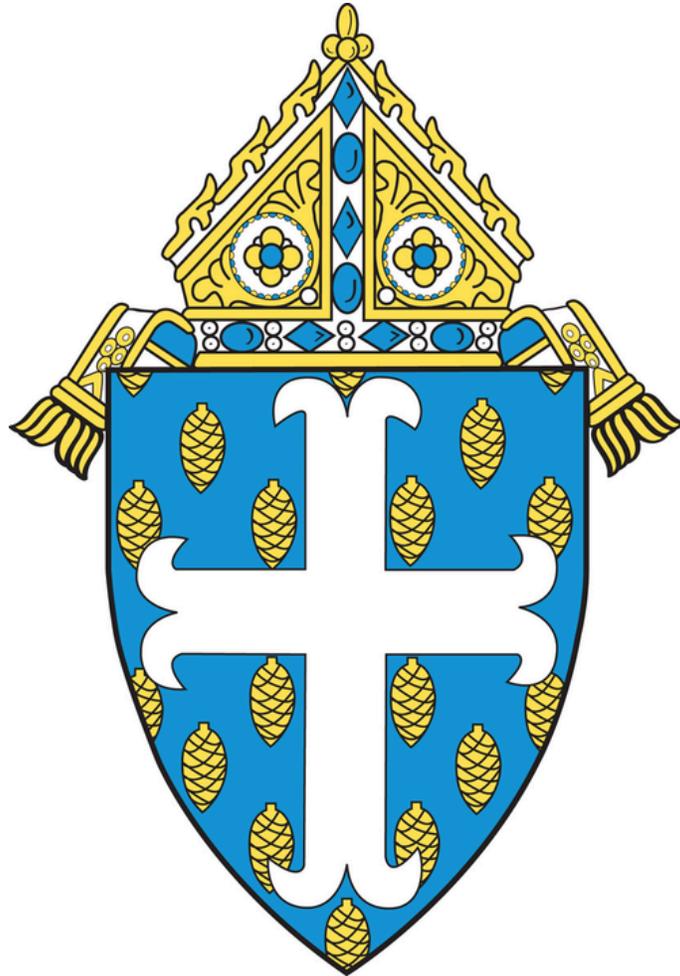


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TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
MARCH 31, 2026

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Director of Vocations

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ATTENDING DEACONS

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Je - sus Christ has made us a king - dom, — priests for our God and Fa - ther.

To him be glo - ry and po - wer for ev - er. A - men. —

SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING

Bishop: In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Bishop: Peace be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

Bishop: Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

All: **I confess to Almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,**

and striking their breast, all say:

**through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the angels and saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

Bishop: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

All: **Amen.**

KYRIE

Cantor:

Ký-ri - e, e-lé-i-son.
Lord, have mercy.

All:
Ký-ri - e, e-lé-i-son.
Lord, have mercy.

Cantor:

Chri-ste, e-lé-i-son.
Christ, have mercy.

All:
Chri-ste, e-lé-i-son.
Christ, have mercy.

Cantor:
Ký-ri - e, e-lé-i-son.
Lord, have mercy.

All:
Ký-ri - e, e-lé-i-son.
Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good - will. We
praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for
your great glo-ry. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, O God, al-migh-ty Fa - ther.
Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Fa - ther, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on
us; you take a-way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed
at the right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer - cy on us. For you a-lone are the
Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus
Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the
Fa - ther. A - men, A - - men.

COLLECT

Bishop: Let us pray. O God, who anointed your Only Begotten Son with the Holy Spirit and made him Christ and Lord, graciously grant that, being made sharers in his consecration, we may bear witness to your Redemption in the world. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

Please be seated

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 61: 1-3a, 6a, 8b-9

Reader: A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God, to comfort all who mourn; to place on those who mourn in Zion a diadem instead of ashes, to give them oil of gladness in place of mourning, a glorious mantle instead of a listless spirit.

