

## **WELCOME: (COMMENTATOR)**

On behalf of the Charis Community, I welcome you to our Sunday Mass. All are truly welcome, and we are excited that you are joining us whether it's your first time praying with us or if you've been with us for a while. The worship aid for Mass is on our website, and we will put the address in the chat for you should you like to pull it up to support your prayer.

We are a Eucharistic people, so we invite you to have bread and wine, in whatever form you have it, with you where you are. Even though we are in many locations, we affirm that we are one table of believers.

Today's Gospel offers us a powerful example of faith and persistence in prayer. Those around him rebuked Bartimaeus for his efforts to attract Jesus' attention. When silenced by the crowd, however, Bartimaeus called out all the more. He is persistent and bold in his confidence that Jesus will show mercy on him and do what he asks.

All of us who have been given functioning eyes thank God wholeheartedly for the gift of sight. But today the Lord asks us: Do you see with the eyes of your heart what I am asking of you? Do you see the way I have shown you? Do you see the people I have placed on your way and are you aware of their needs and hungers? Do you see the beauty of the world I created and are you willing to keep it a marvel for you and your children?

Let us ask the Lord in this eucharist to open our eyes to God and other people as we begin our prayer in song.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says our God:  
Shout with joy for Jacob,  
    exult at the head of the nations;  
    proclaim your praise and say:  
God has delivered the people,  
    the remnant of Israel.

Behold, I will bring them back  
    from the land of the north;  
I will gather them from the ends of the world,  
    with the blind and the lame in their midst,  
    the mothers and those with child;  
    they shall return as an immense throng.

They departed in tears,  
    but I will console them and guide them;  
I will lead them to brooks of water,  
    on a level road, so that none shall stumble.  
For I am both father and mother to Israel,  
    Ephraim is my first-born.

The Word of God. R/. Thanks be to God.

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Sisters and brothers:

Every high priest is taken from among the people  
and made their representative before God,  
to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.

The high priest is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring,  
being likewise beset by weakness  
and so, for this reason, must make personal sin offerings  
as well as for the people.

One does not take this honor upon oneself  
but only when called by God,  
just as Aaron was.

In the same way,  
it was not Christ who glorified himself in becoming high priest;  
but rather the one who said to him:  
“You are my son:  
this day I have begotten you;”  
just as God says in another place:  
“You are a priest forever  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

The Word of God.

R/. Thanks be to God.

The Lord be with you. **And Also with you**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you O Lord.**

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples  
and a sizable crowd,  
Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus,  
sat by the roadside begging.  
On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth,  
he began to cry out and say,  
"Jesus, son of David, have pity on me."

And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent.  
But he kept calling out all the more,  
"Son of David, have pity on me."  
Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."  
So they called the blind man, saying to him,  
"Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you."  
He threw aside his cloak, sprang up,  
and came to Jesus.

Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?"  
The blind man replied to him, "Teacher, I want to see."  
Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you."  
Immediately he received his sight  
and followed him on the way.

The Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ.

R/. Praise to you, O Jesus Christ.



## **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:**

### **Commentator:**

Let us pray to Jesus, who restored the sight of the blind, that with him we may see the needs of our brothers and sisters everywhere. For whom and for what do we want to pray today?

*(We offer our prayers and respond, Lord Hear Our Prayer.)*

Lord Jesus, make us open our eyes, our hands, our heart and so we can look on this world and on people with the same gentle eyes as you, who are our Lord for ever and ever. Amen

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We have heard in this eucharist  
how the Lord gives new light to dead eyes.  
A blind man sees and follows the Lord.  
May the Lord make us people  
who see with eyes of faith.  
May the Lord help us to see the road to follow  
and to recognize the Lord in our life.  
May he give us the joy to follow him.  
And may almighty God bless all of you:  
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**