



MAY 2, 2026 — 10:00 A.M.

MAY 9, 2026 — 10:00 A.M. AND 2:00 P.M.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

LIBERTYVILLE, ILLINOIS

FIRST COMMUNION



WHILE JESUS WAS WITH THEM, HE TOOK BREAD,
SAID THE BLESSING, BROKE IT, AND GAVE IT TO
THEM. WITH THAT THEIR EYES WERE OPENED
AND THEY RECOGNIZED HIM AND HE WAS MADE
KNOWN TO THEM IN THE BREAKING OF BREAD.

Luke 24:30, 31a, 35b

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Welcome to all the families and friends of our First Communion candidates. We are delighted you are here to celebrate this significant milestone in the lives of your children. Whether you are a member of the St. Joseph Catholic faith community or another parish, or a visitor from another faith, Christian denomination or of no religious affiliation, we extend a heartfelt welcome and invitation to open your hearts to the celebration of this sacred mystery.

Over a two-year period of preparation, our young people explored the possibility that First Communion is not a singular sacramental moment in the life of the believer, but rather, the continuation of a journey of the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation.

A SPECIAL THANKS

to the catechists and aides who shared their time and talents helping to prepare our children to receive their First Holy Communion.

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WITH GRATITUDE TO OUR ST. JOSEPH MUSIC MINISTRY
FOR ASSISTING OUR SUNG PRAYER TODAY.

- Please, no flash photography during the Mass.
- Please maintain a spirit of prayer for all our young people during this sacred moment.

THE ORDER OF MASS

INTRODUCTORY RITES



Entrance Song — Welcome and Wanted

All stand.

The Assembly sings:



1. We gath - er to - geth - er from all ways of life: the
 2. We gath - er to - geth - er from all ways of life: di -
 3. We gath - er to - geth - er from all ways of life: the
 4. We gath - er to - geth - er from all ways of life: to -
 5. We gath - er to - geth - er from all ways of life: our



poor and the wealth - y, u - nit - ed in Christ. Those
 verse in our cul - ture, u - nit - ed in Christ. The
 young and their el - ders, u - nit - ed in Christ. The
 geth - er or sin - gle, u - nit - ed in Christ. Those
 church u - ni - ver - sal, u - nit - ed in Christ. Re -



blessed with suc - cess and those liv - ing in debt are
 home - grown, the lo - cal, those find - ing their place are
 new - borns and chil - dren, a - dults and the old are
 start - ing new fam - 'lies, those liv - ing a - lone are
 flec - tions of Je - sus in each hu - man face, we're



wel - come and want - ed; the ta - ble is set.
 wel - come and want - ed in this ho - ly space.
 wel - come and want - ed in this sa - cred home.
 wel - come and want - ed as parts of our whole.
 wel - come and want - ed, we sing out our faith.

Refrain



May this place al - ways be a house for all gath - ered, a



church that is shared; may this place al - ways be our home.

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Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **℟ Amen.**

Greeting

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **℟ And with your spirit.**

Penitential Rite

Deacon: Lord Jesus, you are the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world: Lord, have mercy. **℟ Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon: Christ Jesus, you are the Son of the living God: Christ, have mercy. **℟ Christ, have mercy.**

Deacon: Lord Jesus, you remain with us always in the bread and wine, your Body and Blood: Lord, have mercy. **℟ Lord, have mercy.**

Gloria

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The Assembly sings:

Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est. Glo-ry!
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, heav-en - 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
Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry!
Glo - ry to God in the high - est. Glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will. A - men.

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Collect

Please be seated after the Opening Prayer.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading — 1 Corinthians 10: 16-17

Brothers and Sisters: When we drink from the cup that we ask God to bless, isn't that sharing in the blood of Christ? When we eat the bread that we break, isn't that sharing in the body of Christ? By

sharing in the same loaf of bread, we become one body, even though there are many of us.

The word of the Lord. *℟* **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm — Psalm 118

The Assembly sings the Refrain:

This is the day the Lord has made;
 let us re-joyce and be glad.
 1. let us re-joyce and be glad.
 2. glad.

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- 1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good. His love endures forever. Let the house of Israel say: "His love endures forever."
- 2. "The Lord's right hand is exalted. The Lord's right hand has done mighty deeds."

I shall not die, I shall live and recount the deeds of the Lord.

- 3. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the Lord has this been done, a marvel in our eyes.

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand.

The Assembly sings:

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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"I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever."

