



Liturgy of the Word

*Readings for
September 7th & 8th, 2024*

First Reading

The eyes of the blind will be lit up, and the ears of the deaf will be opened.

Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (35:4-7)

This is what the Lord says: "Say to those with a naked heart, 'Encourage! Do not be afraid. Behold, their God, avenger and righteous, is coming to save them.' Then the eyes of the blind will be illuminated and the ears of the deaf will be opened. The lame will jump like a deer and the tongue of the mute will sing. Waters will flow in the desert and streams will flow in the steppe. The moor will become a pond and the dry land will become a spring."

Word of God. *We praise you, Lord.*

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 145

R. Praise, my soul, the Lord.

* The Lord is always faithful to His word, and He is the One who does justice to the oppressed; He provides bread to the hungry and frees the captive. **R.**

* The Lord opens the eyes of the blind and relieves the burdened. Love the Lord the righteous man and take the stranger into his care. **R.**

* To the widow and the orphan he sustains and upsets the plans of the wicked. Reign the Lord eternally, reign your God, O Zion, reign forever. **R.**

Second Reading

God has chosen the poor of the world to make them heirs of the Kingdom.

Reading from the letter of the Apostle James (2:1-5)

Brethren: Since you have faith in our glorified Lord Jesus Christ, do not have favoritism. Suppose that at the same time a man in a golden ring, luxuriously dressed, and a poor ragged man enter into your meeting, and that you set your eyes on the one wearing the elegant suit and say to him: "You, sit here, comfortably." Instead, they say to the poor, "You, stand there or sit here on the ground, at my feet." Isn't this having favoritisms and judging with twisted criteria? Dear brothers, has not God chosen the poor of this world to make them rich in faith and heirs of the Kingdom which he promised to those who love him?

Word of God. *We praise you, Lord.*

Holy Gospel

He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.

Reading of the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark (7, 31-37)

Glory to you, Lord

Jesus Heals a Deaf and Mute Man—Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and



into the region of the Decapolis.

There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him. After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears.

Then he spit and touched the man's

tongue. He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means "Be opened!"). At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly. Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." **Word of God. *Glory to you Lord Jesus.***