

WAC International ZOOM Eucharist, 23 October 2021



**Praying for Creation on the eve
of COP 26**

Song: In the Name of all that is. <https://youtu.be/IPT4F-zjQwA>

Reader 1

All-loving 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

Reader 2.

Jeremiah 31:7-9

God promises to lead back the remnant of Israel

Thus says the Lord: "Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labour, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn."

Reader 3.

Responsorial: from Psalm 126

R./: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy

When the Lord brought back the captives of Zion,
we were like men dreaming.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with rejoicing. (R./)

Then they said among the nations,
The Lord has done great things for them.
The Lord has done great things for us;
we are glad indeed. (R./)

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the torrents in the southern desert.
Those that sow in tears
shall reap rejoicing. (R./)

Although they go forth weeping,
carrying the seed to be sown,
they shall come back rejoicing,
carrying their sheaves. (R./)

Reader 4.

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Jesus hears the prayer of a blind man and gives him back his sight

As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Sharing and Prayers of the faithful

Song: Look at the World <https://youtu.be/kxr8QBPq1zo>

Eucharistic Prayer:

Reader 5.

The table we share is adorned with the gifts of creation,
gifts given for all to share in equality and justice, a table where all are welcome,
and from which nobody is to be excluded, from the greatest even to the least.

As a Christian people we celebrate the open table,
proclaimed by Jesus our liberator and our friend,
a table of abundant life, inclusive love, and redemptive liberation.

In the power of the creative Spirit, Jesus lived life to the full.
We, too, are blessed in the power of that same Spirit,
which we now invoke upon all gathered here,
to celebrate the transformative energy
symbolized in our gifts of bread and wine,
given to nourish and sustain us into the fullness of life.

While sharing a feast at table, Jesus took bread,
blessed you, God of all good gifts.
Jesus broke the bread
shared it among friends, and said:
Take this all of you and eat
this is my body which will be given up for you.

After the meal, Jesus took another cup,
poured out in a spirit of solidarity and empowerment.
Jesus gave thanks and shared the cup with his friends,
saying: Take this all of you and drink from it; this is the cup of my life-blood,
the life of the new and everlasting covenant.
In prophetic solidarity, it is poured out for you and for all.
Sustain one another in the power of sacred memory.

**Nurtured by your word, nourished by your food;
Called anew to be your people, we acclaim your praise.**

Reader 6.

As we celebrate this Eucharistic feast, we call to mind that we are a people
nourished throughout the ages; and we look forward in hope to that day
when the justice of our God will guarantee food
for all who hunger for the fullness of life.

With grateful hearts we receive the gifts of this table.
May the creative Spirit who energizes these gifts,
activate in our hearts, too, a hunger for that justice
that will guarantee sustenance for every human being.

In the spirit of this celebration, we rejoice and thank You our God for all
we have received; but we do so in the painful awareness
of all who are excluded from the table of God's abundant life.

Awaken in us, O God, a passion for equality and generosity of spirit,
that all may be brought to the table of abundance,
from which You want no one to be excluded.

**Through Christ,
In Christ,
With Christ,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
All glory and honour is yours.
For ever and ever. Amen.**

Reader 7 and Reader 8 (alternate lines)

R7 Our Father/Mother who are in Heaven

R8 You are also at home in the air, the soil, the forests and the oceans

R7 Hallowed be Your Name

R8 By the care we take of your creation

R7 Your Kin-dom come

R8 All that you see is good

R7 Your Will be done on earth as it is in heaven

R8 Your will to till and care

R7 Give us this day our daily bread

R8 That all may have sufficient to live life in fullness

R7 Forgive us our trespasses.

R8 Our greed, our exploitation, our lack of concern for other species and for future generations

R7 As we forgive those who trespass against us

R8 By reconciliation with justice and peace

R7 Do not let us fall into temptation

R8 The temptation to equate dominion with exploitation

R7 And deliver us from evil

R8 The evil of destroying your gift of creation

R7 For yours is the kin-dom

R8 Yours, loving God, not ours

R7 The power and the glory.

R8 In the cross and the resurrection

R7 For ever and ever.

R8 You are the beginning and you are the end

R7 Amen!

R8 And so be it!

Communion

Song: Let us be bread <https://youtu.be/lkSW9M6oVfA>

Reader 9.

Blessing

Companion us Spirit of God
with encouragement, energy and love
the better to appreciate your presence
the better to act for justice
the better to grow in kindness
the better to walk humbly with you
and all life in our home Earth. Amen!