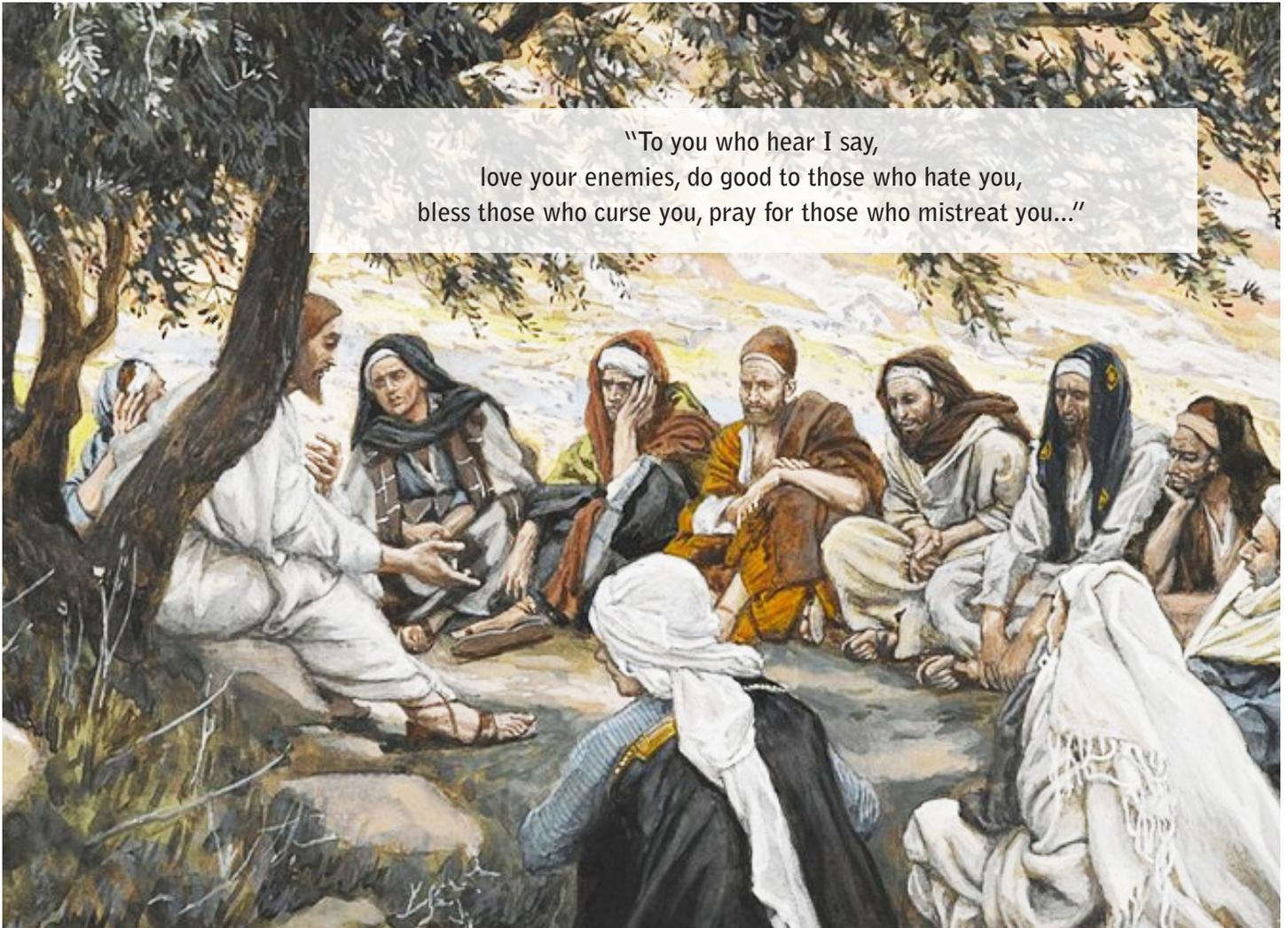


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FEBRUARY 20, 2022 - THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“To you who hear I say,
love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,
bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you...”

