

# **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN** **ORDINARY TIME**

September 5/6, 2026 Fifteenth Weekend in Multi-Purpose Room  
10:30 will be livestreamed.

## PRELUDE

## "God of Our Fathers"

*National Hymn*

*Breaking Bread Book, Number*

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1. God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y hand
2. Thy love di - vine hath led us in the past,
3. From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence,
4. Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some way,



1. Leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
2. In this free land by thee our lot is cast;
3. Be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;
4. Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;



1. Of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
2. Be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay,
3. Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease,
4. Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,



1. Our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
2. Thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
3. Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
4. And glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### Gathering Song

### **“Take Up Your Cross”**

*ERHALT UNS, HERR/Charles W. Everest*

*Breaking Bread Number 709*

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1. Take up your cross, the Sav - ior said, If  
 2. Take up your cross, be not a - shamed! Let  
 3. Take up your cross, which gives you strength, Which  
 4. Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, Nor

1. you would my dis - ci - ple be; De - ny your - self, the  
 2. not dis - grace your spir - it fill! For God him - self en -  
 3. makes your trem - bling spir - it brave: 'Twill guide you to a  
 4. think till death to lay it down; For on - ly they who

1. world for - sake, And hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.  
 2. dured to die Up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.  
 3. bet - ter home And lead to vic - t'ry o'er the grave.  
 4. bear the cross May hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

### Greeting

### Sign of the Cross

### Penitential Act

### Gloria

### **“Glory to God” from *Mass of Renewal***

*Curtis Stephen*

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## Collect

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

Song for CLOW Dismissal-10:30

### **“The Word of God”**

*M.D. Ridge and Timothy R. Smith*

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#### REFRAIN



Chil-dren, as you go to hear the word of God,  
 Children Pray for us who go to hear the word of God:

may your ears be o-pened; may you see God's light.  
 pray our hearts be o-pened; pray we see God's light.

May the word of God be with you all your days: may it  
 Pray the word of God be with us all our days: may it

*Last time (♩) To Verses*  
 find a home in your hearts.  
 find a home in our hearts.

First Reading

Ezekiel 33: 7 -9

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 95:

**“If Today You Hear His Voice, Harden Not Your Hearts”**

*Ben Walther*

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**R. If to-day you hear his voice, hard-en not your hearts.**

Second Reading

Romans 13: 8 - 10

Gospel Acclamation

*from Mass of Renewal*

*Curtis Stephen*

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## Gospel

**Matthew 18: 15 - 20**

## Homily

### Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with 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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Universal Prayer

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### PREPARATION SONG

"Deny Yourself"

*Paul Melley*

**MUSICIANS ONLY**

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## Retrain

Refrain

The musical score for the Refrain is written on four staves in 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with a repeat sign at the end of the first measure. The lyrics 'De-ny your - self.' and 'Take up your cross.' are written below the first two measures. The second staff continues the melody with a slur over the last two measures, with the lyrics 'De-spite the pain,' and 'de - spite the cost.' The third staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'Leave all be - hind,' and 'and fol - low me.' The fourth staff concludes the refrain with the lyrics 'De-ny your - self,' and 'be free.' and includes a double bar line. Above the fourth staff, the text 'To verse 3 and Coda' and 'To verses 1, 2' are written.

De-ny your - self. Take up your cross.

De-spite the pain, de - spite the cost.

Leave all be - hind, and fol - low me.

De-ny your - self, be free.

To verse 3 and Coda To verses 1, 2

### Verse 1

1. For what will it prof - it to gain the world and lose your life?

Those who would save their life will lose it.

What can you give in re-turn for your life?

For those who would lose their life,

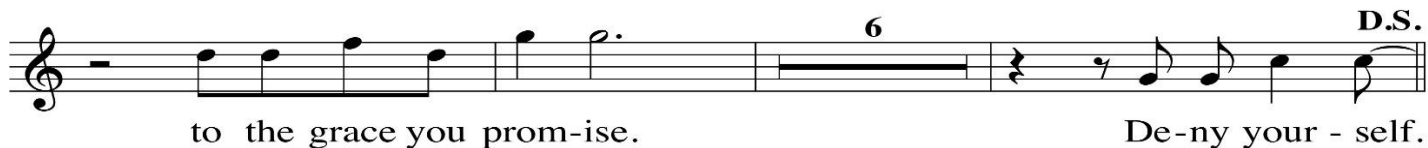
lose their life, will find it. **D.S.** De-ny your - self.

