

Catholic Bible Institute – October 5, 2013 – Opening Prayer

Leader: God gives each of us a home:
come, let us give thanks and praise!

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia!

Gathering Hymn: *Table of Plenty* (Dan Schutte)

Refrain: ALL

Come to the feast of heaven and earth!
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need,
here at the table of plenty.

W: O come and sit at my table
where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
to share the cup of my love.

M: O come and eat without money;
come to drink without price.
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit
with faith and fullness of life.

W: My bread will ever sustain you
through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness
to flood the depths of your soul.

M: Your fields will flower in fullness;
your homes will flourish in peace.
For I, the giver of home and harvest,
will send my rain on the soil.



Gospel Reading (Matt 13:1-9)

A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ Let anyone with ears listen!"

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9)

**R.(8) If today you hear God's voice,
harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;
let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us joyfully sing psalms to our God.

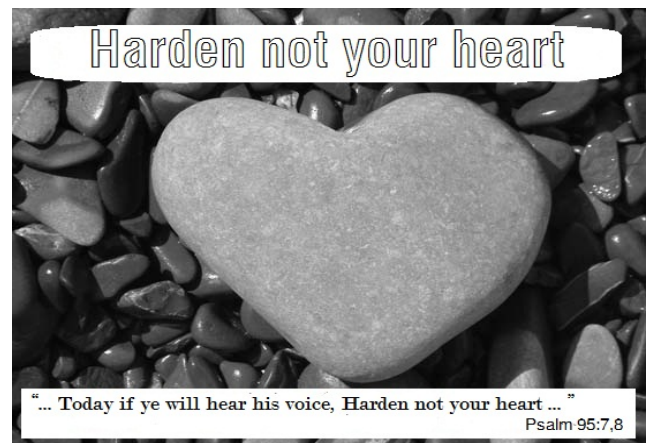
**Sung: If today you hear God's voice,
harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.
For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds,
the flock he guides.

**Sung: If today you hear God's voice,
harden not your hearts.**

Oh, that today you would hear God's voice:
"Harden not your hearts as at Meribah as in the day of Massah in the desert where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works."

**Sung: If today you hear God's voice,
harden not your hearts.**



Intercessions

Response: Lord, soften our hearts.

For Pope Francis, our Bishops, Priests and Religious,
that they may continue to be open to the Spirit working
in their lives and guiding them in their ministry.

We pray...

That God guides the course of world events; may we
continue to work for peace and justice, and may our
government officials be anointed with Wisdom.

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May families place a priority on the Word of God, teaching them about Him; may parents live out their faith as role models and mentors for their children.

We pray...

May refugees, prisoners and all who are oppressed find hope and acceptance in the hearts, minds, and souls of the people of God.

We pray...

May God help us to embrace His will and give us strength to follow His call, so that the truth may live in our hearts and reflect peace to those who believe in His Love.

We pray...

For those who are ill that they experience healing and for those who have died that they may find God's peace and rest in the promise of the Resurrection.

We pray...

Our Father

Hail Mary

Collect

O God, our merciful Father, your people wander in deserts of the spirit and wastelands of want. Through the intercession of Mary, our Mother, bring us all to dwell in peace in your presence, now and forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