You yourselves shall be named priests of the LORD, ministers of our God shall you be called. I will give them their recompense faithfully, a lasting covenant I will make with them. Their descendants shall be renowned among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them as a race the LORD has blessed.

The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 89: 21-22, 25, and 27



“I have found David, my servant;
with my holy oil I have anointed him.
That my hand may always be with him;
and that my arm may make him strong.” **R./**

“My faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him;
and through my name shall his horn be exalted.
He shall say of me, ‘You are my father,
my God, the Rock, my savior!’” **R./**

SECOND READING

Revelation 1: 5-8

Reader: A reading from the Book of Revelation.

Grace to you and peace from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his Blood, who has made us into a Kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen.

Behold, he is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. All the peoples of the earth will lament him. Yes. Amen.

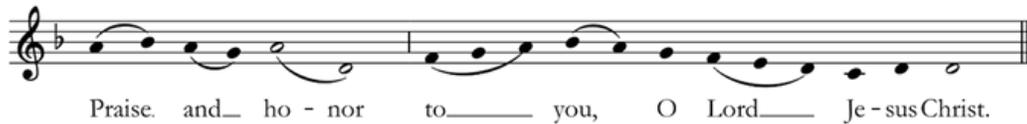
“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “the one who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Isaiah 61: 1



Please stand

The Spirit of the LORD is upon me;
for he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor. **R./**

GOSPEL

Luke 4: 16-21

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Deacon: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.”

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Please remaining standing until after the Bishop has given the blessing with the Book of Gospels

HOMILY

RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT TO PRIESTLY SERVICE

The Bishop and the Priests stand; all others remain seated

Bishop: Beloved sons, recalling that day when Christ our Lord conferred his priesthood on his Apostles and on us, are you resolved to renew, in the presence of your Bishop and God’s holy people, the promises you once made?

Priests: I am.

Bishop: Are you resolved to be more united with the Lord Jesus and more closely conformed to him, denying yourselves and confirming those promises about sacred duties towards Christ’s Church which, prompted by love of him, you willingly and joyfully pledged on the day of your priestly ordination?

Priests: I am.

Bishop: Are you resolved to be faithful stewards of the mysteries of God in the Holy Eucharist and the other liturgical rites and to discharge faithfully the sacred office of teaching, following Christ the Head and Shepherd, not seeking any gain, but moved only by zeal for souls?

Priests: I am.

Bishop: As for you, dearest sons and daughters, pray for your Priests, that the Lord may pour out his gifts abundantly upon them, and keep them faithful as ministers of Christ, the High Priest, so that they may lead you to him, who is the source of salvation.

All: 
Christ, hear___ us. Christ, gra - cious - ly hear___ us.

Bishop: And pray also for me, that I may be faithful to the apostolic office entrusted to me in my lowliness and that in your midst I may be made day by day a living and more perfect image of Christ, the Priest, the Good Shepherd, the Teacher and the Servant of all.

All: 
Christ, hear___ us. Christ, gra - cious - ly hear___ us.

Bishop: May the Lord keep us all in his charity and lead all of us, shepherds and flock, to eternal life.

All: **Amen.**

The Bishop and Priests remain standing; all others are seated

BLESSING OF THE OILS AND THE CONSECRATION OF THE CHRISM

All: 
O Re - deem - er, hear your peo - ple as they join in song to you.

Choir: Trees by gentle sunlight ripened, gave this oil for hallowing:
Humbly we present it to you, Savior of the world, our King.

All: 
O Re - deem - er, hear your peo - ple as they join in song to you.

PRESENTATION OF THE OIL OF THE SICK

The Oil of the Sick is brought forward in procession, while the following is sung:

All: 
O Re - deem - er, hear your peo - ple as they join in song to you.

Choir: King of our eternal homeland, consecrate this living sign:
May this olive bring protection from the Evil One's design.

All: 
O Re - deem - er, hear your peo - ple as they join in song to you.

