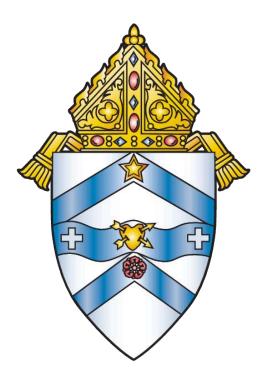
THE RED MASS

CELEBRATING

THE OPENING OF THE JUDICIAL YEAR



DIOCESE OF AUSTIN

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RED MASS

Red Mass is an opportunity to ask God to bless all those who have a role in our legal system and all public officials. It is an opportunity to gather as a community and recognize the high calling that has been answered by those in the legal field.

Traditionally, the Red Mass is celebrated liturgically as a Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit, offering all gathered a chance to ask the Holy Spirit in a special way to inspire the hearts and minds of those who serve in the legal professions. It is from this Mass that the name "Red Mass" comes as red is the liturgical color of this Mass.

ST. THOMAS MORE

St. Thomas More is the patron of statesmen and those in the legal profession. A husband, writer, scholar, and statesman, but above all God's good servant, Thomas was born in 1478 and by 1501 was a practicing lawyer. In 1529 he was named Lord Chancellor of England. This appointment would set him on the path to his eventual martyrdom. In 1533 he refused to attend Anne Boleyn's coronation as Queen of England and in 1535 he was summoned to assent to the Act of Succession which he refused to do. Because of this and his steadfast defense of the Church, he was imprisoned in the Tower of London. On July 1, 1535, he was put on trial and sentenced to death as a traitor. On July 6, 1535, he was martyred, telling onlookers that he died "in the faith and for the faith of the Catholic Church, the king's good servant and God's first". He was canonized on May 19, 1935, and his feast day is celebrated with St. John Fisher on June 22.

INTRODUCTORY RITES



Text: Veni Creator Spiritus; attr. to Rabanus Maurus, 776–856; tr. by Edward Caswall, 1814–1878, alt. Tune: LAMBILLOTTE, LM with repeat; Louis Lambillotte, SJ, 1796–1855

Sign of the Cross

After making the Sign of the Cross, all respond: Amen.

Greeting

Bishop: Peace be with you.

All: And with your Spirit.

Penitential Act

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 failed to do, 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.

Kyrie

Collect

Following the Collect, all respond: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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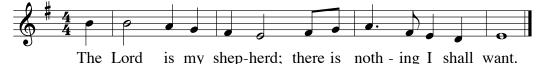
First Reading

Gal 5:16-17, 22-23a, 24-25

Following the reading, the lector says: The Word of the Lord. to which all respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6 *Michael Guimont*



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Gospel Acclamation

(Please stand)

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Gospel

John 15:18-21, 26-27

Following the Gospel, the deacon says: The Gospel of the Lord. to which all respond: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Please be seated)

Homily

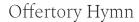
Universal Prayer

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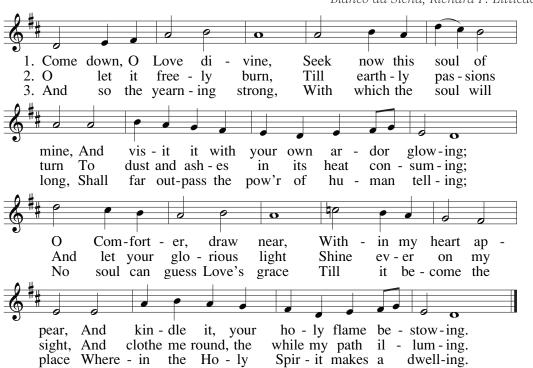
Following each petition, all respond: Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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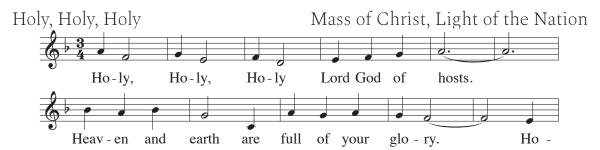
Come Down, O Love Divine Bianco da Siena, Richard F. Littledale



