wholeness

Penitential Rite

Let us prepare for the Eucharist by opening our hearts to God's mercy and forgiveness:

Lord Jesus, You are just to those who are oppressed. Lord, have mercy.
Christ Jesus, You give sight to those who are blind. Christ, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, You uphold the widow and orphan. Lord, have mercy

Opening Prayer:

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

First Reading:

Is 35:4-7

Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.

Say to all faint hearts,

'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer

and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;

for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland,

the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bound down,
the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

Second Reading

Jas 2:1-5

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him. This is the word of God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick . Alleluia!

Gospel:

Mk 7:31-37

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

The word of God

Homily



Prayers of intercession

Presider

We bring our prayers to God, asking for the Holy Spirit to guide our hearts, minds and actions

Reader:

We pray for the Pope and all those who are called to lead our Church: that they may lead us to listen and respond to the needs of those who are poor with love and humility. Lord hear us

We pray for our world leaders: that they may be open to the cries of those most in need, and commit themselves to a responsible and just stewardship of creation. Lord hear us.

We pray for those who cannot hear or speak: that in all forms of communication, they may feel held in compassionate listening and patient love. Lord hear us

We pray for all fathers that they will receive rich blessings from God for their example of faith and steadfast love for their children. Lord hear us

We pray for all in need of healing, especially for those known to us who suffer physically, spiritually or emotionally: that Christ's healing touch may bring them peace and hope. Lord hear us

We pray for those who feel ignored or forgotten: that they may be given a sense of belonging and of being part of the family of God. Lord hear us.

We pray for those who have gone before us, especially all the fathers who have died: may they rest in God eternal peace. Lord hear us

Parish Prayer

God, Creator and Life-giver we thank you for the gift of one another in our Parish of St Paul Apostle. Bless us and our families with the power of your Spirit. Inspired and motivated by St Paul's courage and commitment to the person of Christ, may we continue to be open to change and challenge! Make us passionate and courageous in our mission of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Presider:

God, source of all healing and hope, we offer you our prayers, asking you to grant them through Jesus Christ our Lord . Amen

Anima Christi Prayer (Spiritual Communion)

Soul of Christ, sanctify me; Body of Christ, save me;
Blood of Christ, inebriate me;
Water from the side of Christ, wash me;
Passion of Christ, strengthen me;
O good Jesus hear me; Within your wounds hide me;
From all harm protect me;

At the hour of my death, call me;
And close to you bid me; So that with your saints,
I may praise you forever and ever. Amen

Prayer after Communion:

Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table,
we beseech you, Lord,
that, being the food of charity,
it may confirm our hearts
and stir us to serve you in our neighbour.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

FATHER'S DAY BLESSING

Father of all peoples.
Bless our dads this day with Your strength and power
that they may continue to be a sign of You, our God.
May we, the members of his family,
assist them in their duties as a parent
with our respect, our obedience and our deep affection.
Bless them, Lord, with happiness and good health,
with peace and with good fortune,
so that they who have shared of their very lives may live forever
with You, their God and heavenly Father.
This blessing and all graces, we pray,
descend upon the father of our family;
in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

CONCLUSION

May the Lord make his presence known to you and in your, that you may have no unshared joy, and no truth that is not the truth of all humanity; and may almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen

