

# CHRISM MASS

DIOCESE OF AUSTIN  
MARCH 31, 2026

## What is the Chrism Mass?

Two significant and related things happen at the Chrism Mass. The first is the Renewal of Priestly Promises and the second is the Consecration of Chrism and the Blessing of the Oils of the Sick and Catechumens, which will be used by our priests in their ministry to God's people throughout the year.

At the Chrism Mass the priests of the Diocese renew their priestly promises. In doing this, they renew their commitment before the bishop and the people gathered to be united to Jesus, to be faithful stewards of the mysteries of God (the sacraments), and to not seek any gain but to be moved "only by zeal for souls." The bishop, after asking the lay faithful to pray for their priests, asks them to pray for him as well that he may "be faithful to the apostolic office" entrusted to him.

The Chrism Mass takes its name from the Chrism that will be consecrated during the Mass. At this Mass, the bishop consecrates Sacred Chrism and blesses the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens. This is again connected to the life of the priest and bishop. The Chrism and the Holy Oils are used at significant moments in the life of the Church: Baptisms, Confirmations, Ordinations of Priests and Bishops, Consecrations of new churches, and in the Anointing of the Sick. Without Chrism and the Holy Oils, the priest or bishop cannot carry out his sacramental ministry and the life of the Church suffers.

As we celebrate this Mass we are reminded of the important ministry of our priests and bishops, and we pray that God sustains them in ministry and sends us many more.

“Let us pray that God our almighty Father  
will bless this oil so that all  
who are anointed with it  
may be inwardly transformed  
and come to share  
in eternal salvation.”

- The Rite of Consecration of the Chrism

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# INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Procession  
*Flor Peeters*

Processional Hymn

Lift High the Cross  
*Robert Hobby*

*Refrain*



*All:* Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim Till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



*All:* 1. Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
*Men:* 2. Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
*Choir:* 3. *All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied*  
*Women:* 4. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
*All:* 5. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*All repeat Refrain*



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.  
*Bear on their brows the seal of him who died.*  
Raise us, and let your cross the mag - net be.  
Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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Greeting

Penitential Act

Gloria

Mass of St. Frances Cabrini  
Kevin Keil

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-might-y 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. A - men. A - men.

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Collect

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

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

El espíritu del Señor está sobre mí, porque me ha ungido y me ha enviado para anunciar la buena nueva a los pobres, a curar a los de corazón quebrantado, a proclamar el perdón a los cautivos, y la libertad a los prisioneros; a pregonar el año de gracia del Señor, el día venganza de nuestro Dios.

El Señor me ha enviado a consolar a los afligidos, los afligidos de Sión, a cambiar su ceniza en diadema, sus lágrimas en aceite perfumado de alegría y su abatimiento, en cánticos. Ustedes serán llamados “sacerdotes del Señor;” “ministros de nuestro Dios” se les llamará.

Esto dice el Señor: “Yo les daré su recompensa fielmente y haré con ellos un pacto perpetuo. Su estirpe será célebre entre las naciones, y sus vástagos, entre los pueblos. Cuantos los vean reconocerán que son la estirpe que bendijo el Señor.”

Palabra de Dios.

R. Te alabamos Señor.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 89

*Mary Frances Reza*

Can - ta - ré e - ter - na - men - te las mi - se - ri -  
cor - dias del Se - ñor. Can - ta - ré e - ter - na -  
For ev - er I will  
men - te las mi - se - ri - cor - dias del Se - ñor.  
sing — the good - ness of the Lord.

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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 the 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. R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Misa Luna  
Peter Kolar



*Lent:* Praise to you, O Lord Je-sus Christ, King of end-less glo-ry.  
*Cuaresma:* Glo-ria a ti, Se-ñor Je-sús; tú e-res el Ver-bo e-ter-no.



Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ, the Liv-ing Word of God.  
Glo-ria a ti, Se-ñor Je-sús; tú e-res Pa-la-bra de Dios.

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Gospel

Luke 4:16-21

En aquel tiempo, Jesús fue a Nazaret, donde se había criado. Entró en la sinagoga, como era su costumbre hacerlo los sábados, y se levantó para hacer la lectura. Se le dio el volumen del profeta Isaías, lo desenrolló y encontró el pasaje en que estaba escrito: El Espíritu del Señor está sobre mí, porque me ha ungido para llevar a los pobres la buena nueva, para anunciar la liberación a los cautivos y la curación a los ciegos, para dar libertad a los oprimidos y proclamar el año de gracia del Señor.