James Tissot: The Exhortation to the Apostles (Recommandation aux apôtres). Public Domain.



Feb 21 -
St. Peter Damien; President's Day



Feb 22 -
The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle;
George Washington's Birthday



Feb 23 -
St. Polycarp



Feb 19 -
Blessed Virgin Mary



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Christian Faith involves duties and responsibilities with regard to God and our fellow human beings. The extract today from First Corinthians in the Second Reading reminds us that the children of Adam, those born before the Coming of Christ, are bound by the Commandments. The children of the Second Adam, the Risen Christ, are bound not just by the Commandments, but are required to live by a Higher Standard. This stems from the belief that we are empowered by the Holy Spirit, which makes all things Possible, and should prompt the question, "Do our lives give witness to that empowerment?". It was said of the early Christians, "See how they love one another". The world will be a better place when this can be said of all Christians. This is the perennial challenge for the followers of Christ and will continue to echo down through the ages. Our Lenten Journey will commence in 10 days time, on Ash Wednesday, March 2. Lent and preparations for this season should prompt us to ask if we are doing enough to bring the compassion of Christ to one another. Do we demonstrate this through our care for the Poor and Disadvantaged?

Next week we will present, for your attention, our Annual Catholic Appeal. This Appeal funds Programs and Initiatives that serve the most disadvantaged in our Diocese. While acknowledging that many people are somewhat disillusioned with the Official Church at this time, the needs of the most disadvantaged still cry out for assistance. We will speak further to you about this next weekend and remain confident that the St. Francis Community will respond with their usual generosity.

This weekend we celebrate Presidents Day in the United States. Please keep all elected officials in your prayers at this critical time in our nation's history. During his address to a Joint Session of Congress in 2015, Pope Francis identified President Abraham Lincoln as an American Prophet. This should serve to remind us to challenge all elected officers and to remind them of their duty to truly care for and be transformational in their service to all the people of the nation. This should be especially evident in their care for the poor and the marginalized.

Whilst we have received good news with regard to the pandemic, the Christian duty to care for one another should continue to motivate us to proceed with caution. The Lord remains our Stay and consolation.

"Give, and gifts will be Given to you." Luke 6:38.

- Fr. Des.



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into
my soul. Since I cannot at this
moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my
heart. I embrace You as if You were
already there and unite myself wholly
to You. Never permit me to be
separated from You. Amen.

PEACE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS



While this prayer has always been attributed to St. Francis, the author is actually unknown. The prayer does wonderfully represent the spirit of St. Francis and the Franciscan Orders.

Lord, make me an
instrument of your **peace**;
where there is hatred,
let me sow **love**;
where there is injury, **pardon**;
where there is doubt, **faith**;
where there is despair, **hope**;
where there is darkness, **light**;
and where there is sadness, **joy**.

O Divine Master,
grant that I may not
so much seek
to be consoled, as to **console**;
to be understood, as to **understand**;
to be loved, as to **love**;
for it is in giving that we **receive**,
it is in pardoning that we are **pardoned**,
and it is in dying that we are
born to eternal life.

Amen.



The Memorare Prayer

Remember, O most gracious Virgin
Mary, that never was it known
that anyone who fled to your
protection, implored your help
or sought your intercession
was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence,
I fly unto you, O Virgin of Virgins,
my Mother. To you I come, before
you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions,
but in your mercy
hear and answer me.
Amen.

2022 Annual Catholic Appeal

Bring God's tender care to others through the Annual Catholic Appeal - 25% comes back to our parish for our own outreach to those in need.

On the weekend of February 26 we will have the opportunity to come alongside those who are suffering through the Annual Catholic Appeal. Each of our gifts, no matter the amount, makes a difference in someone's life. Catholic Charities can respond to the greatest needs in our communities. Seminarians receive support as they prepare to serve our local parishes. Catholic schools in economically-challenged neighborhoods can provide tuition assistance. Prayerfully consider what you can give this year.