BLESSING OF THE OIL OF THE SICK

The Bishop blesses the Oil of the Sick which, as Saint James exhorts in the Scriptures, is entrusted to the Church for the care of the sick: "Are there any who are sick among you? Let them send for the priests of the Church, and let the priests pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord" (James 5:14), so that those who are anointed may be strengthened in body and soul, sustained in suffering, and receive the mercy and healing of Christ.

Bishop: Let us pray. O God, Father of all consolation, who willed to heal the infirmities of the weak through your Son, listen favorably to the prayer of faith: send forth from the heavens, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, upon this oil in all its richness, which you have graciously brought forth from the verdant tree to restore the body, so that by your holy blessing ✠ everyone anointed with this oil as a safeguard for body, soul, and spirit may be freed from all pain, all infirmity, and all sickness. May your holy oil, O Lord, be blessed by you for our sake in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF THE OIL OF CATECHUMENS

The Oil of Catechumens is brought forward in procession, while the following is sung:

All: 
O Re - deem - er, hear your peo - ple as they join in song to you.

Choir: At the font the cleansing waters drive away all the taint of sin,
when the forehead is anointed, holy gifts come flooding in.

All: 
O Re - deem - er, hear your peo - ple as they join in song to you.

BLESSING OF THE OIL OF CATECHUMENS

The Bishop blesses the Oil of Catechumens, which extends the effects of baptismal exorcism: it strengthens the elect with divine power to renounce Satan and sin before they approach the font of baptism, so that, firmly rooted in faith, they may receive new life in Christ.

Bishop: Let us pray. O God, strength and protection of your people, who have made the oil you created a sign of strength, graciously bless ✠ this oil, and grant courage to the catechumens who will be anointed with it, so that, receiving divine wisdom and power, they may understand more deeply the Gospel of your Christ, they may undertake with a generous heart the labors of the Christian life, and, made worthy of adoption as your sons and daughters, they may rejoice to be born anew and to live in your Church. Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF THE OIL FOR THE HOLY CHRISM.

The Oil for the Holy Chrism is brought forward in procession, while the following is sung:

All: 
O Re - deem - er, hear your peo - ple as they join in song to you.

Choir: Of the Father's heart begotten, dweller in the Virgin's womb,
give us light who share the Chrism, close for us the path to doom.

All: 
O Re - deem - er, hear your peo - ple as they join in song to you.

CONSECRATION OF THE CHRISM

The Bishop, joined by the concelebrating priests, consecrates the Holy Chrism, the noblest of the Church's sacred oils and the sign of the fullness of sacramental anointing. Blended with fragrant balsam, this perfumed oil is set apart for the sanctification of God's people: it is used in the post-baptismal anointing of the newly reborn, in Confirmation, in Holy Orders, and in the solemn dedication of altars and churches. As the chrism of Christ, the Anointed One, it signifies the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon the Church and summons the faithful to bear in their lives the fragrance of Christ and the dignity of those consecrated to God.

Bishop: Let us pray, dear brothers and sisters, to God the almighty Father, that he bless and sanctify this oil, so that all who are outwardly anointed with it may be inwardly transformed and come to share in eternal salvation.

O God, author of the Sacraments and bestower of life, we give you thanks for your ineffable goodness, for in the ancient covenant you foreshadowed the mystery of sanctifying oil and in the fullness of time you willed that it might shine forth uniquely in your beloved Son. And when your Son, our Lord, had saved the human race through the Paschal Mystery, he filled your Church with the Holy Spirit, and wonderfully endowed her with heavenly gifts, so that through her the work of salvation in the world might be brought to completion. From that time onward, through the sacred mystery of Chrism you have so bestowed the riches of your grace upon all humanity, that your sons and daughters born again in the cleansing waters of Baptism, are strengthened by the anointing of the Spirit and, conformed to your Christ, they share in his prophetic, priestly, and kingly office.

