

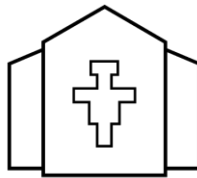
# **Celebration of the Eucharist**

## **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **9:30 AM Mass**

#### **Liturgy of the Word/Gospel**

The Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of Luke, Mark, Matthew or John. The Gospel is elevated over the other readings and is treated with extra honor and reverence because we encounter Jesus, speaking directly to each of us in his own words. The deacon carries the Book of the Gospels, in a special decorative cover, to the altar in the procession at the beginning of Mass. We stand for the reading of the Gospel. We sing Alleluia (meaning praise God in Hebrew) in joyful anticipation of the Gospel reading. The Book of Gospels is carried from the altar to the ambo before the reading. Only a priest or deacon, symbolizing the Church, proclaims the Gospel. We sign our forehead, lips and hearts before the reading begins showing our desire to receive the Word in our mind, proclaim it from our lips and keep it in our hearts. All these actions are expressions of the importance and our reverence for The Gospel. In the Gospels Jesus is shown to be the fulfillment of the promises of the Old Testament. We deepen our faith through encounter with Jesus and his teachings. He gives us guidance on how to live holy lives through his words and example.



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**August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### OPENING HYMN

# There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy Like the wide-ness  
2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the meas-ures  
3. Trou-bled souls, why will you scat-ter Like a crowd of

of the sea; There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice  
of the mind; And the heart of the E-ter-nal  
fright-ened sheep? Fool-ish hearts, why will you wan-der

Which is more than lib-er-ty. There is plen-ti-  
Is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were  
From a love so true and deep? There is wel-come

ful re-demp-tion In the blood that has been shed;  
but more faith-ful, We should rest up-on God's word;  
for the sin-ner, And more grac-es for the good;

There is joy for all the mem-bers  
And our lives would be thanks-giv-ing  
There is mer-cy with the Sav-ior,

In the sor-rows of the Head.  
For the good-ness of our Lord.  
There is heal-ing in his blood.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.  
Tune: 1N BABILONE, 8 7 8 7 D; *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenliedjes*, c.1710

## GREETING

## PENITENTIAL RITE

## GLORIA

### Glory to God

Refrain



*Cantor, then all: (Last time)*



### Verses

1. 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.

2. 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 on us.

3. 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

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Music: *Mass of the Angels and Saints*. Steven R. Janco. © 1996. 2010. GIA Publications. Inc.

## COLLECT

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

**Jeremiah 38: 4 -6, 8 - 10**

In those days, the princes said to the king: "Jeremiah ought to be put to death; he is demoralizing the soldiers who are left in this city, and all the people, by speaking such things to them; he is not interested in the welfare of our people, but in their ruin." King Zedekiah answered: "He is in your power"; for the king could do nothing with them. And so, they took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern of Prince Malachiah, which was in the quarters of the guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the cistern, only mud, and Jeremiah sank into the mud. Ebed-Melech, a court official, went there from the palace and said to him: "My lord king, these men have been at fault in all they have done to the prophet Jeremiah, casting him into the cistern. He will die of famine on the spot, for there is no more food in the city." Then the king ordered Ebed-Melech the Cushite to take three men along with him and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die.  
The Word of the Lord.

**R: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 40: 2, 3, 4, 18**

**R: Lord, come to my aid! (2)**

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and  
he stooped down to me;  
He heard my cry. **R:**

3. He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God. Many shall see and  
fear and shall trust in the Lord. **R:**

2. He drew me from the deadly pit,  
From the miry clay. He set my feet  
up on a rock, made my footsteps  
firm. **R:**

Wretched and poor though I am, the Lord  
is mindful of me. You are my rescuer, my  
help; O my God, do not delay. **R:**

## SECOND READING

**Hebrews 12: 1 – 4**

Brothers and sisters:

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy that lay before him he endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God. Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood.

The Word of the Lord.

**R: Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION- ALLELUIA**

### **GOSPEL**

**Luke 12: 49 - 53**

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **HOMILY**

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

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, 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.

### **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

### OFFERTORY

During this part of the Mass, we give thanks to God for our many blessings and bring gifts to the Altar. This is also the time of the Mass reserved to make our weekly donation. For your convenience, you can scan the QR code provided here for our new online giving platform, PushPay. Thank you for your generosity.



