

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 145)

ANTIPHON: Praise the Lord, my soul!

RESPONSE: Praise the Lord, my soul!

LECTOR: It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

LECTOR: It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

LECTOR: The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn) Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Or

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

TODAY'S READINGS Isaiah 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37

NEXT WEEK (24th Sunday of Year B) Isaiah 50:5-9; Psalm 114; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35

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Jesus says to us: hear and speak



5 September 2021 23rd Sunday, Year B

There are two miracle-stories that occur only in Mark's gospel: the healing of the blind man at Bethsaida, and today's story of the healing of the deaf-mute. Both stories reveal to us the truly human face of Jesus who responds with compassion to people's infirmities. But they also reveal the healing powers of the promised Messiah who will 'open the eyes of the blind' and 'unseal the ears of the deaf' (Isaiah).

However, in both Markan stories, Jesus is also the reluctant Messiah who performs his miracles out of public view and orders people not to tell anyone! Biblical scholars have long debated the meaning of the so-called "messianic secret" in Mark's gospel. We may say it did not work very well as the disciples could not hold their tongues, proclaiming to all who would listen: "he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak!"

Another explanation is that Jesus does not want people to focus on him, but on the 'kingdom of God'. And Jesus does not want to be identified as some kind of celebrity or political Messiah since, in his own words, "the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many" (Mk 10:45). Indeed, the full reality of Jesus' messiahship could only be revealed in the experience of the Cross which is also at the heart of true discipleship. In broader perspective, we should realise the disciples in Mark's gospel are depicted as lacking faith – or being metaphorically blind and

deaf. Even Peter, James and John – who saw Jesus transfigured on the mountain (Mk 9:2-23) – soon fell into crude misinterpretations, thinking of power and fame rather than loving service of others in the way of the Cross.

So, despite all the miracles in Mark's Gospel, Jesus' full identity as Christ-the-Messiah and Saviour-figure remains a 'secret' to the often clueless disciples who fail to see Jesus as much more than a miracle-worker. While Peter does move to acknowledge Jesus as the Christ, he then shows his faulty understanding by failing to accept Jesus' message that the Son of Man is to suffer and die – resulting in Jesus' rebuke to Peter: "Get behind me Satan!" (Mk 8:27-33).

"Then looking up to heaven, Jesus sighed and said: 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened'". This healing message of Jesus to the deaf-mute is spoken to his disciples and to us who are often deaf to the full message of the Gospel and dumb in our failure to witness Jesus Christ to the world. We too are afraid of the full call to discipleship which includes identifying with Jesus the "suffering servant".

We are invited to find in Jesus' compassion a truly human way of responding to people in distress. Also, we are invited to be disciples of Christ the Messiah who brings healing and hope to our world through the reality of the Cross and miracle of the Resurrection.

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SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

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Coming up in 2021 Sept

- 5 Fathers Day
- 10 St Lawrence (Feast)
- 12 Parish Farewell Fr John
- 13 BED Meeting
- Oct 16/17 Sacrament Prep 1
- 23/24 Sacrament Prep 2

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