

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Sunday August 16, 2026



Gather Us In
Marty Haugen

Here in this place new light is streaming
Now is the darkness vanished away
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken
Gather us in, the blind and the lame
Call to us now and we shall awaken
We shall arise at the sound of our name

Penitential Rite
Gloria *(Composed-Through)*

Glory, Glory to God in the highest
Glory, 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, O Almighty Father

Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son Lord God, 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

Glory, Glory to God in the highest
Glory, Glory to God in the highest
And on earth, peace to people of good will
Amen!

I Reading
Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm
67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
O God, Let All the Nations Praise You

II Reading
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel
Matthew 15:21-28
Homily

The 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
We pray to the Lord – **Lord Hear Our Prayer**

Here I Am
Tom Booth
Refrain
Here I am, standing right beside you.
Here I am; do not be afraid.
Here I am, waiting like a lover.
I am here; here I am.

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
Hosanna in the highest

Memorial Acclamation

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord
until you come again, until you come again.

Great Amen

Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world
Have mercy on us
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world
Have mercy on us
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world
Grant us peace.

Bread of Angels

Curtis Stephan

Bread of angels, we receive you;
with us now abide.
Precious Jesus, manna of ages,
with us now reside.
Panis angélicus fit panis hóminum,
Dat panis cáelicus figúris términum.

Hallelujah Is Our Song

Sarah Hart Sarah Kroger Josh Blakesley
Trey Heffinger

Refrain

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
He is risen over all.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah is our song.

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TODAY'S READINGS

1. Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

As a sign of Israel's change of heart and readiness to listen to God's word, a new spirit of the observance of the Sabbath reflects the proper point of view on life. It humbles the exaggerated notion that all of value was of man's making and reestablishes God's sovereignty over the world He created. So important is this recognition that the prophet looks to a time when all the nations, not just Israel, will acknowledge this sovereignty in worship in the great Temple.

2. Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Paul recognizes that Israel's privileges are irrevocable. God will not abandon His people. But in the meantime, Israel's

rejection of Jesus has turned to the advantage of the gentiles. They now have come to experience God's mercy in believing in Jesus. Eventually, Paul believes, his fellow Jews will come to recognize God's hand in saving the gentiles.

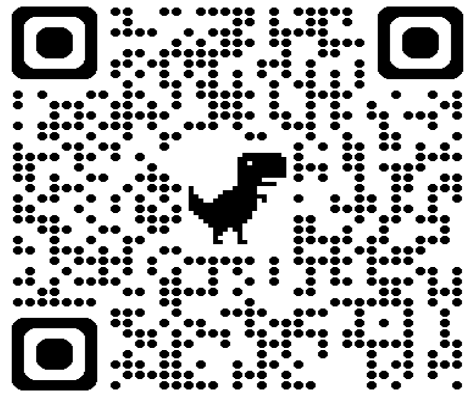
3. Matthew 15:21-28

The dynamic of this story of the Canaanite woman (a pagan) unfolds around the dialogue she had with Jesus at her instigation. Though a pagan, she acknowledges him as "Lord, Son of David," a messianic title. Somehow, she knows and believes. At first, Jesus rejects her, reaffirming his exclusive commitment to the Jews, even to the point of a derogatory dismissal of her need. But because of her persistence, her faith triumphs and is rewarded with the cure she seeks. In this dialogue, Matthew teaches his community (of predominantly Jewish Christians) that the power of faith transcends every divide.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. As Isaiah exhorts, when have you had to make a difficult choice in order to do what was right?
2. When have you most needed, and felt, God's mercy at work in your life?
3. Society/culture these days talks a lot about insiders/outside. Have you ever felt like either? Explain.

Readings for Today's Mass



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