

11th Weekend Ordinary Time - Blessing of Men

June 15th 2024

Responses of the People are in **bold**

Welcome:

Opening Song: #311 The House that Love is Building

THE HOUSE THAT LOVE IS BUILDING

Sarah Hart



1. In the house that Love is build - ing there is room e - nough for
2. In the gar - den Love is tend - ing there's a great and bound - less
3. Oh, the song that Love is rais - ing is of pure, un - end - ing



1. all, end - less wel - come in her raf - ters, mer - cy sing - ing
2. feast, where the seeds of hope are plant - ed, and the yield is
3. light in the voic - es of her peo - ple, ris - ing to e -



1. through her walls. Here is ref - uge for all peo - ple from
2. heav - en's peace. As the field be - comes a har - vest for the
3. ter - nal skies. Now the dark - ness shall be swal - lowed by the



1. ev - ery tribe and tongue. In the house that Love is build - ing
2. man - y hun - gry ones, in the gar - den Love is tend - ing
3. Liv - ing Word of God. Oh, the song that Love is rais - ing



1. there is room for ev - ery - one.
2. there's e - nough for ev - ery - one.
3. is a song for ev - ery - one.

Teri: Let us continue as one expression of God's people. + Father, Son, Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Teri: May the Love of God, the care and compassion of the Incarnation, and the Fire of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Penitential Rite

Let us turn to our God who drenches us in grace!

Father God, by Your inspiration, all of life exists. Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy

Christ, your words and actions show us what it means to be boldly inclusive. Christ have mercy **Christ have mercy**

Spirit of God, you extend your grace before we even know that we need it. Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy**

Hear the Good News! Christ's life, death and resurrection have revealed life eternal for you. Your sins are forgiven. Go forth refreshed and renewed in the name of God, in the name of Love, in the name of New Life. Together now we pray. **Amen**

Mass of Welcoming Glory and Praise in C

MJS
Text by
Fr. Teri Harroun

Intro

REFRAIN

Bless - ed are you O
God Glo - ry and praise for - ev - er

VERSE 1

Praise - wor - thy and ex - al - ted for - ev - er and
bless - ed is your ho - ly and glo - ri - ous name for all a - ges!

To REFRAIN

VERSE 2

Bless - ed are you on the throne of your kin(g) dom Glo - ry and praise for -
ev - er Bless - ed are you who look in - to the depths
Bless - ed are you O God

To REFRAIN

Opening Prayer

Teri: Let us pray....

Loving God, we know Jesus to be present with us. Give us the wisdom to recognize Christ's leading, the strength of the Spirit to follow Jesus, and the love of the Spirit to radiate your love in the world. We ask this in Jesus' name, **AMEN**

First Reading:

Irene: Our First Reading is from the prophet Ezekiel (17:22-23)

Thus says the Holy One: “As an eagle soars, so shall I. From the top of the tall cedar tree, from the highest branch, I shall take a tender shoot, and plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

“On the mountain heights, I will plant it. It shall put forth branches, and bear fruit, and grow into a noble cedar. Birds of every kind shall roost beneath it. Every kind of winged creature will nest in the shade of its branches.

This has been a reading from the prophet Ezekiel ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm: (handout) Like Cedars

LIKE CEDARS

Dan Schutte

Refrain

I will play for you on my harp, with my lute and
ten-stringed lyre. I will fill the night with your song.
I will sing of your ways, O Lord.

Verses

1. Good it is that we should sing to
2. Great and wide your kind-ness, Lord, and
3. Up-on my head you pour your oil; you
4. The just shall grow as tall as palms; like
1. hon-or your great name, to thank you for your
2. fath-oms deep your love. The wick-ed heart can-
3. mark me as your own. And filled with glad-ness
4. ce-dars they shall stand. And plant-ed firm-ly
to Refrain
1. love at dawn, your faith-ful-ness through night.
2. not con-ceive, the fool-ish heart will fail.
3. I shall sing; my horn shall sound your call.
4. on their God they shall not break nor bow.

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Second Reading: Irene

Our Second Reading is from the 2nd Letter to the Corinthians (2 Cor 9": 5-15)

I encouraged some of our number to visit you in advance and finish the arrangement for your promised gift, so that in this way it might be ready as a bountiful gift and not as one grudgingly given.

Remember this. Anyone who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly. Whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you should give as you have determined, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever."

The One who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed and increase the harvest of your justice.

You are being enriched in every way for your generosity. The administration of this public service is not only supplying the needs of the holy ones but is also overflowing in many acts of thanksgiving to God.

You are glorifying God by living out the gospel of Christ through the generosity of your contribution to them and to all others. And in their prayers for you, their hearts go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for this indescribable gift!

