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23rd Sun. of Year
(13th p. Pentecost)Catholic Centre
Broadcast

Good morning once again from the chapel at the Catholic Centre. In a few moments now the Mass for today will be beginning here; and we would like to invite you listening to your radio to join with us in spirit in this prayer and celebration on the day of the Lord. Particularly if you ill or for some other reason cannot share in person this morning in the community worship and prayer of your fellow-Christians, we hope that listening to this relay of the Mass being celebrated here will be some help and encouragement to you, and give you a chance of making your own prayer and contact with God. Today is the 23rd ordinary Sunday of the Year; and in the scripture readings of the first part of the Mass, you'll hear the continuation of St Mark's gospel and of the N.T. Letter of St James; the O.T. reading, associated with the gospel passage for today, is from Isaiah. The celebrant of this Mass, who will also give the homily on the scriptures, is Fr Patrick McGovern; and as he now comes to the altar for the introductory rite of repentance and prayer, an Entry Song is sung.

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Intro.: Kyrie: Gloria: ORATIO

The special Prayer for today's gathering. Priest and congregation now sit down to listen to the 1st of the scripture readings, the O.T.: and this is followed by part of Ps 146 as a responsory.

CREED After the scriptures and the homily, all stand to recite a profession of faith, the Nicene Creed.

OFFERT: The prayers of general intercession, or prayer of the Faithful, made in response to God's word we've heard, ends the first part of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Word. Now at the altar, the priest begins the preparation for the Liturgy of the Eucharist: this is the Offertory rite, where he takes and prepares, with prayer, the bread and wine that are offered to be used in the action of the Eucharist and for the Sacrament of Holy Communion. **CHOIR**

PREFACE: A formal Prayer over the Gifts concludes the Offertory rite. Now the prayer and action of the Eucharist begins, first with an invitation to participate, and then the special Sunday Preface.

PER IPSUM: The invariable doxology which always concludes the Eucharistic Prayer. Now we make more immediate preparation for the Sacrament of the Eucharist, praying the Our Father together.

COMMUNION: At the altar, the priest now receives Holy Communion in the Body and Blood of Christ; while he does so, and pauses for a few moments of personal prayer with Christ, people in the congregation here who wish also to share in this Sacrament of the Eucharist now begin to file up to the rail in front of the altar where the priest will come to give them Holy Communion. As they do so and begin to return to return to their places, there are a few minutes here which the Order of the Mass proposes should be a time for personal prayer in

communion with God. So perhaps you at home, or wherever you may happen to be, would like to pray in your own way now for a while, joining in spirit with the people here in this chapel; meanwhile, a hymn for Communiontime is sung.

CHOIR

In the few moments while the priest finishes giving Holy Communion and then puts away the remaining Hosts and the vessels that have been used at Mass, a few thoughts on this Communion and the scriptures we heard earlier. The words of St James' letter of course apply directly to the assembly and celebration we are holding here this morning; All of us whoever we are, whatever we are, receive and share the same Christ who gives his life and His love to everyman who will accept him in love. Position, status, fine clothes make no difference here; those who have them have no greater claim on God's love than the outcasts of society. We know this; but in the nature of ^{human} society and of ourselves individually, we tend not to act always accordingly. The message of God, in the O.T. as in the New is about the saving power of God which will be and is exercised and seen most dramatically in ways we don't expect, through and in people the world in general doesn't think much of -- those who are humble, poor, maimed, have no one to rely on to protect them except God. Maybe our modern society has a different set of outcasts from that of Biblical times; but the message and the love of God is the same. We must be humble enough to want our ears to be opened by Christ, to be able really to hear His word and speak of his love to others. The communion we share with Christ makes us one with everyone to whom He gives His love

and His life. The Eucharist we receive together is a sign and pointer to the kingdom which God has promised to all who love Him and where there is no second-class citizen of any kind; sharing this Eucharist now should make us conscious (if our ears and hearts are open) of the oneness of mankind in the love of Christ, of the healing and reconciling power of His love which should make us agents of peace and understanding, seeing everyone for what they really are in God's sight, whatever their faults, failings, colour of skin, political opinion, or whatever it may be in our eyes which causes the distinctness and discriminations that our sharing of the Eucharist denies. It's for the day ahead, for the week ahead, that we now share this Eucharist together.