Give online at www.scd.org/acagive



Assisting people in need

YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Quarterly Report to the Parish
October 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021

OPERATIONAL INCOME

Offertory Collections	\$ 128,126.00
Sacramental Services	\$ 4,555.00
Assistance to the Needy	\$ 8,608.00
Building Fund	\$ 8,033.00
Covenant of Sharing	\$ 25,625.00
Donations & Unrestricted Gifts	\$ 20,840.00
Parish Programs	\$ 729.00
Parish Fundraising Activities	\$ 100.00
Religious Education	\$ 1,990.00
Other Receipts	\$ 706.00

Total Operational Income \$ 199,312.00

OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

Salaries, Wages and Related Expenses	\$ 86,796.00
Assistance to the Needy	\$ 1,686.00
Parish Programs	\$ 266.00
School Tuition Assistance	\$
Parish Fundraising	\$
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 22,095.00
Parish Center - Office	\$ 18,572.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 11,472.00
Property & Liability Insurance/Assessmen1	\$ 19,978.00
Religious Education	\$ 639.00
Other	\$ 16,312.00

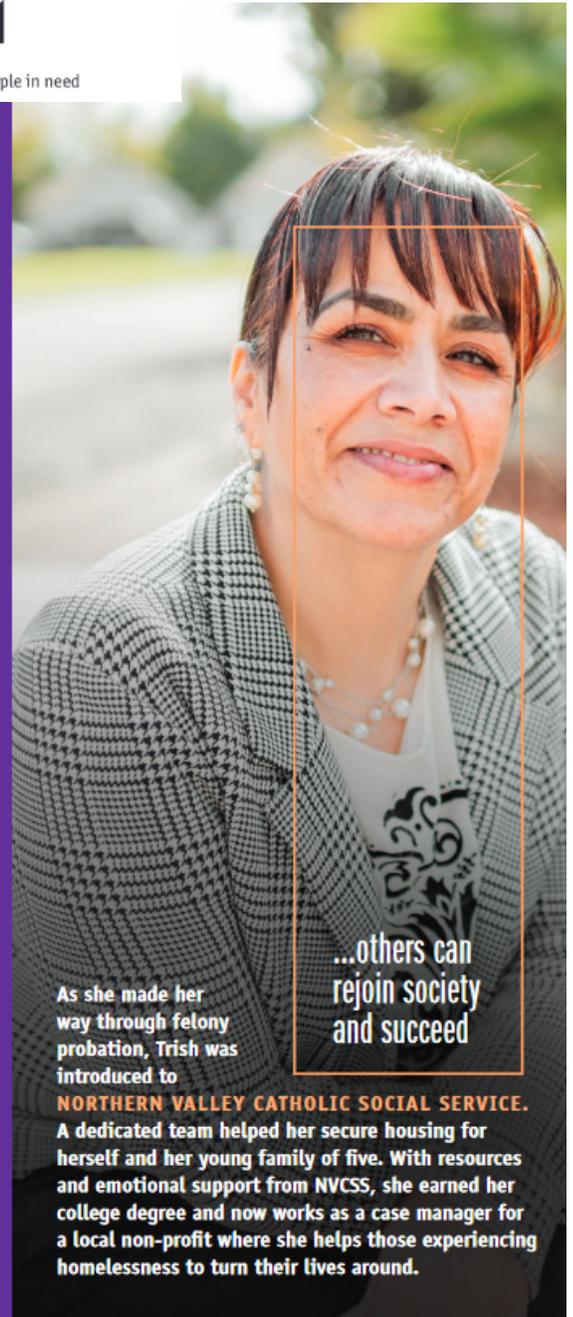
Total Operational Expenses \$ 177,816.00

Net Income/(Loss) from Operations \$ 21,496.00

Thank you for your generosity!



