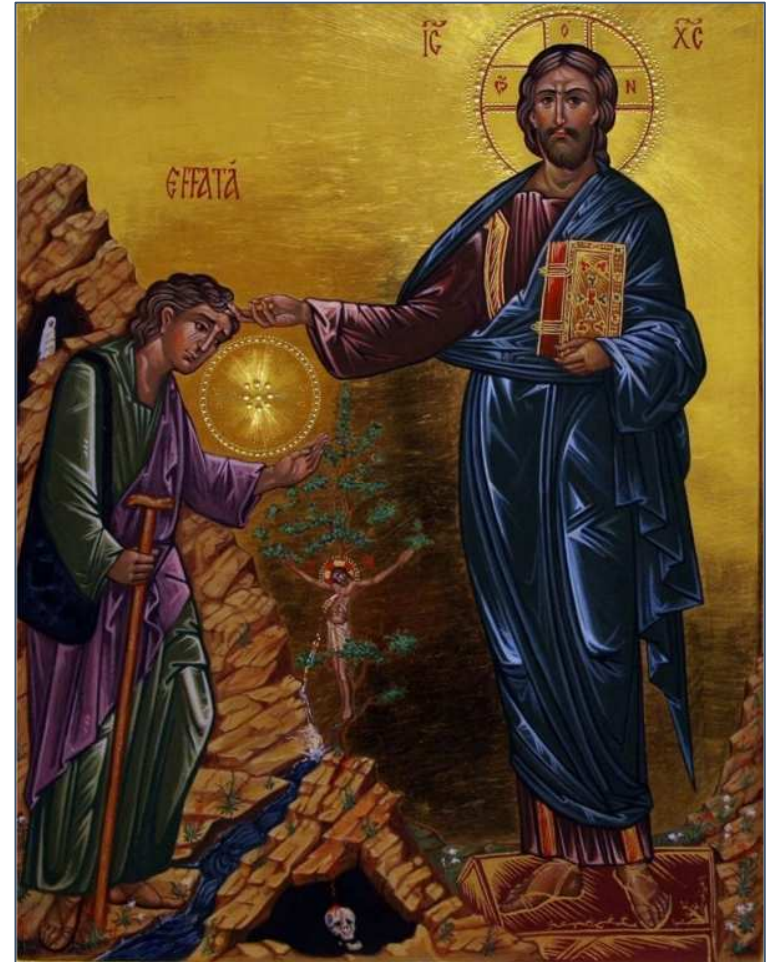


## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



*“Ephphatha!”— that is, ‘Be opened!’”*

**(Cycle B)**

# INTRODUCTORY RITES

## Opening Hymn

### Lay Your Hands

Refrain

Lay your hands gent - ly up - on us.

Let their touch ren - der your peace.

Let them bring your for - give - ness and heal - ing.

Lay your hands gent - ly, lay your hands.

Verse 1

1. You were sent to free the bro - ken heart - ed.

1. You were sent to give sight to the blind.

1. You de - sire to heal all our ill - ness - es.

to Refrain

1. Lay your hands gent - ly, lay your hands.

## Greeting

∇. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

∇. The grace and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the Love of God  
and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

**R. And also with you.**

## Concluding Hymn

### O Healing Light of Christ

Refrain

O heal - ing light of Christ, trans - form us, life - giv - ing source of hope.

O heal - ing light of Christ, trans - form us; heal your peo - ple,

Verses

Christ our light.

1. Ra - dant the light that strength - ens the bod - y,  
2. You light the way for hearts of com - pas - sion;  
3. Your light gives life to all of cre - a - tion,

1. eas - es and com - forts the trou - bled mind. Ra - dant the light that —  
2. your light is guide for — hands that heal. You light the path - ways of  
3. col - ors the flow - er and warms the heart. Yours is the light that —

to Refrain

1. soothes our — spir - its; ra - dant your heal - ing light.  
2. all our — car - ing; you are our heal - ing light.  
3. breaks through the dark - ness; you are our heal - ing light.