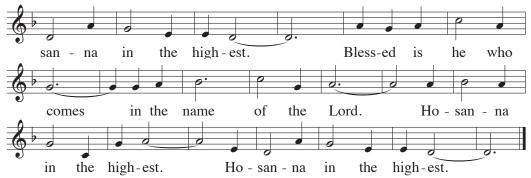
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Prayer over the Offerings



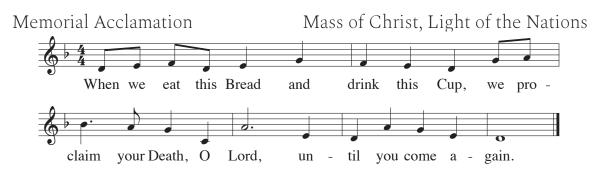
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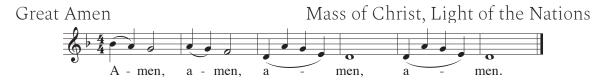
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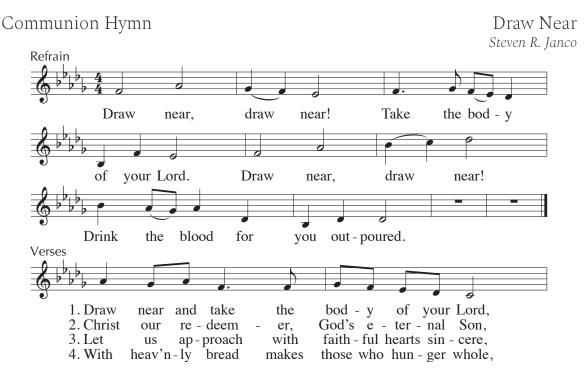
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The Lord's Prayer

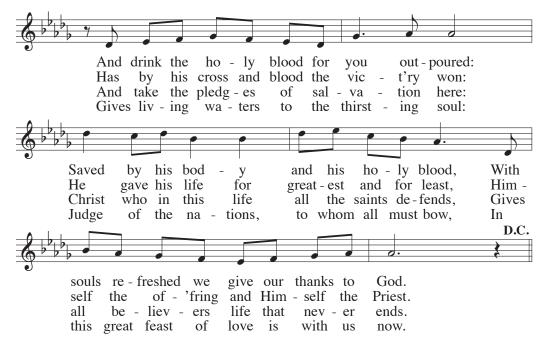


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Communion Hymn

If Ye Love Me

If ye love me

Keep my commandments

And I will pray the Father

And he shall give you another comforter

That he may 'bide with you forever

E'en the spirit of truth.

Prayer after Communion

(Please stand)

Following the prayer, all respond: Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

Words of Gratitude and Announcements

Blessing of those in the Legal Profession

God, source of all justice and mercy, through whom all authority is rightly administered, laws enacted, judgment decreed, and mercy given:

We ask that you look with love and kindness upon these your servants.

Give them your wisdom and guide their thoughts and actions so that they may uphold the law, always mindful of your call to preserve peace, liberty, and equality for all.

Help them to hold fast to their noble calling to protect and defend the vulnerable and may they always strive to serve others following your model of humility, compassion, and love.

As we begin this new judicial year, we commend to you all those who seek recourse in the law. May the law, and those who serve it, be beacons of light and justice for all.

We ask, Lord, that you bless those gathered here who work daily to administer justice and show mercy. Give them the strength and endurance needed for their work and help them to serve you, the source of all true justice, every day of their lives.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Final Blessing and Dismissal

Following the prayer, all make Sign of Cross and respond: Amen.



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For their hospitality and assistance in hosting our 34th annual Red Mass, we thank:

Rev. Jimmy Hsu, CSP, JCL, Pastor, Rev. Christopher Malano, CSP, Associate Pastor, and the staff and community of St. Austin Parish. The Red Mass Committee St. Thomas More Society

Those who are registered ticket holders to tonight's reception, please make your way to St. Austin Parish Hall.

The program will begin promptly at 7p.m.



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