This has been a reading from the 2nd Letter to the Corinthians.

Thanks be to God.

Mass of Welcoming Gospel Acclamation

MJS

Intro

Al - le - lu - ia al - le - lu - ia al - le -

1. lu - ia 2. ia Speak O Lord, your peo - ple are

list-'ning You have the words of ev - er - last - ing life

Final REFRAIN

Al - le - lu - a al - le - lu - a al - le - lu - ia

Teri:

The Risen Christ be with you all. ***And also with you.***

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark (4:1-9, 26-33). ***Glory to you, O God+***

Again, Jesus began to teach by the lake. The crowd gathered round was so large that Jesus got into a boat and sat in it out on the lake, while all the people were along the shore at the water's edge. He taught them many things by parables, and in his teaching said: "Listen. A farmer went out to sow seed. While was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, with little soil. It sprang

up quickly because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew, and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times.”

Then Jesus said, “Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”

Jesus continued speaking to the crowd, saying, “The reign of God is like someone scattering seed on the earth. The sower sleeps and rises, night and day. The scattered seed sprouts and grows, but the sower doesn’t know how. Of its own accord, the earth yields: first the shoot, then the head, then the full grain in the head. Then, when the grain is ripe, immediately the sower goes in with a sickle, for the harvest has come.”

Jesus also said, “What else can we say the reign of God is like? What parable can we find to describe it? It is like a mustard seed which, at the time it is sown, is the smallest of all the seeds; yet, once sown, it grows into the greatest of shrubs and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

Using many parables like these, Jesus spoke the word to them, inasmuch as they were able to hear it

A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Homily

Prayers of the People - Irene

Response: Our response today is Spirit of Life, help us to grow. ***Spirit of Life, help us to grow.***

For the world and its leaders. That they may hear the cry of the poor, the marginalized and the oppressed and be moved to act with love and compassion. We pray: ***Spirit of Life, help us to grow.***

For the Church. That we may work together to nurture and support others without boundaries, helping the love of God take root. We pray: ***Spirit of Life, help us to grow.***

For those who are sick. For those who struggle. For those who feel isolated and alone. (We pray especially for_____). That they may know the presence of God in their lives during these troubling times. We pray: ***Spirit of Life, help us to grow.***

For those who have died, (especially _____). That their souls may rest in eternal peace. And for those who mourn the loss of friends, family, and companions. That God's compassion may bring them comfort during these days. We pray: ***Spirit of Life, help us to grow.***

Irene : Fr. Teri will now read the prayers that have been typed in the comments (PAUSE until Teri tells you to go on.) For these and for all the prayers we share through our hearts, we pray: ***Spirit of Life, help us to grow.***

Irene : In addition, Prayer Partners will be available after Mass here in the Sanctuary by the back altar. For those at home, or those who have a prayer to share during the week, you can email our Prayer Companion Team at prayercompanionteam@lightofchristecc.org and someone will reach out to you. These prayer ministries welcome and invite you, in confidence, to share your concerns in more detail or depth, or even to pray for you when you can't find the words.

Collect

Sign of Peace

Offertory Song: #345 Seeds, Scattered and Sown

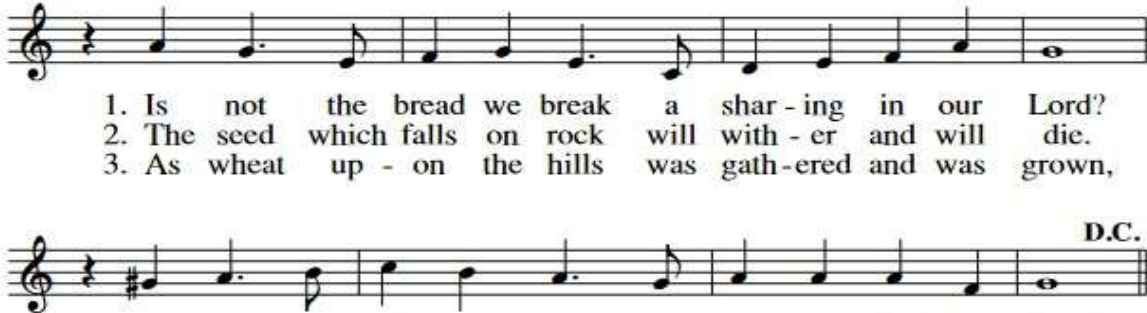
Seed, Scattered and Sown

Refrain



Seed, scat-tered and sown, wheat, gath-ered and grown,
bread, bro-ken and shared as one, the Liv-ing Bread of God.
Vine, fruit of the land, wine, work of our hands, one cup that is
shared by all; the Liv-ing Cup, the Liv-ing Bread of God.

