



Saint Thomas More
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

We call upon the Holy Spirit in a particular way
to bless the student and teachers of our school.
We also ask for blessing upon our entire community
in these days of study, work, discernment, and prayer.

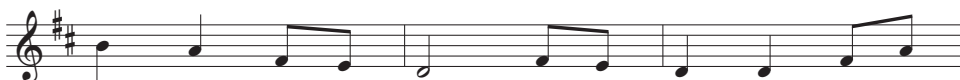
THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Processional

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”



1. Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a
2. Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a
3. Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who



lib - er - at - ing light. Praise the One who frees the
strong yet gen - tle word. Praise the One who drove out
suf - fered in our place. Je - sus died and rose for



pris - 'ners, Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
de - mons With a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
man - y That we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, Heal - ing
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter To the
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, See - ing

The music is continued on the following page.

ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing storms and feed - ing
des - ert's burn - ing sand. From this well comes liv - ing
what our God has done. Praise the one re - deem - ing
thou - sands With the ver - y bread of peace.
wa - ter Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
glo - ry; Praise the One who makes us one.

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Tune: NETTLETON, 8 7 8 7 D, from Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Pt. II*, 1813

Sign of the Cross & Greeting

Penitential Act

Mass for a Servant Church

Priest, deacon, or cantor, then all:

(Invocation) Ky - ri - e, e - lé - i - son.
Lord, have mer - cy.

Priest, deacon, or cantor, then all:

(Invocation) Chri - ste, e - lé - i - son.
Christ, have mer - cy.

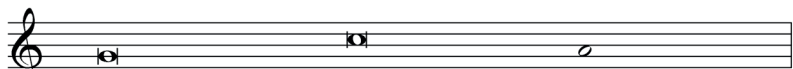
Priest, deacon, or cantor, then all: *Last time*

(Invocation) Ky - ri - e, e - lé - i - son.
Lord, have mer - cy.

Music: *Mass for a Servant Church*, Michel Guimont, © 2010, GIA Publications, Inc.

Glory to God

Psallite Mass



1. Glory to

2. We praise you, we

3. Lord God,

God in the

bless you, we a -

heavenly

highest,

dore you,

King,



1. and on earth peace to people

2. we glorify you, we give you thanks for

3. O God, al

of good will.

your great glory,

- might - y Father.



4. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Be

5. you take away the sins

6. you take away the sins

7. you are seated at the right hand

- got -

of the world,

of the world,

of the Father,

ten Son,

the

the

the



4. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of

5. have mercy

6. receive

7. have mercy

the Father,

on us;

our prayer;

on us.



8. For you a

9. you alone are the Most High,

10. A

- lone are the

Jesus

-

Holy One,

Christ,

men,



8. you alone

9. with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of

10. A

are the Lord,

God the Father.

- men.

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Collect

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

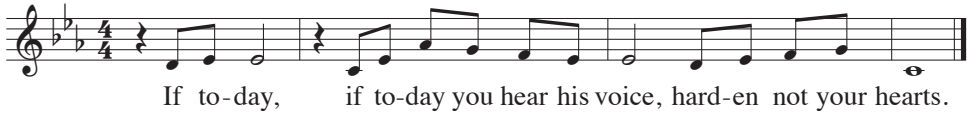
First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-9

If you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way,
I will hold you responsible for his death.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 95



Text: Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; *The Revised Grail Psalms*, © 2010, Conception Abbey and The Grail, admin. by GIA Publications, Inc.;
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Music: Paul A. Tate, © 2013, GIA Publications, Inc.

Second Reading

Romans 13:8-10

Love is the fulfillment of the law.

Gospel Acclamation

Mass for John Carroll



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Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

If your brother or sister listens to you,
you have won them over.

Homily

Rev. R.J. Fichtinger, S.J.

Profession of Faith

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,

(Bow during the following two lines.)

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

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created,
and you will renew the face of the earth.