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"We knew they had our back, that we could count on them, which gave us great peace of mind. They're great friends... so grateful."

TRISH
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NVCSS PATH Program

...others can
rejoin society
and succeed

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NORTHERN VALLEY CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICE. A dedicated team helped her secure housing for herself and her young family of five. With resources and emotional support from NVCSS, she earned her college degree and now works as a case manager for a local non-profit where she helps those experiencing homelessness to turn their lives around.

WEEKLY READINGS

Sun:	1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8,10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38
Mon:	Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
Tue:	1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Wed:	Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40
Thur:	Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50
Fri:	Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12
Sat:	Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16
Sun:	Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

JANUARY 2022

Stewardship	\$ 41,130.00
Assistance to the Needy	\$ 1,393.00
Building Fund	\$ 3,065.00

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THE POPE TWEETS

11 FEBRUARY 2022

Our Christian way of looking at others refuses to see them as a burden or a problem, but rather as brothers and sisters to be helped and protected.

Franciscus
twitter.com/pontifex

In the name of the Lord!

All who love the Lord with their whole heart, their whole soul and mind, and with their strength, and love their neighbour as themselves, and who despise the tendency in their humanity to sin, receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and bring forth from within themselves fruits worthy of true penance.



Oh, How happy and blessed are these men and women when they do these things, and persevere in doing them because "the Spirit of the Lord will rest upon them" and the Lord will make "His home and dwelling place with them".

- St. Francis of Assisi (The First Version of the Letter to the Faithful)



BORDER EXPERIENCE INVITATION

The **St. Francis Parish Pathways for Justice Ministry** invites you to take part in a virtual presentation about the plight of refugees at the U.S.-Mexico border, **taking place Monday, February 28, 2022 at 7:00 PM.**

Sister Janet Ackerman, OP and her pilgrimage team from St. Andrew Catholic Church, Boulder City, NV, will share prayerful reflections and stories about their October 2021 experience at Casa Alitas in Tucson, AZ where they ministered to asylum-seekers released by ICE and Border Patrol detention into the Tucson Community.

To register please send an email to pathwaysforjustice@stfrancisparish.com.
A Zoom link will be sent to those who are registered prior to the event.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

PLEASE NOTE FOR ALL MASSES:

For the safety of all we will continue with our mask policy. Social Distancing will be observed. Hand sanitizing will be offered prior to receiving Communion. Limited seating!

- **Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:15pm – Mass in the church**
- **Sunday at 7:30am – Mass in the church**
- **Sunday at 9:30am Mass in the church**

The 9:30am Mass will be livestreamed as usual (<https://bit.ly/37XEfK3>).

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Weds and Fri at 12:10pm, in the church. There will be no mass on Mon Feb 21.

For the safety of all, we will continue with our mask policy for all. Social Distancing will be observed. Hand sanitizing will be offered prior to receiving Communion. Limited seating!

The 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
February 19-20, 2022

Gathering:

Christ Before Us

SUO GÂN/Janèt Sullivan Whitake.

Christ before us, Christ beside us, Christ to guide us all our days.

He to carry all our sorrows, he to bear us perfect grace.

Jesus, Savior, Friend and Brother, Intercessor, Son of God,
save your people in your dying, and in rising, conquer death.

May we be for one another all that you would have us be.

May we live your law of kindness, love, compassion, charity.

May we climb your holy mountain; may we see your holy face!

Visit now this humble dwelling; dwell within this holy place.

God before us through the ages; Christ beside us here today.

Spirit, lead us forth forever; guide and help us all our days.

Christ the Savior, God the Living, Great Creator, Spirit blest!

Holy Three-in-One Immortal, come and be our welcome guest.

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Gloria:

Mass of Renewal

Curtis Stepha.

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, 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, amen.

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Psalm: Psalm 103 "The Lord is kind and merciful."

