



Saints Faith, Hope & Charity Parish  
**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
September 5, 2021

**OPENING HYMN**

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
O burning sun with golden beam  
And silver moon with softer gleam:  
Sing your praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O rushing wind and breezes soft,  
O clouds that ride the winds aloft:  
Sing your praises! Alleluia!  
O rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
O lights of evening, find a voice.  
Sing your praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Altissimu, omnipotente bon Signore; Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226; tr. by William H. Draper, 1855-1933, alt.

**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**GLORIA**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**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.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**      *Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10*

**Refrain: 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

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.

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.

**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?

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**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."

## HOMILY

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

#### OFFERTORY HYMN      *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness only light,  
And where there's sadness ever joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled, as to console,  
To be understood, as to understand,  
To be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
In giving of ourselves that we receive,  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Dedicated to Mrs. Frances Tracy. Text: Based on the prayer traditionally ascr. to St. Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226.  
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### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY - THE LORD'S PRAYER - SIGN OF PEACE - LAMB OF GOD - COMMUNION

#### COMMUNION HYMN      *O God, For You I Long*

Refrain:  
O God, for you I long,  
more than those who watch for dawn:  
like the deer that yearns for water,  
so I thirst for you, my God.

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,  
so I long for you, my God,  
as my spirit longs to behold  
the God of my life.

I drink tears as if they were my bread  
by night and by day,  
as I hear it said all day long:  
"Where is your God?"

All these things will I remember  
as I pour out my soul,  
how I would lead the rejoicing crowd  
to the house of our God.

Why so sad within me, O my soul,  
why cast down and grieving now?  
Hope in God: I will praise you still,  
my Savior, my God.

Still my spirit dies within me  
as I think of you today.  
As an exile from my homeland,  
I cry to you, Lord.

By day you bring me comfort  
in the shelter of your love.  
By night I will sing and praise  
the God of my life.

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## **CONCLUDING RITES**

### **BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

#### **CLOSING HYMN**                      *Amazing Grace*

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

Text: St. 1-4, John Newton, 1725-1807; st. 5, attr. to John Rees, fl. 1859

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