Bishop & Priests: **Therefore, we beseech you, O Lord,
that, by the power of your grace,
this mingling of fragrance and oil
may become for us a sacrament of your ✠ blessing.
Pour out in abundance the gifts of the Holy Spirit
on our brothers and sisters anointed with this oil;
adorn with the splendor of holiness
the places and things signed by sacred oils;
but above all, by the mystery of this oil,
bring to completion the growth of your Church,
until she reaches that measure of fullness
in which you, resplendent with eternal light,
will be all in all with Christ in the Holy Spirit,
for ever and ever.**

All: Amen.

All: 
O Re - deem - er, hear your peo - ple as they join in song to you.

The priests are seated and the gifts of bread and wine are presented to the Bishop

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1. The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My
3. Con - fused and fool - ish oft I strayed, But
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With
5. You spread a ta - ble in my sight, Your
6. And so, through all the length of days Your



good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
ran - somed soul he's lead - ing, And, where the ver - dant
yet in love he sought me, And on his shoul - der
you, dear Lord, be - side me, Your rod and staff my
sav - ing grace be - stow - ing; And, oh, what trans - port
good - ness fails me nev - er; Good Shep - herd, may I



I am his And he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - ing.
gent - ly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still, Your cross be - fore to guide me.
of de - light From your pure chal - ice flow - ing!
sing your praise With - in your house for - ev - er.

Text: Psalm 23; Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877, alt.
Tune: ST. COLUMBA, 8 7 8 7; Irish melody; harm. by A. Gregory Murray, OSB, 1905–1992

Bishop: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father. *Please stand*

All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Bishop: May the power of this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, mercifully wipe away what is old in us and increase in us grace of salvation and newness of life. Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

PREFACE

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Bishop: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right and just.**

Bishop:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For by the anointing of the Holy Spirit you made your Only Begotten Son High Priest of the new and eternal covenant, and by your wondrous design were pleased to decree that his one Priesthood should continue in the Church. For Christ not only adorns with a royal priesthood the people he has made his own, but with a brother's kindness he also chooses men to become sharers in his sacred ministry through the laying on of hands. They are to renew in his name the sacrifice of human redemption, to set before your children the paschal banquet, to lead your holy people in charity, to nourish them with the word and strengthen them with the Sacraments. As they give up their lives for you and for the salvation of their brothers and sisters, they strive to be conformed to the image of Christ himself and offer you a constant witness of faith and love. And so, Lord, with all the Angels and Saints, we, too, give you thanks, as in exultation we acclaim:

SANCTUS

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. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I (THE ROMAN CANON)

Please kneel

Bishop:

To you, therefore, most merciful Father, we make humble prayer and petition through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord: that you accept and bless ✠ these gifts, these offerings, these holy and unblemished sacrifices, which we offer you firstly for your holy catholic Church. Be pleased to grant her peace, to guard, unite and govern her throughout the whole world, together with your servant Leo our Pope, and me, your unworthy servant, and all those who, holding to the truth, hand on the catholic and apostolic faith.

Bishop
Deeley:

Remember, Lord, your servants N. and N., and all gathered here, whose faith and devotion are known to you. For them, we offer you this sacrifice of praise or they offer it for themselves and all who are dear to them: for the redemption of their souls, in hope of health and well-being, and paying their homage to you, the eternal God, living and true.

Father
Doustou:

In communion with those whose memory we venerate, especially the glorious ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ, and blessed Joseph, her Spouse, your blessed Apostles and Martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Jude; Linus, Cletus, Clement, Sixtus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian, and all your Saints; we ask that through their merits and prayers, in all things we may be defended by your protecting help.

Bishop: Therefore, Lord, we pray: graciously accept this oblation of our service, that of your whole family; order our days in your peace, and command that we be delivered from eternal damnation and counted among the flock of those you have chosen.