Verses



1. Is not the bread we break a shar-ing in our Lord?
2. The seed which falls on rock will with-er and will die.
3. As wheat up-on the hills was gath-ered and was grown,
D.C.
Is not the cup we bless the blood of Christ out-poured?
The seed with-in good ground will flow-er and have life.
So may the church of God be gath-ered in-to one.

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Liturgy of the Eucharist:

(Adapted from a Liturgy by ECC priest Sue Ringler)

Teri: Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation, through your goodness we have this bread and this wine to place on your table. Work of earth and human hands. May these become our spiritual food and drink. ***Blessed be God forever.***

Teri: Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation, through your goodness we have these gifts to place on your table. They represent our entire lives, and all that we have to offer. These gifts have traveled through purses, pockets, and even the mail. May these become the Light of Christ in your world. ***Blessed be God forever.***

Teri: Pray my sisters and brothers, my family, that these our gifts, our lives may continue to be blessed by our Loving God.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at our hands, for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good and the good of all God's world.

Teri: The peace of our God be with you all.
And also with you.

Teri: Open up our hearts.
We open them up to God.

Teri: Let us give thanks to our Loving God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Teri: Eternal God, Creator of all, it is right that we give you praise and glory as we come in thanksgiving, for you are the one God, living and true. Source of life, you have blessed all creation in love and in joy. You never cease to call us to a new and more abundant life. You invite us to trust in your mercy for you are always ready to forgive us and to gift us with peace when we forgive, too. You ask us to serve the family of God by opening our hearts to the fullness of your Holy Spirit and to proclaim the power of your

love. In wonder and gratitude, we join our voices with all of creation, with the choirs of angels and saints who have gone before us, as together we sing:

Mass of Welcoming Holy, Holy, Holy

MJS
Text by
Fr. Teri Harroun

Intro

Ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly One God of pow-er and
love hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry Ho -
san - na in the high - est Bless - ed is the
One who comes in the name of this Ho - ly One Ho - san - na in the
high - est Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Teri: God, Goodness of the World, you prepare tables before us. Send your Holy Spirit upon us gathered around these tables throughout your world and gathered as your Body that we may become signs of your love and transforming work in the world. + Let also your Spirit come upon

these gifts of bread and wine before us to make them holy so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our brother, Jesus the Christ.

Today, we gather to remember that on the night before he died, Jesus ate with his followers and his friends. We recall how he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it, and gave it to them saying - **"Take this all of you and eat it. This is my body which will be given up for you."**

We remember also, that on the night before Jesus died, He took the cup filled with wine, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends, saying, **"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."**

Teri: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.....

Mass of Welcoming Rising You Revealed New Life

MJS
Text by
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Intro

Dy - ing You de - stroyed our death ris - ing You re -

vealed new life Oh — Je - sus you are here and yet to come.

Teri: Loving God, you are holy indeed. All life, all holiness comes from you. We come to thank you for your Son, Jesus for it is through him that we experience your message of total acceptance of all people, a welcome that includes everyone and invites everyone to this Eucharistic table of equals. It was Jesus who healed all divisions and recognized You, God, present

within all of creation. He brought to light your way of compassion and justice, helping us to understand the need to care for each other with dignity and respect. He taught us by his life and by his death and resurrection to be true to ourselves, even if we, also, might need to give up everything as he did. For it is in our own dying, that we, too, rise to new life.

In memory of his death and resurrection, we offer you, Compassionate God, this life-giving bread, this saving cup. May all of us who share in the body and blood of Christ, be brought together in unity by the Holy Spirit.

May we be One with the love of Christ, joined by the love of all of us gathered here both in the sanctuary and through your gift of the internet. We send prayers to all in leadership in every place of worship, especially for our chosen shepherds Bishop Kae and Bishop Paul, and for all who serve God's creation. We pray for all countries and their leaders that they may create justice and equality for their peoples; may peace come to our own country as well as to all the troubled lands of our world. We pray for all who are sick that health may soon be theirs, especially we pray for all who have died. May they be in peace and may they welcome us, one day, into the place of eternal peace. In that new creation where the fullness of your peace will be revealed, gather people of every race, language and way of life to share in the one eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Eternal Brother.

Teri: Together now, we say.....

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours all loving God, forever and ever.

Mass of Welcoming Amen

MJS

Intro

A men A men.

A men A men.

Our Father

Teri: Let us join hearts together, a symbol of how God is circling the world right now and prayer words that have been prayed for centuries.