Introduction to the Gospel

Priest: The Lord be with you. *℟* **And with your spirit.**

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gosel according to Luke

℟ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel — Luke 22: 14-20

When the hour came, he took his place at table with the apostles. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for, I tell you, I shall not eat it [again] until there is fulfillment in the kingdom of God." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and said, "Take this and share it among yourselves; for I tell you [that] from this time on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until

the kingdom of God comes."

Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me." And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

℟ **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

After the Gospel, please be seated.

Homily

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Please stand.

Priest: Do you believe in God, our creator, who called you into life and knows you by name and loves you?
✠ **I do!**

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus, who loves you and who died and rose to give you new life? ✠ **I do!**

Priest: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit who lives in you and makes you holy? ✠ **I do!**

Priest: Do you want always to try to live the way your loving God wants you to live, by avoiding what is bad and trying to do what is good? ✠ **I do!**

Priest: Do you believe that God forgives us and calls us to forgive one another? ✠ **I do!**

Priest: Do you believe that because of Jesus we will live forever and ever? ✠ **I do!**

Priest: This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it, in Christ Jesus Our Lord. ✠ **Amen!**

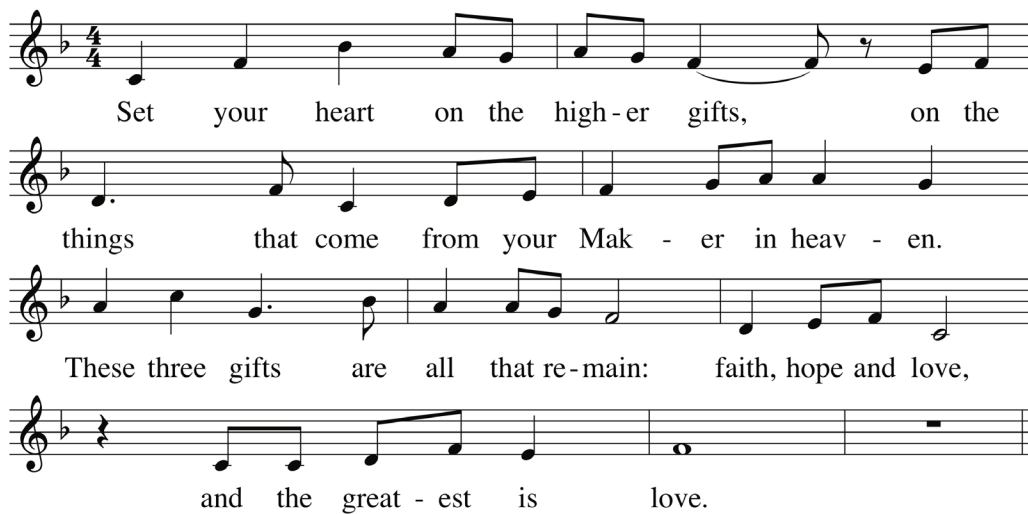
Universal Prayer

✠ Lord, hear our prayer. *After the conclusion, please be seated.*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Song — Set Your Hearts on the Higher Gifts

The Assembly sings:



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.

Text: I Corinthians 12:3-13:13; Steven C. Warner, b.1954
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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.

D.C.

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

The people rise and reply:

✠ **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.**

Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.

✠ **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

✠ **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

✠ **It is right and just.**

Eucharistic Acclamations

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Preface Acclamation/Holy

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en 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, ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

After the Preface Acclamation, please kneel.

Mystery of Faith

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

Great Amen

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

After the final Acclamation, please stand.

Communion Rite

Our Father

Sign of Peace

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

℞ And with your spirit.

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.



Priest: 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.

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

As the candidates come forward to receive the sacrament we are asked to be in prayer for all of the candidates.

Communion Songs

With This Bread

The Assembly sings:



Refrain
With this bread we will walk with each oth - er,
with this cup we will fol-low the Lord. Com - pas - sion,
love o - ver - flow - ing, God's love ev - er know-ing, we
share it in our song.

Text: Kate Cuddy, b.1953
Tune: Kate Cuddy, b.1953
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1. To offer assistance when others are blind to the need, to give loving care to each other is planting God's seed. Walking the promise and falling on mercy, believing we'll walk with you. **To Refrain**

2. Washing the wounds of division, we seek to ease pain. Sharing the burden of others, like God's gentle rain. Befriending the one who is lonely and lost, believing we'll walk with you. **To Refrain**


3. We hold the key to our future as we share our souls, nurturing love in a time when compassion unfolds. Dancing in joy, sharing in wonder the prayer that we sing to you. **To Refrain**


I Am the Bread of Life


The Assembly sings:


I am the Bread of Life bro-ken for the world, I am the

cup poured out for all. — Those who be-lieve in me will

nev - er die. — I am the life of the world.