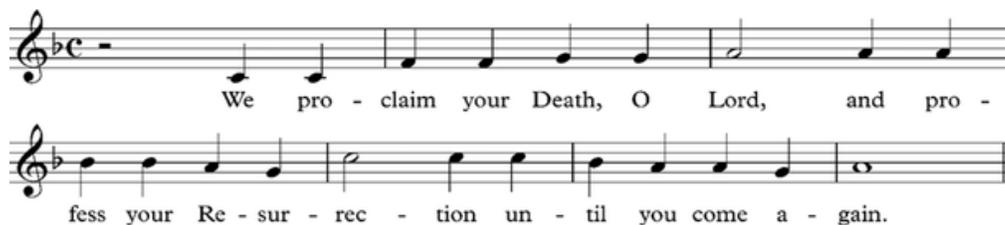
Bishop & Priests: Be pleased, O God, we pray,
to bless, acknowledge,
and approve this offering in every respect;
make it spiritual and acceptable,
so that it may become for us
the Body and Blood of your most beloved Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the day before he was to suffer,
he took bread in his holy and venerable hands,
and with eyes raised to heaven
to you, O God, his almighty Father,
giving you thanks, he said the blessing,
broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:
TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended,
he took this precious chalice
in his holy and venerable hands,
and once more giving you thanks, he said the blessing
and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:
TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

Bishop: The Mystery of Faith.

All:



We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro -
fess your Re - sur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

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Bishop & Priests: Therefore, O Lord,
as we celebrate the memorial of the blessed Passion,
the Resurrection from the dead,
and the glorious Ascension into heaven
of Christ, your Son, our Lord,
we, your servants and your holy people,
offer to your glorious majesty
from the gifts that you have given us,
this pure victim, this holy victim, this spotless victim,
the holy Bread of eternal life
and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.

Bishop &
Priests:

Be pleased to look upon these offerings
with a serene and kindly countenance,
and to accept them,
as once you were pleased to accept
the gifts of your servant Abel the just,
the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith,
and the offering of your high priest Melchizedek,
a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim.

In humble prayer we ask you, almighty God:
command that these gifts be borne
by the hands of your holy Angel
to your altar on high
in the sight of your divine majesty,
so that all of us, who through this participation at the altar
receive the most holy Body and Blood of your Son,
may be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing.

Father
Dickinson:

Remember also, Lord, your servants N. and N., who have gone before us with the
sign of faith and rest in the sleep of peace. Grant them, O Lord, we pray, and all
who sleep in Christ, a place of refreshment, light and peace.

Father
Griesbach:

To us, also, your servants, who, though sinners, hope in your abundant mercies,
graciously grant some share and fellowship with your holy Apostles and Martyrs:
with John the Baptist, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, Ignatius, Alexander,
Marcellinus, Peter, Felicity, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia and
all your Saints; admit us, we beseech you, into their company, not weighing our
merits, but granting us your pardon, through Christ our Lord.

Bishop:

Through whom you continue to make all these good things, O Lord; you sanctify
them, fill them with life, bless them, and bestow them upon us.

Bishop &
Priests:

Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours,
for ever and ever.

All:



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Please stand

THE COMMUNION RITE

OUR FATHER

Bishop:

At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Bishop: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

Bishop: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

Bishop: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Deacon: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

AGNUS DEI



A-gnus De -i, qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no-bis.

A-gnus De -i, qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no-bis.

A-gnus De -i, qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa-cem.

Please kneel

Bishop: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Guidelines for the Reception of Holy Communion (© 1996, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

For Catholics - As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

For our fellow Christians - We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (Jn 17:21). Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 §4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of Communion by Christians of these churches (canon 844 §3).