### The Church's One Foundation



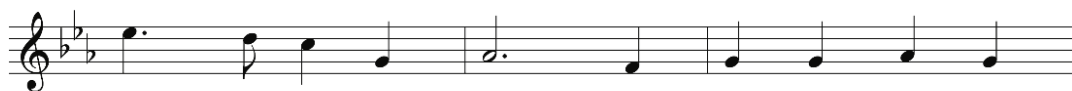
1. The Chur-ch's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her
2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the
3. Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her
4. Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in



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

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS**

**THE COMMUNION RITE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**LAMB OF GOD**

**COMMUNION**

# What Wondrous Love Is This



1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
 2. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;  
 3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;



What won-drous love is this, O my soul!  
 To God and to the Lamb I will sing.  
 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.



What won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
 To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,  
 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy-ful be,



To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul, for my soul;  
 While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;  
 And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on, I'll sing on;



To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!  
 While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.  
 And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.



# BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD

Christopher Walker

1-3. Be still and know that I am God. You are my

1. cho - sen one, to whom my love I give. My life is  
2. cho - sen one, I came to set you free. Give me your  
3. cho - sen one, to whom I show my ways. My love is

1. yours, in you I live. } Be still, be still  
2. cares and rest in me. }  
3. with you all your days. }

1-3. and know that I am God.

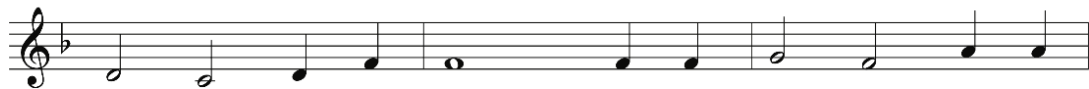
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# As a Fire Is Meant for Burning



1. As a fire is meant for burn - ing With a  
 2. We are learn - ers; we are teach - ers; We are  
 3. As a green bud in the spring - time Is a



bright and warm - ing flame, So the Church is meant for  
 pil - grims on the way. We are seek - ers; we are  
 sign of life re - newed, So may we be signs of



mis - sion, Giv - ing glo - ry to God's name. As we  
 giv - ers; We are ves - sels made of clay. By our  
 one - ness Mid earth's peo - ples, man - y hues. As a



wit - ness to the gos - pel, We would  
 gen - tle, lov - ing ac - tions, We would  
 rain - bow lights the heav - ens When a



build a bridge of care, Join - ing hands a - cross the  
 show that Christ is light. In a hum - ble, lis - t'ning  
 storm is past and gone, May our lives re - flect the



na - tions, Find - ing neigh - bors ev - 'ry - where.  
 Spir - it, We would live to God's de - light.  
 ra - diance Of God's new and glor - ious dawn.

## BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

### Holy God, We Praise Thy Name



1. Ho - ly God, we praise thy name;  
2. Hark! the loud ce - les - tial hymn  
3. Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train  
4. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son,



Lord of all, we bow be - fore thee!  
An - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;  
Joins, the sa - cred name to hal - low;  
Ho - ly Spir - it, Three we name thee;



All on earth thy scep - ter claim,  
Cher - u - bim and Ser - a - phim,  
Proph - ets swell the loud re - frain,  
While in es - sence on - ly One,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore thee;  
In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing,  
And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low;  
Un - di - vid - ed God we claim thee;



In - fi - nite thy vast do - main,  
Fill the heav'ns with sweet ac - cord:  
And from morn to set - ting sun,  
And a - dor - ing bend the knee,

*Repeat ad lib.*

Ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.  
 “Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!”  
 Through the Church the song goes on.  
 While we own the mys - ter - y.

Text: *Grosser Gott, wir loben dich*; ascr. to Ignaz Franz, 1719–1790; tr. by Clarence Walworth, 1820–1900  
 Tune: GROSSER GOTT, 7 8 7 8 77; *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, c.1774

## Campaign Prayer

We come before you Jesus, grateful for the many blessings you provide for us as individuals and as a family of St. Francis of Assisi. As you instructed your disciples to go and preach the Gospel to all nations, we pray that we may continue to grow in our faith and strengthened by the Sacraments to live out the mission that you gave us (*Matthew 28:16-20*). Heavenly Father, we are grateful for the continued growth in our community and as we fix our hearts and minds toward our future, we ask for your blessing and guidance in our vision for St. Francis for generations to come. May you always continue to give us wisdom, perseverance, clear direction in our discernment and never let us forget the words that you promised your disciples:

**“I am with you always, until the end of the age.”**