VERSES


1. I am the food that the world can - not give.
2. I am the Word — from the be - gin - ning with God.
3. I am the truth, — the new law giv - en in love.
4. I am the sick, — the fright - ened, and con - fused.
5. I am your friend; — I'll al - ways walk — with you. —

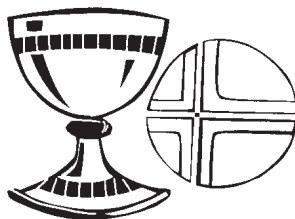

1. The food and drink — for those who hun - ger and thirst.
2. I am the Word — a - live and with — you now. —
3. I am the way; — my words are spir - it and life. —
4. I am the lost, — need - ing shel - ter and food. —
5. Don't be a - fraid, — I gave my life for — you. —


1. I am the true bread sent from heav - en.
2. I am the Word-made-Flesh a - mong — you.
3. — I am mer - cy and for - give - ness. } You will
4. I speak the word with pow'r to heal the world.
5. — I will walk with you for - ev - er.

To Refrain


1.-5. have e - ter - nal life. —

Tom Kaczmarek
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These Alone Are Enough

The Assembly sings:

1. Take my heart, O Lord, take my hopes and dreams.
2. Take my thoughts, O Lord, and my memory.
3. I surrender, Lord, all I have and hold.
4. When the darkness falls on my final days,
Take my mind with all its plans and schemes.
Take my tears, my joys, my liberty.
I return to you your gifts untold.
take the very breath that sang your praise.
Give me nothing more than your love and grace.
These alone, O God, are enough for me.

Text: Based on "Suscipe" Prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola; Dan Schutte, b.1947
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Blessing of Religious Articles Brought by the First Communicants

CONCLUDING RITES

Blessing and Dismissal

Priest: The Lord be with you. **℟** And with your spirit.

Deacon: Bow down for the blessing.

Priest: May the effects of your sacred blessing, O Lord, make themselves felt among your faithful, to prepare with spiritual sustenance the minds of all, that they may be strengthened by the power of your love to carry out works of charity. Through Christ our Lord. **℟ Amen.**

Priest: 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. **℟ Amen.**

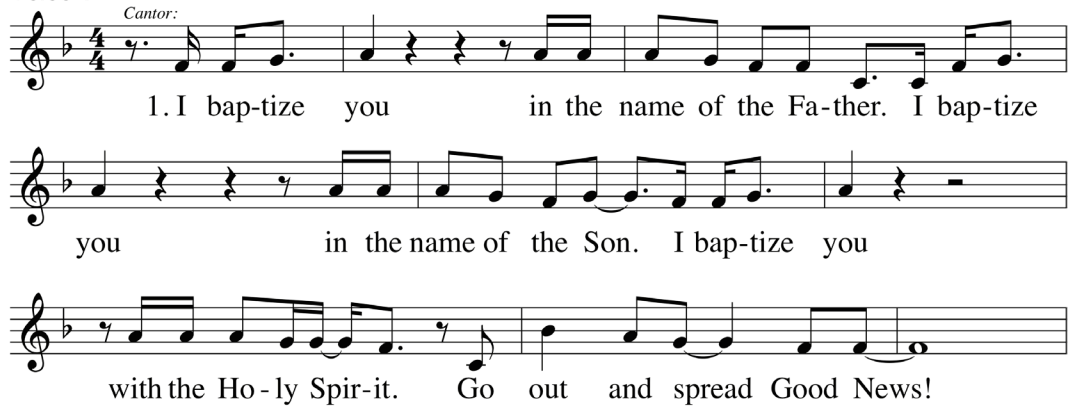
Deacon: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life. **℟ Thanks be to God.**

Sending Forth Song — I Send You Out

The Assembly sings:

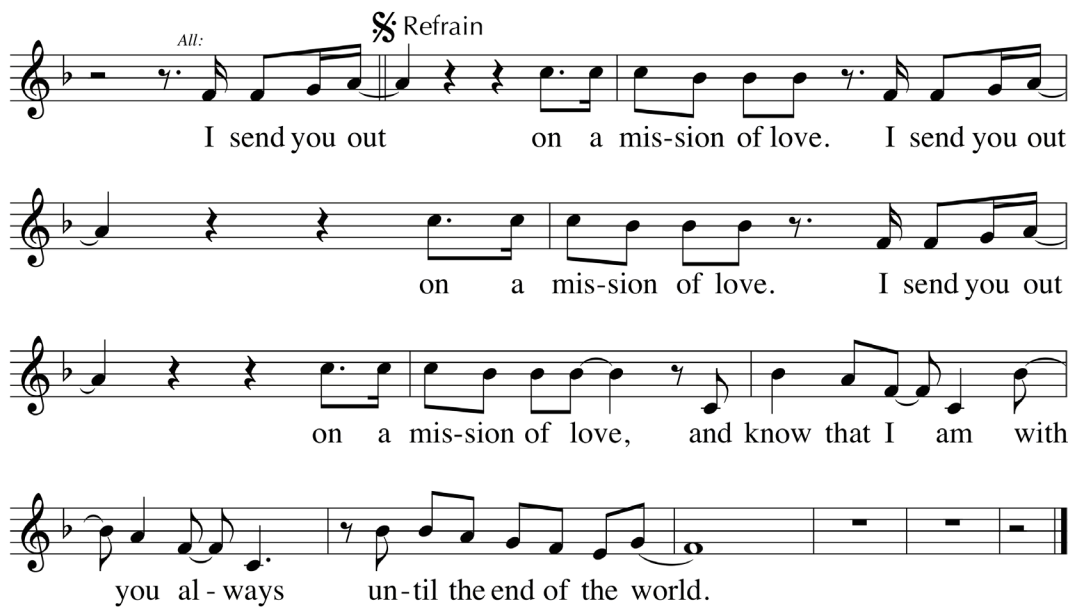
Verse 1

Cantor:



1. I bap-tize you in the name of the Fa-ther. I bap-tize
you in the name of the Son. I bap-tize you
with the Ho-ly Spir-it. Go out and spread Good News!

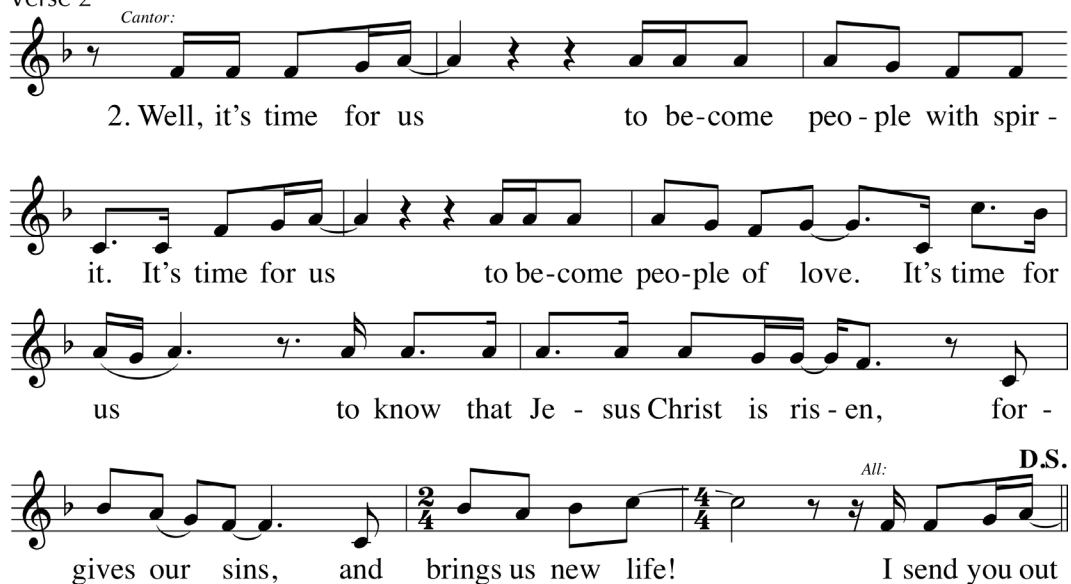
All: **Refrain**



I send you out on a mis-sion of love. I send you out
on a mis-sion of love. I send you out
on a mis-sion of love, and know that I am with
you al-ways un-til the end of the world.

Verse 2

Cantor:



2. Well, it's time for us to be-come peo-ple with spir -
it. It's time for us to be-come peo-ple of love. It's time for
us to know that Je - sus Christ is ris - en, for -
gives our sins, and brings us new life! *All:* **D.S.**
I send you out

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Tune: John Angotti, b.1963; arr. by Paul A. Tate, b.1968
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Claire McClatchey
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