### Verse 2

2. Come, take up your cross and dai - ly fol - low me,



Verse 3



♠ Coda



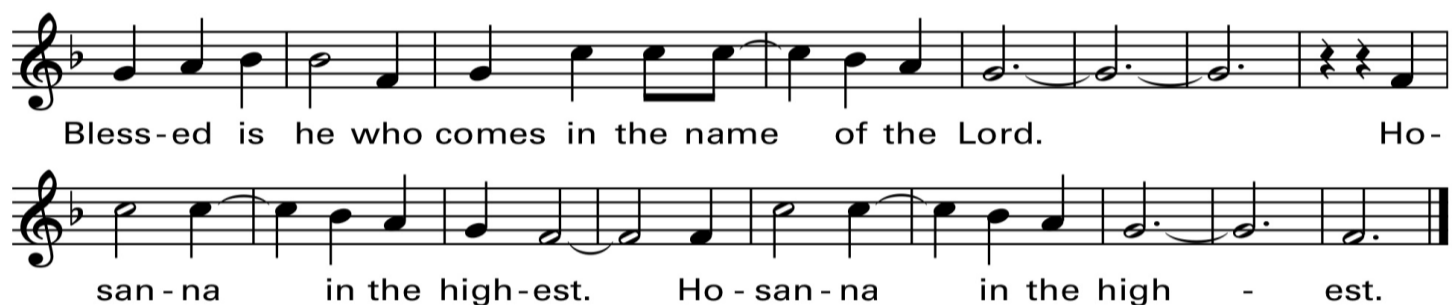
# EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Acclamations from the *MASS OF RENEWAL*

*Curtis Stephan*

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## "Holy, Holy"



## "Memorial Acclamation"



## "Great Amen"



## Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

## The Lamb of God

the MASS OF RENEWAL

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy,  
have mer - cy on us. world, grant us, grant us peace.

## Communion Antiphon

"23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time"

Steve Angrisano, Sarah Hart, and Curtis Stephan

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Like the deer that yearns for run - ning streams, so my  
soul is yearn-ing for you, my God; my soul is  
thirst-ing for God, the liv - ing God.

## Communion Song

"The Eyes and Hands of Christ"

Tom Kendzia

Breaking Bread Book, Number 508

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Refrain

Where two or three are gath - ered in my name,  
love will be found, life will a - bound.  
By name we are called, from wa - ter we are sent:  
to be - come the eyes and hands of Christ.

Verses 1, 2

1. One we be-come, no long - er strang - ers. No long - er  
2. One in the Spir - it, one in the Lord. One in the  
1. emp - ty or frail. Filled with the Spir - it, ev - 'ry  
2. break - ing of the bread. Life - giv - ing wit - ness of our  
to Refrain  
1. hun - ger sat - is - fied. Christ is the cen - ter of our lives.  
2. dy - ing and new life. Held by the prom - ise in our hands.

Verse 3

3. Not what we are, but what we be - come. Not what we  
3. say, but what we do. Liv - ing the chal - lenge as  
to Refrain  
3. bear - ers of light. We are the eyes and hands of Christ.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CONCLUDING RITES

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – See next page

FINAL BLESSING

# DISMISSAL

## CLOSING SONG

## "Go Make a Difference"

Steve Angrisano and Tom Tomaszek

Breaking Bread Book, Number 494

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### Refrain



Go make a dif - f'rence. We can make a dif -  
- f'rence. Go make a dif - f'rence in the world.  
Go make a dif - f'rence. We can make a dif -  
- f'rence. Go make a dif - f'rence in the world.

### Verses



1. We are the salt of the earth, called to let the peo - ple  
2. We are the hands of — Christ reach-ing out to those in  
3. So let your love shine — on, let it shine for all to

1. see — the love of — God in you and me. —  
2. need, — the face of — God for all to see. —  
3. see. — Go make a dif - f'rence in the world. —

1. — We are the light of the world, — not to be hid - den but be  
2. — We are the spir - it of hope; — we are the voice of  
3. — And the spir - it of Christ — will be with us as we

1. seen. Go make a dif - f'rence in the world.  
2. peace. Go make a dif - f'rence in the world.  
3. go. Go make a dif - f'rence in the world.

to Refrain