

INTRODUCTORY RITES:

September 1st to October 4th marks the Season of Creation, a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home.

Entrance Chant:

Canticle of the Sun – Marty Haugen

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1E_Ei6JR11o

Greeting:

Leader: **The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.**

ALL: **Amen.**

Penitential Act:

Leader: Gathered together in Christ, let us ask forgiveness with confidence, for God is full of gentleness and compassion.

Pause

Leader: Lord Jesus, you showed the disciples how to reconcile with one another: Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Christ Jesus, you taught them about love and respect: Christ, have mercy.

ALL: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord Jesus, you call us to heal our divisions in the same way: Lord, have mercy.

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ALL: Lord, have mercy.

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

ALL: Amen.

Gloria:

Leader: Together let us sing praise to God.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KINw95UY8Ag>

Collect:

Leader: Let us pray: *- pause -*

Confirm, O God, in unity and truth
the Church you gather in Christ.

Encourage the fervent,
enlighten the doubtful,
and bring back the wayward.

Bind us together in mutual love,
that our prayer in Christ's name
may be pleasing to you.

Grant this 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.

ALL: **Amen**

Leader: Let us prepare to listen to God's Word.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

*** Please see the document titled “Readings for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time”. The readings from the Children’s Lectionary are also included for those families with young children. The second reading is omitted when the readings for children are used. Pre-recorded readings are available via this link: <https://bible.usccb.org/podcasts/audio/2020-09-06-usccb-daily-mass-readings>

First Reading..... Ezekiel 33.7-9

RESPONSE AT THE END OF THE FIRST READING:

Lector: **The word of the Lord.**

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

**** 30 seconds of silence****

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 95

<https://www.livingwithchrist.ca/mp3/A-196%20Twenty-third%20Sunday%20in%20Ordinary%20Time%20A%20-%20Psalm%2095.mp3>

Second Reading.....Romans 13.8-10

RESPONSE AT THE END OF THE SECOND READING:

Lector: **The word of the Lord.**

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

**** 30 seconds of silence****

Gospel Acclamation.....2 Corinthians 5.19

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p8W9qP6y-EU&list=PL5agr_3e7q_qCxJJm-Wy39PWLakgI6qx1&index=54

RESPONSE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE GOSPEL:

Lector: **The Gospel according to
Matthew.**

ALL: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel..... Matthew 18.15-20

RESPONSE AT THE END OF THE GOSPEL:

Lector: **The Gospel of the Lord.**

ALL: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily..... Fr. Jim Bleackley

<https://youtu.be/d5UkxqHxVxw>

**** 30 seconds of silence****

Profession of Faith:

**** Following the reflection, the Leader invites those gathered to profess their faith with the Apostles' Creed. Pg. 15 in the Sunday Missal.*

Leader: **Let us profess our faith together:**

ALL: **I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the
dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers of the Faithful:

Leader: Let us bring our prayers before God:

****Response: Loving God, hear our prayer.*

Leader: God of healing, we come as people often needing to make peace with one another.

Hear our prayers and help us to remember that peace is possible when hearts are open to love.

Show us how to be peacemakers in a world in need of healing.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the great healer.

ALL: **Amen.**

HYMN:

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace – Sebastian Temple

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=daGWdbrSGBM>

THE LORD’S PRAYER:

Leader: At the Saviour’s command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

ALL: 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.

Leader: Deliver us, God, from every evil.
Graciously grant peace in our days,
that by the help of your mercy,
we may always be free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

ALL: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

Leader: **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.**

ALL: **Amen**

Sign of Peace:

Leader: **Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.**

PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR STUDENTS AND EDUCATORS:

LEADER: With the return of school and classes upon us, we offer a prayer of blessing for all students and educators.

Compassionate God, your Spirit of wisdom fills the earth and teaches us your ways. We pray for all students and educators in their work and learning especially during this challenging time of pandemic and uncertainty.

Look upon students.
Let them enjoy their learning and take delight in new discoveries.
Help them to persevere in their studies and give them the desire to learn all things well.

Look upon educators.
Let them strive to share their knowledge with gentle patience and endeavor always to bring the truth to eager minds.

Grant that all students and educators alike may follow Christ Jesus, the way, the truth, and the life, for ever and ever.

ALL: **Amen.**

Closing Prayer:

Leader: In recognition of the Season of Creation, let us all stand and pray Pope Francis' Prayer for the Earth from his encyclical, *Laudato Si*.

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it

That we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,

To be filled with awe and contemplation,

To recognize that we are profoundly united with

every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love, and peace.

Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES:

Leader: May almighty God bless us, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

ALL: **Amen**

Leader: Let us go in the peace of Christ.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING HYMN:

Stewards of the Earth – Sibelius/Westendorf

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WOSsTPicnnc>