## Prayer after Communion

Lord,  
your word and your sacrament  
give us food and life.  
May this gift of your Son  
lead us to share his life for ever.

We ask this in through Christ our Lord.

**R̄. Amen.**

## Prayer over the People (2)

Ÿ. The Lord be with you.

**R̄. And also with you.**

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

Lord,  
grant your people your protection and grace.  
Give them health of mind and body,  
perfect love for one another,  
and make them always faithful to you.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

**R̄. Amen.**

Ÿ. And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,  
come upon you and remain with you for ever.

**R̄. Amen.**

## PENITENTIAL RITE (C1)

*Invitation to reflect on our faults and failings.*

Ÿ To prepare ourselves to celebrate these sacred mysteries,  
let us call to mind our faults and failings  
and ask our heavenly Father in his mercy  
for his healing and forgiveness.

*Pause for silent reflection.*

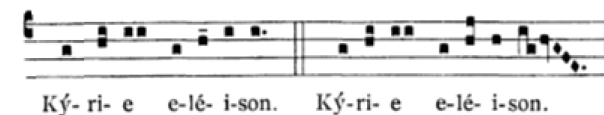
Ÿ You were sent to heal the contrite:



Ÿ You came to call sinners:



Ÿ You plead for us at the right hand of the Father:



Ÿ May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**R̄ Amen.**

# Gloria

*Priest/cantor:* *All:*

**G** Ló-ri-a in excélsis De-o. Et in terra pax homí-  
*Choir:* *All:*  
ni-bus bonæ vo-luntá-tis. Laudá-mus te. Bene-dí-cimus  
te. Ado-rá-mus te. Glo-ri-fi-cá-mus te. Grá-ti-as á-gimus  
ti-bi propter magnam gló-ri-am tu-am. Dó-mi-ne De-us,  
Rex cæ-lé-stis, De-us Pa-ter omní-pot-ens. Dó-mi-ne Fi-li  
u-ni-gé-ni-te, Je-su Chri-ste. Dó-mi-ne De-us, Agnus  
De-i, Fí-li-us Pa-tris. Qui tollis peccá-ta mun-di, mi-se-  
ré-re no-bis. Qui tollis peccá-ta mundi, sú-sci-pe depre-  
ca-ti-ónem no-stram. Qui sedes ad dé-xte-ram Pa-tris, mi-  
se-ré-re no-bis. Quó-ni-am tu so-lus sanctus. Tu so-lus

# Communion Meditation

## Spirit of the Living God

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on us.

5

Spi - rit of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on us.

9

Melt us; mold us; fill us; use us.

13

Spi - rit of the li - ving God, fall a-fresh on us.

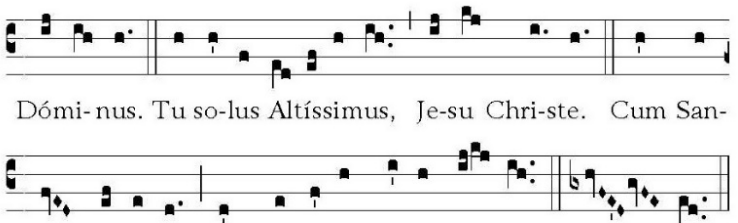
☩. This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**℟. Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word  
and I shall be healed.**

*To those receiving Communion (by intinction), the celebrant says:*

☩. The body and blood of Christ.

**℟. Amen.**



Dómi-nus. Tu so-lus Altíssimus, Je-su Chri-ste. Cum San-  
cto Spí-ri-tu, in gló-ri-a De-i Pa-tris. A- men.

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
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.  
Amen.**

### Opening Prayer

Lord our God,  
in you justice and mercy meet.  
With unparalleled love you have saved us from death  
and drawn us into the circle of your life.

Open our eyes to the wonders this life sets before,  
that we may serve you free from fear  
and address you as God our Father.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

**℟. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Reading 1 (*Is 35:4-7a*)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

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.

℣. This is the Word of the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God.

### Responsorial Psalm (*Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10*)



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.

## Exchange of Peace

℣. Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever.

℟. Amen.

℣. The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

℟. And also with you.

