

**September 4-5, 2021**  
**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - LABOR DAY WEEKEND**  
**Isaiah 35:4-7      James 2:1-5      Mark 7:31-37**

It is noteworthy, given our present dilemma of assorted Covid-variants accompanied by the re-introduction of mask wearing and other protocols, to read the occasional stories of former anti-maskers/anti-vaxers, who, now that they are struggling on ventilators to stay alive, are NOW urging people to get vaccinated and to follow the proffered protocols. In something akin to the 'better late than never' urgings of our fellow residents, our Gospel passages are entering into their FINAL efforts to convey THE TRUTH about Jesus to the skeptics among us. This being the twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time...the clock is relentlessly ticking toward the conclusion of THIS YEAR of FAITH. We have already experienced all the BIG stories about Jesus: we celebrated Christmas (his birth), we experienced his crucifixion and resurrection (Good Friday and Easter) and remember his 'departure-Ascension' so as to send us the COMPLETION of our salvation, the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. We have heard it all...and this weekend is part of the Church's LAST-DITCH EFFORTS to break through whatever resistances we may have built (or inherited) that close our hearts and minds to Jesus' words. Jesus does not want us to remain whom we WERE...but desires us to continually OPEN our eyes, hearts and minds to becoming what he is urging us to BECOME...even if it makes us uncomfortable. While traditionally Labor Day has been a time for TAKING A BREAK from all our labors...this year's Scripture urge us to GET BUSY WITH BECOMING MORE LIKE JESUS.

**Glory to God**

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you; we bless you; we adore you; we glorify you; we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten son, Lord God, lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer, you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the lord, you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**Responsorial Psalm Response:**

'Praise the Lord, my soul!'

**Profession of Faith**

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 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.

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna in the highest.

**Our Father**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.**

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**HAPPY LABOR DAY weekend!** I hope this weekend finds you enjoying a traditional BBQ with family or friends or at least taking a break from the assorted adaptations that Covid has required from us. **THANK YOU** for sharing this weekend with our Santa Clara Community. If you are new to us...and intend to stay, please make sure you complete a REGISTRATION CARD so we may know how to contact you with assorted news or in case of any emergencies. **Please take note that LA CENA is approaching on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**...please make your reservations NOW for a delicious, restful and communal ending of our Summer season. Reservation Forms are available on the two display-boards at both entrances to the Hall or online at [SCDAYL.org](http://SCDAYL.org). As you enjoy your holiday, **please remember, YOU ARE LOVED!** FKB