After giving Holy Communion and returning to the altar, the priest now recites in our name the final Thanksgiving Prayer of the Mass, before giving the Blessing.

The Blessing and Dismissal conclude the Mass for today, and the priest and his assistants now leave the altar to return to the sacristy. And as the people begin to disperse, we also end this live broadcast of Sunday Mass which you have been listening to from the Catholic Centre in Connaught Rd. Central.

PRIEST : Father, Grant that what we ask may be helpful to us in hearing your words and telling your Good News. We ask this through Christ our Lord. ALL : Amen (Sit)

Prayer over the Gifts

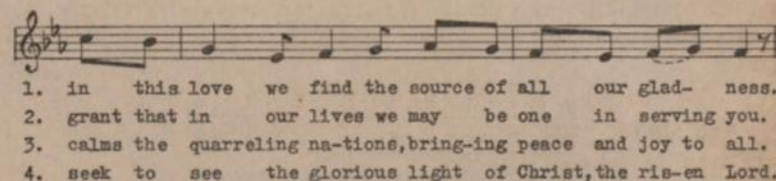
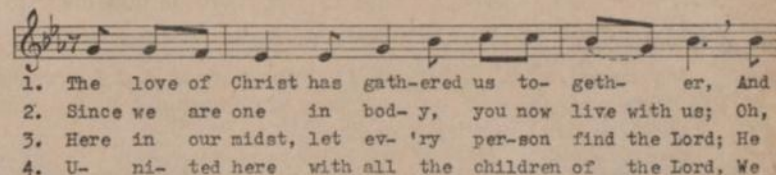
P. God of peace and love, may our offering bring you true worship, and make us one with you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL : Amen.

Communion Song

READER : Says the Lord, "I am the light of the world. No follower of mine shall ever walk in darkness; no, he shall possess the light of life."

ALL SING :



Prayer After Communion

P. Let us pray.

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 through Christ our Lord. ALL : Amen.

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Entry Song

READER : You are just, O Lord, and your ordinance is right; deal with your servant according to your kindness.

ALL SING : (Any suitable song)

Opening Prayer

P. Let us pray.

God our Father, look upon us with love. You redeem us and make us your children in Christ. Give us true freedom and bring us to the inheritance you promised. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ALL : Amen. (Sit)

First Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (35, 4-7a)

(Theme: Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak)

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water. — This is the Word of the Lord. ALL : Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 146)

READER : Praise the Lord, my soul!

ALL : Praise the Lord, my soul!

READER : The Lord keeps faith for ever; he executes justice for the oppressed; he gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free.

ALL : Praise the Lord, my soul!

READER : The Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the sojourners.

ALL : Praise the Lord, my soul!

READER : He upholds the widow and the fatherless; but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. The Lord will reign for ever, thy God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

ALL : Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of James (2, 1-5)

(Theme: Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?)

My brethren, show no partiality as you hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man with gold rings and in fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "Have a seat here, please," while you say to the poor man, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brethren. Has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which he has promised to those who love him? — This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL : Thanks be to God.

Proclamation (All stand)

READER : (Alleluia, Alleluia)

ALL : (repeat the refrain)

READER : Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.

ALL : (repeat the refrain)

Gospel

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark (7, 31-37)

ALL : Glory to you, Lord.

(Theme: He has made the deaf hear and the dumb speak)

Jesus returned from the region of Tyre, and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, through the region of the Decapolis. And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech; and they besought him to lay his hand upon him. And taking him aside from the multitude privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue; and looking up to heaven, he sighed, and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. And he charged them to tell no one; but the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well; he even makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak." — This is the gospel of the Lord.

ALL : Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. (Sit)

General Intercessions

PRIEST : My dear friends, let us ask God for a wide and far-reaching vision and the gift of discerning the meaning in the words we hear from our fellow men.

READER : We pray for Christians throughout the world: may they keep the faith which comes from the apostles and gives the power of salvation. Lord, hear us.

ALL SING :

Lord of glo-ry, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who do not know our God: help them to live truth and goodness, and give them the joy of knowing that you love them. Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who are persecuted because they love justice: let them know that the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Lord, hear us.

We pray for the generations yet to come: may we hand on to them the faith of your church. Lord, hear us.