℣. Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

## Breaking of the Bread

*As the bread is broken, we sing or say:*

*(Agnus Dei XVIII Deus Genitor Alme)*

XII. s.

A -gnus De- i, \* qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi : mi-se-

ré-re no- bis. Agnus De- i, \* qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi :

mi-se-ré-re no- bis. Agnus De- i, \* qui tol-lis peccá-ta mun-

di : do-na no-bis pa-cem.

## COMMUNION LITURGY

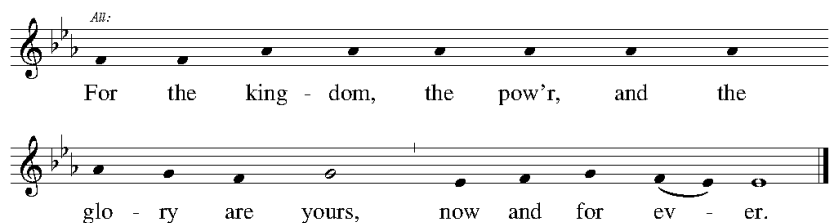
### The Lord's Prayer

∇. We pray confidently in the words our Savior taught us:



Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name;  
thy king - dom come; thy will be done on earth as it  
is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread;  
and for - give us our tres - pass - es as we for - give  
those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not  
in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

∇. Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.



*All:*  
For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the  
glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er.

### ℞. Praise the Lord, my soul!

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..

### ℞. Praise the Lord, my soul!

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.

### ℞. Praise the Lord, my soul!

### Reading 2 (*Jas 2:1-5*)

A reading from the letter of James

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?

∇. This is the Word of the Lord.

### ℞. Thanks be to God.

### Gospel Acclamation (Cf. Mt 4:23)



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



### Gospel (Mk 7:31-37)

Ÿ. The Lord be with you.

Ṛ. And also with you.

Ÿ. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

*The celebrant and the people mark a cross on their foreheads (mind), their lips (speech) and over their hearts, asking the Lord to open them to his Word.*

Ṛ. Glory to you Lord.

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.

*(Sanctus XVIII Deus Genitor Alme)*



### Eucharistic Prayer (III)

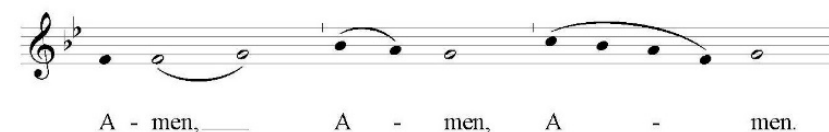
*The celebrant prays the Eucharistic Prayer. After the consecration, the celebrant sings:*

Ÿ. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.



*The celebrant concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.*

Through him, with him and in him  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father  
Forever and ever.





**Preface and Sanctus** (Sundays in Ordinary Time VII)

*Salvation through the obedience of Christ*



∇. The Lord be with you. R. And al - so with you. ∇. Lift up your hearts.



R. We lift them up to the Lord. ∇. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



R. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The celebrant recites or sings the Preface:*

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,  
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.

So great was your love  
that you gave us your Son as our redeemer.  
You sent him as one like ourselves,  
though free from sin,  
that you might see and love in us  
what you see and love in Christ.  
Your gifts of grace, lost by disobedience,  
are now restored by the obedience of your Son.

We praise you, Lord, with all the angels and saints  
in their song of joy:

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.**



**Homily**

## Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
*All bow at these two lines*  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered, died, and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of 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.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## General Intercessions

*The celebrant invites the congregation to pray and offers several  
prayer intentions. Each concludes, "We pray to the Lord."*

**℟. Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The celebrant concludes the intercessions with a final short prayer  
ending with "... through Christ, our Lord."*

**℟. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### Offering of the Gifts

℣. Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness  
we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands  
have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

**℟. Blessed be God for ever.**

℣. Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness  
we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become our spiritual drink.

**℟. Blessed be God for ever.**

### Prayer over the Gifts

℣. Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice  
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**℟. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

God of peace and love,  
may our offering bring you true worship  
and make us one with you.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.