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 the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen.***

Mass of Welcoming Agnus Dei

MJS

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1. Liv - ing God, You feed the world that hun - gers for
2. Liv - ing God, You quench the world that thir - sts for

You You Your Love trans - forms us To Verse 3

3. Liv - ing God You bless the world cre - a - ted by You

Grant us peace. Grant us peace.

Teri: This is the Living God. This is the Body and Blood of Christ. The one who transforms the world with love. The one who transforms us. Blessed are we who are called to this meal.

God, I am ready to receive you. Because by your invitation, I am here.

It is here at these tables that we find hope and imagination to see God's dream and promise of a world of wholeness, and it is here that we receive the nourishment and strength to continue on the paths of justice. No matter where you are on your journey, you are invited to come and receive. (Receive the grace that Christ shares with you this day.)

Communion Song: #409 Drawn To You

DRAWN TO YOU

Sarah Hart

Refrain



Drawn to you, Lord, we are drawn to you, to the
beau-ty of your pres-ence in this place. Here for you, God, we are
here for you as the gifts we bring be-come a feast of
grace. We are drawn to you.

Verses



1. Drawn by the love that you have poured on us, we bring these
2. Drawn by the faith that you ac - cept our gifts, and sanc - ti -
3. Drawn by the ta - ble you have laid for us, the wel - come

1. gifts, works of our hands. You gath - er all we of - fer
2. fy what we have shared. To make us ho - ly by this
3. feast your heart pre - pares, the words now spo-ken that will

to Refrain

1. to your - self, re - ceive our prayer.
2. bread and wine, re - ceive our prayer.
3. make us one, re - ceive our prayer.

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Prayer after Communion:

Teri: Let us pray...

God, in this bread and wine be present to us. Show us how to find ourselves one in you, deeply in love, and inspired by your word. In Jesus' name we pray, **AMEN**

Blessings of Men:

MAY GOD BLESS AND KEEP YOU

Christopher Walker

1st time: Cantor; thereafter: All



May God bless and keep you. May God's face shine on you.

May God be kind to you and give you peace.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 3/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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Teri:

Loving God, Heavenly Father, We adore You and bless You. Thank You for the gift of life. Thank You also for the men in our life, for our fathers and for those who have been like fathers to us, for the men who have said "yes" and adopted children. We are grateful for their protection and provision, for their encouragement and wisdom, for their presence and persevering love. We are especially grateful for the ways they guided us to be closer to you. Too often we took their love and sacrifice for granted. Forgive us. Help us to live in such a way that our words and actions bring honor to them and to You.

Sung Refrain

Teri: Beloved One, For many, this day we call Father's Day is full of joy and celebration, but for others it is an especially painful day. Pour out Your healing, consolation and peace on those who are grieving the loss of their father or the loss of their child, For those whose desire to be a father has not been fulfilled, on families separated by distance or disagreement, on families plagued by disappointment, abandonment, addiction or abuse.

Sung Refrain

Teri: Let us extend ourselves in blessing.....
Gracious God, thank you for the every man here today and for every one we have brought with us in our hearts. Reveal Your purpose and plan for their life. Bless them. Deepen their love and trust of You. Strengthen them, empower them, and anoint them with Your Holy Spirit that their faith, influence and achievement would bring You honor and glory. Receive our thanks and praise again for these men for they are precious to us and to You. In the name of your Eternal Son, Jesus. We pray. **Amen.**

Sung Refrain (two times)

Teri: The Love of God be with you. **And also with you.**

Teri: Let us open our hearts to receive God's blessing.

May the breath of your Creator fill you with love.

May the joy of Jesus center you.

May the Holy Spirit stir you to act for justice.

Bless us now through the Three in One: the Father, the Eternal Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Teri: Please repeat our sending forth after me:

We are Light of Christ....

Let us go forth as such.....

Loving and serving God.....

As we get to love and serve in God's world.

Closing Hymn: #591 See, I Make All Things New

SEE, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW

Ken Canedo

Verses



1. Come, let us go to a bright and ho - ly cit - y, a
2. Come, let us go to a place with no more dy - ing, no
3. Come, let us go to a land where all the peo - ple can



1. place where we can dream, where we are free.
2. mourn - ing and no pain and no more fear.
3. free - ly share the wis - dom of their God.



1. Come, let us go from this world of trial and sor - row. Oh,
2. Come, let us go to a land with no more cry - ing, where
3. Come, let us go to an Earth where all the na - tions can



1. lead us to a home of last - ing peace.
2. God will gent - ly wipe a - way our tears.
3. walk to - geth - er in the light of love.

Refrain



And God said, "I am with you. Tru - ly I am with



you. See, I make all things new. I am with you.



Tru - ly I am with you. See, I make all things new."

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