Jesse Manibusan



The Lord _____ is kind _____ and mer-ci - ful. _____

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Gospel Acclamation:

Curtis Stepha



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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The 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

AMEN+

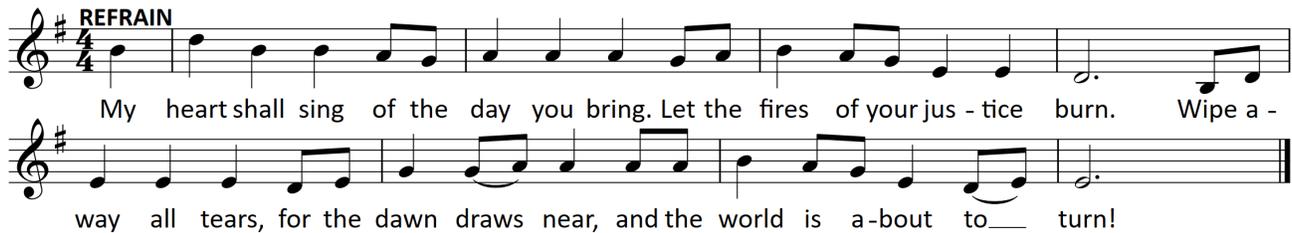
Preparation of Gifts:

Canticle of the Turning

Rory Cooney

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

REFRAIN



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a -
way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to — turn!

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. **(Refrain)**

From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;
There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. **(Refrain)**

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. **(Refrain)**

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Liturgy of the Eucharist:

Mass of Renewal

Curtis Stephan

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.

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death O Lord, until you come again.

Amen, Amen, Amen!

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us, grant us peace.

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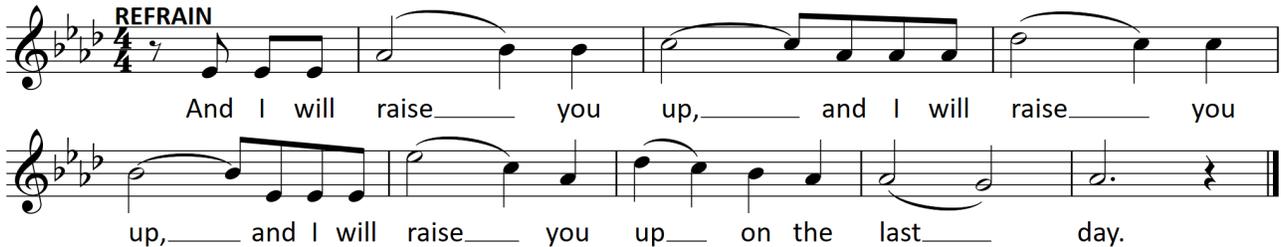
Communion:

I Am the Bread of Life

Suzanne Toolan, RSM

I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger;
and who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

REFRAIN



And I will raise_____ you up,_____ and I will raise_____ you
up,_____ and I will raise_____ you up_____ on the last_____ day.

The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread, you shall live forever, you shall live forever. **(Refrain)**

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his blood, a
nd drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you. **(Refrain)**

I am the Resurrection, I am the life.
If you believe in me, even though you die you shall live forever. **(Refrain)**

Yes, Lord, we believe that you are the Christ,
The Son of God, who have come into the world. **(Refrain)**

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Sending Forth:

Go Make a Difference

Steve Angrisano/Thomas N Tomaszek

REFRAIN



Go make a dif - f'rence. We can make a dif - f'rence. Go make a dif
- f'rence in the world._____ Go make a dif - f'rence.
We can make a dif - f'rence. Go make a dif - f'rence in the world._____

We are the salt of the earth, called to let the people see
the love of God in you and me.
We are the light of the world, not to be hidden but be seen.
Go make a diff'rence in the world. **(To Refrain)**

So let your love shine on, let it shine for all to see.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.
And the spirit of Christ will be with us as we go.
Go make a diff'rence in the world. **(To Refrain)**

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