

THE RED MASS

CELEBRATING

THE OPENING OF THE JUDICIAL YEAR



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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

Entrance Hymn

Come, Holy Ghost

Rabanus Maurus, Edward Caswell



1. Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And in our
2. O Com - fort - er, to thee we cry, Thou heav'n - ly
3. O Ho - ly Ghost, through thee a - lone Know we the
4. Praise we the Lord, Fa - ther and Son, And Ho - ly



hearts take up thy rest; Come with thy grace
gift of God most high, Thou fount of life,
Fa - ther and the Son; Be this our firm
Spir - it with them one; And may the Son



and heav'n - ly aid To fill the hearts which thou hast
and fire of love, And sweet a - noint - ing from a -
un - chang - ing creed, That thou dost from them both pro -
on us be - stow All gifts that from the Spir - it



made, To fill the hearts which thou hast made.
bove, And sweet a - noint - ing from a - bove.
ceed, That thou dost from them both pro - ceed.
flow, All gifts that from the Spir - it flow.

Text: *Veni Creator Spiritus*; attr. to Rabanus Maurus, 776–856; tr. by Edward Caswell, 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

(Please be seated)

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



The Lord is my shep-herd; there is noth - ing I shall want.

Text: *The Revised Grail Psalms*, © 2010, Conception Abbey and The Grail, admin. by GIA Publications, Inc.;
refrain tr. © 1969, ICEL
Music: Michel Guimont, © 1994, GIA Publications, Inc.

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

(Please stand)

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

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

(Please be seated)

Offertory Hymn

Come Down, O Love Divine

Bianco da Siena, Richard F. Littledale

1. Come down, O Love di - vine, Seek now this soul of
2. O let it free - ly burn, Till earth - ly pas - sions
3. And so the yearn - ing strong, With which the soul will

mine, And vis - it it with your own ar - dor glow - ing;
turn To dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
long, Shall far out-pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, With - in my heart ap -
And let your glo - rious light Shine ev - er on my
No soul can guess Love's grace Till it be - come the

pear, And kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
sight, And clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
place Where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

Text: *Discendi, Amor Santo*; Bianco da Siena, d.1434; tr. by Richard F. Littledale, 1833–1890, alt.
Tune: DOWN AMPNEY, 66 11 D; Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

(Please stand)

Prayer over the Offerings

Holy, Holy, Holy

Mass of Christ, Light of the Nation

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

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

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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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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(Please kneel or be seated)

Memorial Acclamation

Mass of Christ, Light of the Nations

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

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Great Amen

Mass of Christ, Light of the Nations

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

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(Please stand)

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

Mass of Christ, Light of the Nations

Cantor or choir:

All:

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have

Cantor or choir:

All:

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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(Please kneel or be seated)

Communion Hymn

Draw Near

Steven R. Janco

Refrain

Draw near, draw near! Take the bod - y

of your Lord. Draw near, draw near!

Drink the blood for you out - poured.

Verses

1. Draw near and take the bod - y of your Lord,
 2. Christ our re - deem - er, God's e - ter - nal Son,
 3. Let us ap - proach with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,
 4. With heav'n - ly bread makes those who hun - ger whole,

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And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured:
Has by his cross and blood the vic - t'ry won:
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here:
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul:



Saved by his bod - y and his ho - ly blood, With
He gave his life for great - est and for least, Him -
Christ who in this life all the saints de - fends, Gives
Judge of the na - tions, to whom all must bow, In



souls re - freshed we give our thanks to God.
self the of - 'fring and Him - self the Priest.
all be - liev - ers life that nev - er ends.
this great feast of love is with us now.

Text: *Sancti, venite, Christi corpus sumite*, 7th C.; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Tune: NEALE, 10 10 10 10 with refrain; Steven R. Janco, b.1961, © 1992, World Library Publications, a division of GIA Publications, Inc.

Communion Hymn

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

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.

Closing Hymn

O Spirit All-Embracing *Delores Dufner*



1. O Spir - it all - em - brac - ing and coun - sel - or all - wise,
2. O Beau - ty ev - er blaz - ing in flow - er, field, and face,
3. Come, pas - sion's pow - er ho - ly, your in - sight here im - part,



Un - bound - ed splen - dor grac - ing a shore - less sea of skies:
You show your - self a - maz - ing in un - ex - pect - ed place.
And give your ser - vants low - ly an un - der - stand - ing heart



Un - fail - ing is your treas - ure, un - fad - ing your re - ward;
We see you and re - mem - ber what once our dreams had been;
To know your care more clear - ly when faith and love are tried,



Sur - pass - ing world - ly pleas - ure, the rich - es you af - ford.
You fan the glow - ing em - ber and kin - dle hope with - in.
To seek you more sin - cere - ly when false i - deals have died:



Come, stream of end - less flow - ing, and res - cue us from death;
Come, fire of glo - ry gra - cious, bless all who trust in you;
For vi - sion we im - plore you, for wis - dom's pure de - light;



Come, wind of spring - time blow - ing, and warm us by your breath.
Un - dy - ing flame te - na - cious, burn in your Church a - new.
In prayer we come be - fore you to wait up - on your light.

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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