

September 5, 2021: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**PRELUDE:** *Performed by Tom Fagan*

**Quietness and Confidence – J.S. Bach**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2JGlmk5jY7k>

**INTRODUCTORY RITES:**

**Introduction:**

**Good morning to all of you. Welcome to today's Liturgy of the Word on this Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

**We acknowledge our presence on the traditional territories of the Indigenous communities that preceded the founding of our parish.**

*– pause –*

**September 1<sup>st</sup> to October 4<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**We encourage full, conscious, and active participation in today's celebration. All are invited to pray and sing together. Our participation, in whatever form, is a gift and ministry to each other.**

**This morning's homily is offered by our Pastor, Fr. Jim Bleackley.**

**Let us begin with a moment of silence as we prepare our hearts and minds for transformation and renewal.**

***ONE Minute of Silence***

**Sharing in God's peace - let us welcome each other.**

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**Entrance Chant:**

**Canticle of the Sun – Marty Haugen**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1E\\_Ei6JR11o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1E_Ei6JR11o)

**Greeting:**

**Leader:** We gather in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**ALL:** **Amen.**

**Penitential Act:**

**Leader:** Conscious of God's loving presence and great gifts to us in creation, let us enter into the quiet of our spirits, praying for prophetic courage, wisdom, and deeper love for God, for all people, and for creation which gives us life and sustains us. *Pause*

Creator God, you have entrusted the human family with the richly diverse gifts of creation, asking us to receive them with gratitude and care for them wisely and well: Creator Spirit of God, have mercy.

**ALL:** *Creator Spirit of God, have mercy.*

**Leader:** Christ Jesus, you have entrusted us with a mission to warn those whose actions abuse and are destructive of Earth, its life, and its peoples, to invite them and ourselves to more loving, protective and life-giving ways: Word of God, have mercy.

**ALL:** *Word of God, have mercy.*

**Leader:** Holy Spirit of God, You are at work in us and among us making us more conscious of the sacredness of all creation, raising up global movements in these times to care for Earth and each other: Wisdom of God, have mercy.

**ALL:** Wisdom of God, have mercy.

**Leader:** May God, the Creator of all time and space and the vast Web of Life in which we live, have mercy on us, free us from our sins, and guide us into the fullness of divine Life.

**ALL:** Amen.

**SLIDE**

**Gloria:**

**Leader:** Together let us sing praise to God.

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

**Collect:**

**Leader:**           **Let us pray: - pause -**  
**God of power and compassion,**  
**in Christ you reveal your will**  
**to heal and to save.**  
**Open our ears to your redeeming word**  
**and move our hearts by the strength of your love,**  
**so that our every word and work**  
**may proclaim as Messiah**  
**Jesus the Lord,**  
**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 Twenty-Third 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/2021-09-05-usccb-daily-mass-readings>

**First Reading..... Isaiah 35.4-7**

<i>RESPONSE AT THE END OF THE FIRST READING:</i>	
<b>Lector:</b>	<b>The word of the Lord.</b>
<b>ALL:</b>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

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

**Responsorial Psalm ..... Psalm 146**

[https://www.livingwithchrist.ca/mp3/B-206%20Twenty-third%20Sunday%20in%20Ordinary%20Time%20B%20-%20Psalm%20146.mp3?\\_ga=2.242187394.145817927.1630692225-1279089305.1591722439](https://www.livingwithchrist.ca/mp3/B-206%20Twenty-third%20Sunday%20in%20Ordinary%20Time%20B%20-%20Psalm%20146.mp3?_ga=2.242187394.145817927.1630692225-1279089305.1591722439)

**Second Reading..... James 2.1-5**

<i>RESPONSE AT THE END OF THE SECOND READING:</i>	
<b>Lector:</b>	<b>The word of the Lord.</b>
<b>ALL:</b>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

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

**Gospel Acclamation..... Matthew 4.23**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jh9Wp9CcbVU>

*RESPONSE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE GOSPEL:*

**Lector:**            **A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Mark.**

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

**Gospel..... Mark 7.31-37**

*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://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eGkwPHEU3TY>

**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:** We ask God to open our ears and eyes to the needs of our world so we may respond with the awareness and love of Jesus Christ.

**Let us bring our prayers before God:**

**\*\*\* INTENTIONS ARE READ**

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

*\*\*\*Following the Intentions, the Leader prays the following:*

**Leader:** God our Creator, we come to you in gratitude and humility to recognize that everything comes from you.

We ask for your blessings as we celebrate your Season of Creation and ask that you journey with us forward in a new recovery that is just and sustainable for all.

Through Christ, our Lord.

**ALL:** **Amen.**

**HYMN:**

**Eye Has Not Seen**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rRyOS0nZr7s>

**THE LORD’S PRAYER:**

**Leader:** With the words that Jesus taught us, let us now pray together:

**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.

**Closing Prayer:**

**Leader:** We conclude our celebration with a prayer for the Season of Creation.

**Creator of All,**

**We are grateful that from your communion of love you created our planet to be a home for all.**

**By your Holy Wisdom you made the Earth to bring forth a diversity of living beings that filled the soil, water, and air.**

**Each part of creation praises you in their being, and cares for one another from our place in the web of life.**

**With the Psalmist, we sing your praise that in your house “even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young.”**

**We remember that you call human beings to keep your garden in ways that honour the dignity of each creature and conserve their place in the abundance of life on Earth.**

**But we know that our will to power pushes the planet beyond its limits.**

**Our consumption is out of harmony and rhythm with Earth's capacity to heal itself.**

**Habitats are left barren or lost.**

**Species are lost and systems fail.**

**Where reefs and burrows, mountaintops and ocean deeps once teemed with life and relationships, wet and dry deserts lie empty, as if uncreated.**

**Human families are displaced by insecurity and conflict, migrating in search of peace.**

**Animals flee fires, deforestation, and famine, wandering in search of a new place to find a home to lay their young and live.**

**In this Season of Creation, we pray that the breath of your creative Word would move our hearts, as in the waters of our birth and baptism.**

**Give us faith to follow Christ to our just place in the beloved community.**

**Enlighten us with the grace to respond to your covenant and call to care for our common home.**

**In our tilling and keeping, gladden our hearts to know that we participate with your Holy Spirit to renew the face of your Earth, and safeguard a home for all.**

**In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

**CONCLUDING RITES:**

**Blessing:**

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

**ALL:** **Amen.**

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**Dismissal:**

**Leader:**           **Let us go forth in the peace of Christ.**

**ALL:**               **Thanks be to God.**

**CLOSING HYMN:**

**For the Fruit of All Creation**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IBXHDbesb7k>

**POSTLUDE:** *Performed by Tom Fagan*

**Voluntary on Ode to Joy**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JLs\\_0pE8cGw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JLs_0pE8cGw)