For those not receiving Holy Communion

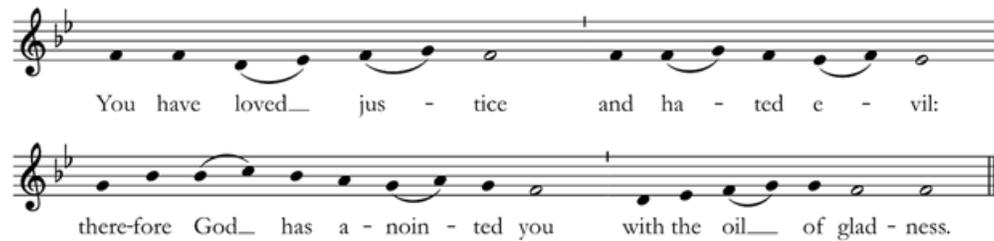
All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

For non-Christians

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

COMMUNION CHANT

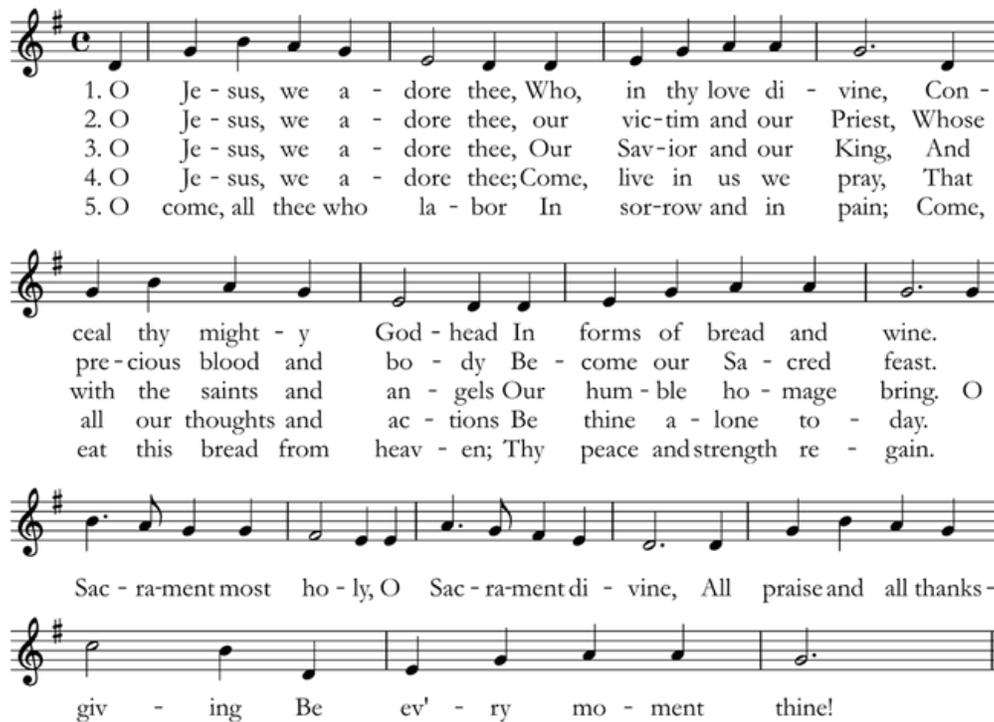
You Have Loved Justice | *Aristotle Esguerra*



You have loved_ jus - tice and ha - ted e - vil:
there-fore God_ has a - noin - ted you with the oil_ of glad - ness.

COMMUNION HYMN

O Sacrament Most Holy | *Irvin Udulutsch, FULDA melody*



1. O Je - sus, we a - dore thee, Who, in thy love di - vine, Con -
2. O Je - sus, we a - dore thee, our vic-tim and our Priest, Whose
3. O Je - sus, we a - dore thee, Our Sav-ior and our King, And
4. O Je - sus, we a - dore thee; Come, live in us we pray, That
5. O come, all thee who la - bor In sor-row and in pain; Come,
ceal thy might - y God - head In forms of bread and wine.
pre - cious blood and bo - dy Be - come our Sa - cred feast.
with the saints and an - gels Our hum - ble ho - mage bring. O
all our thoughts and ac - tions Be thine a - lone to - day.
eat this bread from heav - en; Thy peace and strength re - gain.
Sac - ra-ment most ho - ly, O Sac - ra-ment di - vine, All praise and all thanks -
giv - ing Be ev' - ry mo - ment thine!

