



XXIII Sunday OT September 8, 24 - Cycle B



A WAY TO LISTEN



ATMOSPHERE

One more day, a day of prayer with you who continue to act in us and in humanity, and who invite us to feel that we are protagonists, a people on the journey. Encourage us to unite ourselves more intimately with you and to become aware of the faith that has been given to us as a gift.

You want us to live life to the fullest and to feel happy because we make the Gospel and following you the core of our lives.

May the Word of today open our senses to the faith that becomes an act in life.

Listen to speak, let us touch life in the dialogue that we maintain every day with this world, with each person.

SONG. HEAR ME – RUAH

https://youtu.be/gQTKsndgz-E?si=4A_yE8gjT7YPTAVM

GOSPEL – Mark 7, 31-37

«He left the region of Tyre and came again through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, passing through the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. Taking him aside from the crowd, he put his fingers into his ears and spittled his tongue. Lifting his eyes to heaven, he groaned and said to him, “Ephphatha,” which means, “Be opened!” His ears were opened, and immediately the bond on his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly. Jesus ordered them not to tell anyone about it. But the more he forbade them, the more they made it known. And they were amazed and said, “He has done all things well; he makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

To reflect on the Word of God today (*Marie- Noëlle THABUT*)

Isaiah 35:4-7a. Almost the entire text is made up of promises: promises of healing, of recovery for the blind, the deaf, the mute and the lame ... "Then the eyes of the blind will be opened and the ears of the deaf, then the lame will leap like a deer and the mouth of the mute will shout for joy." These are promises, above all, of a return to the country for the exiles. Indeed, when Isaiah speaks these words, the people of Israel are exiled in Babylon, after having lived through the atrocities of the siege of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar's army. Fifty years of exile are enough to discourage one. It is not by chance that Isaiah had told them: "Say to the nations in distress: Take courage, do not be afraid!" **The good news is that God raises you up and saves you**

Psalms 145/146, 7...10. This psalm is like an inventory! An inventory of the beneficiaries of God's generosity: the oppressed, the hungry, the chained, the blind, the burdened, the foreigners, widows and orphans. In a word: all those whom men ignore and despise. **God helps all of them.**

Letter of James 2, 1 - 5 The little parable about the poor and the rich in the Christian assembly seems, at first glance, a bit caricature-like. Surely no one would fall into that fault! **What James is aiming at, then, is discrimination**, whether racial, ethnic, social, financial or otherwise.

Mark 7:31-37. After having had a discussion with the Jews about the rules of purity, Jesus went into pagan territory. There he healed the daughter of a Syrian-Phoenician woman who had shown a faith that Jesus would have wished to find in his own countrymen. The following episodes also took place in pagan territory. Passing through Zion, Jesus headed for the Sea of Galilee and went into the territory of the Decapolis. A deaf-mute was brought to him and they begged him to “lay his hand on him.” Then Jesus did something he had never done before: he took the deaf-mute and took him aside, away from the crowd, and performed on him the gestures typical of healers: “Jesus put his fingers into the deaf-mute’s ears and touched his tongue with his saliva.” Jesus does not change the gestures of the time, but he will give them a new meaning because, from then on, Jesus is different from the others: “He raises his eyes to heaven, sighs and says to the deaf-mute: Effata ! That is, “Open up!” The gesture of raising his eyes to heaven is not ambiguous: Jesus only heals thanks to the power that the Father has given him. As for the sigh, we can see that Jesus is lamenting: Is it humanity awaiting its liberation? Is it the Spirit interceding for us? **Our suffering cannot leave God indifferent.** The messianic promises are therefore for everyone, Jews and pagans. And, curiously, it is the pagans who, apparently, are best able to decipher the signs through what happens. “They proclaim,” Mark tells us. Meanwhile, the apostles still have a long way to go. But, whatever it may be, despite our slowness to believe, the messianic time, whether we like it or not, has come **for all men** .

Prayer clues

- What life situation are you in when you hear this parable?
- What do you need to awaken, to open in your life to listen to God and people?
- How to move from your own pain to empathizing and listening to the pain of others?



AMBIENT MUSIC.

Shadows Of Light – DAVID MODICA

<https://youtu.be/GuQyInoUTk?si=IcqfWbCVoV4NkFvr>

THOSE WHO LISTEN

One thing leads to another,
listen to act.

Welcome those who are
at a disadvantage.

In the land of the different,
Let's recover the gift
of the meeting.

Listening and speaking
they shake hands.

We are to the extent
that we hear.

Connecting from
the depth of life
with the giver of Life.

Let's start expressing
the sense of infinity.

Let us walk with the simple,
those of passing thought and
offer our experience,
to the singer of dreams.

Expressing our talent
in the future of the
speeches given,
that encourage projects,
embodied in everyday life.

We are because you love us,
and we decided to be.

We feel accompanied
insurance.

Every step is a new one
experience and possibility
to cope with

to the efforts.

Let's learn to fit moments,
happy or uncertain.

There is life, possibility,
we have resources.

Let's not stop trying
to continue being
what we want.

Let's bet on peace,
dignity, freedom for all.

May the earth,
without borders,
be the house, the home.

What does the color matter?
the language, the economy!

It's the person that matters,
his being, his dream.

That our projects
be for everyone and
for everyone.

That we can walk
calm, safe,
in search of
odds,
facing challenges.

Let's look, let's listen
differently,

believing, trusting.

Let's connect with life,
to transform it,
forging impulses
new.

SINGING. BLESSED ARE YOU - JULIANO RAVANELLO

https://youtu.be/0N9D_06canI?si=Qb8yEYqIBgxPgAq2



Sisters of Charity of Saint Anne

C/ Madre Ráfols , 13 - 50.004 - ZARAGOZA (Spain)

Cuidando
Protegiendo

www.chcsa.org



GLOBAL COMPACT
ON EDUCATION