Lord,
by the light of the Holy Spirit
you have taught the hearts of your faithful.
In the same Spirit
help us to relish what is right
and always rejoice in your consolation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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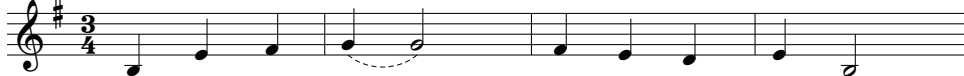


THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts

"Christ, Be Our Light"

Verses



1. Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness.
2. Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled.
3. Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry.
4. Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less.
5. Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple,



Long - ing for truth, we turn to you.
Long - ing for hope, man - y de - spair.
Long - ing for wa - ter, man - y still thirst.
Long - ing for warmth, man - y are cold.
Man - y the hearts that yearn to be - long.



Make us your own, your ho - ly peo - ple,
Your word a - lone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your bread, bro - ken for oth - ers,
Make us your build - ing, shel - ter - ing oth - ers,
Let us be ser - vants to one an - oth - er,



Light for the world to see.
Make us your liv - ing voice.
Shared un - til all are fed.
Walls made of liv - ing stone.
Mak - ing your king - dom come.

The music is continued on the following page.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!

Shine in your Church gath-ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b.1957

Tune: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, 9 8 9 6 with refrain; Bernadette Farrell, b.1957

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Holy, Holy, Holy

A Community Mass

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Music: *A Community Mass*, Richard Proulx, © 1971, GIA Publications, Inc.

Memorial Acclamation

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-
claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

The musical notation is in G major (one flat) and common time (C). It consists of two staves. The first staff has a melody starting on G4, moving up stepwise to B4, then down to A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The second staff continues the melody from C4, moving up to D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, and ending on A4. There are lyrics under each staff.

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Great Amen

A - men, a - men, a - men.

The musical notation is in G major (one flat) and common time (C). It consists of a single staff with a melody starting on G4, moving up to A4, B4, then down to A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. There are lyrics under the staff.

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The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

The musical notation is in G major (one flat) and 3/4 time. It consists of three staves. The first staff has a melody starting on G4, moving up to A4, B4, then down to A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The second staff continues the melody from C4, moving up to D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, and ending on A4. The third staff continues the melody from A4, moving up to B4, then down to A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. There are lyrics under each staff.

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Communion Antiphon

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. John 8:12

Communion Song

"Set Your Heart on the Higher Gifts"

Refrain



Set your heart on the high-er gifts, on the
things that come from your Mak - er in heav - en.
These three gifts are all that re-main: faith, hope and love,
and the great - est is love.

Verses



1. If I speak with the tongues of the liv - ing,
2. And if I un - der - stand ev - 'ry mys - t'ry,
3. And if I should re - nounce all my rich - es,
and of an - gels, but speak with-out love, I am
hav - ing wis - dom, but think with-out love, had I
feed the hun - gry, give o - ver my life; with-out
on - ly brass with-out song, an emp - ty noise on the wind.
faith to scat - ter the hills, I am noth - ing at all.
love my prof - it is loss, my car - ing finds no re - ward.

Text: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Steven C. Warner, b.1954
Tune: Steven C. Warner, b.1954
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Prayer after Communion

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Blessing of Teachers, Staff, & Students

4:30 p.m.

Blessing & Dismissal

Recessional

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”



1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry,
 2. All your works with joy sur - round you, Earth and heav'n re -
 3. You are giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing,
 4. Mor - tals, join the might - y cho - rus, Which the morn - ing



Lord of love; Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore you,
 flect your rays, Stars and an - gels sing a - round you,
 ev - er blest, Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing,
 stars be - gan; God's own love is reign - ing o'er us,



O - p'ning to the sun a - bove. Melt the clouds of
 Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise. Field and for - est,
 O - cean - depth of hap - py rest! God our Fa - ther,
 Join - ing peo - ple hand in hand. Ev - er sing - ing,



sin and sad - ness; Drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 vale and moun - tain, Flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Christ our broth - er, Let your light up - on us shine;
 march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day!
 Chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain Sound their praise e - ter - nal - ly!
 Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph - song of life.

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1933, alt.

Tune: HYMN TO JOY, 8 7 8 7 D; arr. from Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, by Edward Hodges, 1796–1867



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