COMMUNION MOTET

Ave Verum | *William Byrd*

Ave, verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine: vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine: cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine: esto nobis praegustatum, in mortis examine. O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu, Fili Mariae. Miserere mei. Amen.

Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary: You who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for the sake of man. From whose pierced side flowed water and blood: Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death. O sweet, O gentle, O Jesu, son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand

Bishop: Let us pray. We beseech you, almighty God, that those you renew by your Sacraments may merit to become the pleasing fragrance of Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE HOLY OILS

Please be seated

Although newly-blessed oils are provided each year for all the parishes, it is the custom of the Diocese of Portland to entrust their reception at this Mass to a representative group of parishes. This year, the following parishes have been chosen. As each parish is called, a representative of the parish, together with the pastor, is invited to come forward to receive the holy oils from the Bishop for the sacramental life of their community.

CHRIST THE DIVINE MERCY PARISH

St. Martin of Tours (Millinocket) | St. Peter (East Millinocket)

The Reverend Sefembiy Justin, *Pastor*

SAINT BENEDICT PARISH

St. Benedict (Benedicta)

The Reverend Sefembiy Justin, *Pastor*

SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH

St. John (Bangor) | St. Mary (Bangor) | St. Joseph (Brewer)

St. Teresa (Brewer) | St. Matthew (Hampden) | St. Gabriel (Winterport)

The Reverend Monsignor Andrew Dubois, *Pastor*

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH

St. Augustine (Augusta) | St. Mary of the Assumption (Augusta)

St. Joseph (Gardiner) | St. Denis (Whitefield)

St. Francis Xavier (Winthrop) | Sacred Heart (Hallowell)

The Reverend Nathan D. March, *Pastor*

SAINT BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR PARISH

Our Lady of Good Hope (Camden) | St. Bernard (Rockland)

St. Francis of Assisi (Belfast) | St. Mary of the Isles (Islesboro)

The Reverend Anthanasius S. Wirsiy, *Pastor*

PARISH OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Holy Martyrs of North America (Falmouth) | St. Jude (Freeport)

Sacred Heart (Yarmouth) | St. Gregory the Great (Gray)

The Reverend Steven G. Cartwright, *Pastor*

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

St. Mary (Wells) | St. Martha (Kennebunk) | All Saints (Ogunquit)

The Very Reverend Edward R. Clifford, V.F. *Pastor*

SAINT THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX PARISH

Holy Family (Sanford)

The Reverend Wilfred P. Labbe, *Pastor*

SAINT MATTHEW PARISH

St. Matthew (Limerick)

The Reverend Wilfred P. Labbe, *Pastor*

PARISH OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Our Lady of the Angels (South Berwick) | St. Raphael (Kittery)

St. Christopher (York) | Star of the Sea (York Beach)

The Reverend Scott M. Mower, *Pastor*

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Please stand

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Deacon: Bow down for the blessing.

Bishop: May your family always rejoice together, O God, over the mysteries of redemption they have celebrated, and grant its members the perseverance to attain the effects that flow from them. Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Bishop: And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, ✠ and the Son, ✠ and the Holy ✠ Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

All: **Amen.**

Deacon: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**





1. The Chur-ch's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her
 2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the
 3. Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her
 4. Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in



Lord; She is his new cre - a - tion By wa - ter
 earth; Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one
 war She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for -
 One, And mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion With those whose



and the Word. From heav'n he came and sought her To
 faith, one birth. One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par -
 ev - er - more Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her
 rest is won. O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord,



be his ho - ly bride; With his own blood he
 takes one ho - ly food, And to one hope she
 long - ing eyes are blessed, And the great Church vic -
 save us by your grace That we, like saints be -



bought her, And for her life he died.
 press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
 fore us, May see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900, alt.
 Tune: AURELIA, 7 6 7 6 D; Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

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