Enrolló, el volumen, lo devolvió al encargado y se sentó. Los ojos de todos los asistentes a la sinagoga estaban fijos en él. Entonces comenzó a hablar, diciendo: “Hoy mismo se ha cumplido este pasaje de la Escritura que acaban de oír.”

Palabra del Señor. R. Gloria a ti, Señor Jesús.

Homily

# RENEWAL OF PRIESTLY PROMISES

The Bishop invites the priests to stand as he asks:

Bishop: Beloved sons, on the anniversary of that day when Christ our Lord conferred his priesthood on his Apostles and on us, are you resolved to renew, in my presence and the presence of 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.

Then, turned toward the people, the bishop continues:

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, graciously 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 Servant of all.

All: Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously 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.

# BLESSING OF OILS AND RITE OF CONSECRATION OF THE CHRISM

The Oil of the Sick is unperfumed blessed olive oil used by the priest during the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick to bring comfort and strength to the faithful whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age.

The Oil of Catechumens is unperfumed blessed olive oil used to anoint infants before Baptism during the Rite of Infant Baptism and to strengthen catechumens during their time of formation and prior to their Baptism at Easter Vigil.

The Balsam, traditionally a resinous and aromatic substance from terebinth trees, is mixed with olive oil to give fragrance to the Sacred Chrism.

The Sacred Chrism is a fragrant consecrated oil used to anoint the newly baptized, to seal the baptized in Confirmation, to anoint the hands of priests and the head of bishops at their ordination, and to consecrate an altar and a new church.

El Óleo de los Enfermos es un aceite de oliva bendecido sin perfume usado por el sacerdote durante el sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos para llevar consuelo y fortaleza a los fieles cuya salud está seriamente debilitada por la enfermedad o la edad avanzada.

El Óleo de los Catecúmenos es un aceite de oliva bendecido sin perfume usado para ungir a los infantes antes del Bautismo durante el Rito del Bautismo de Infantes y para fortalecer a los catecúmenos durante su tiempo de formación y antes de su Bautismo durante la Vigilia Pascual.

El Bálsamo, tradicionalmente una sustancia resinosa y aromática de los árboles de terebinto, es mezclada con aceite de oliva para dar fragancia al Sagrado Crisma.

El Sagrado Crisma es un óleo consagrado fragante usado para ungir a los recién bautizados, para sellar al bautizado en la Confirmación, para ungir las manos de los sacerdotes y la cabeza de los obispos en su ordenación, y para consagrar un altar y una nueva iglesia.

The Blessing of the Oils

Ritual Music for Chrism Mass

Jay F. Hunstiger

Refrain



Son of God, a - noint-ed Sav - ior, Priest and proph-et, hum-ble king!  
Je - su - cris - to, Hi - jo un - gi - do, Rey, pro - fe - ta y buen pas - tor!



Bless this oil for our a - noint - ing: So may we your prais - es sing.  
San - ti - fi - ca es - tos ó - leos, Te im - plo - ra - mos, oh Se - ñor.

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We sing after each blessing:



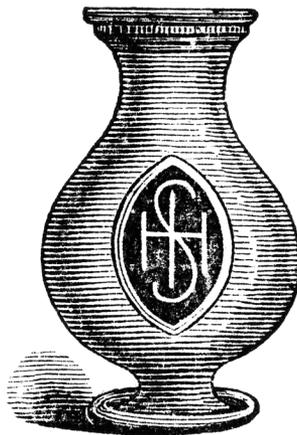
Oil of the Sick: Oil of bless - ing, ho - ly oil, \_\_\_\_\_  
San - to ó - leo, de - rra - ma - do,

Oil for Catechumens: Oil of bless - ing, ho - ly oil, \_\_\_\_\_  
San - to ó - leo de - rra - ma - do,

The Holy Chrism: Oil of glad - ness, ho - ly oil, \_\_\_\_\_  
San - to ó - leo de - rra - ma - do,



Sign of heal - ing from our God!  
Sim - bo - lo de sa - na - ción!  
Gift of wis - dom and of strength!  
Don de fuer - za y ra - zón!  
Fra - grance of the Spir - it's breath!  
Bál - sa - mo de ins - pi - ra - ción!



# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation of the Gifts Anthem

Ave Verum Corpus

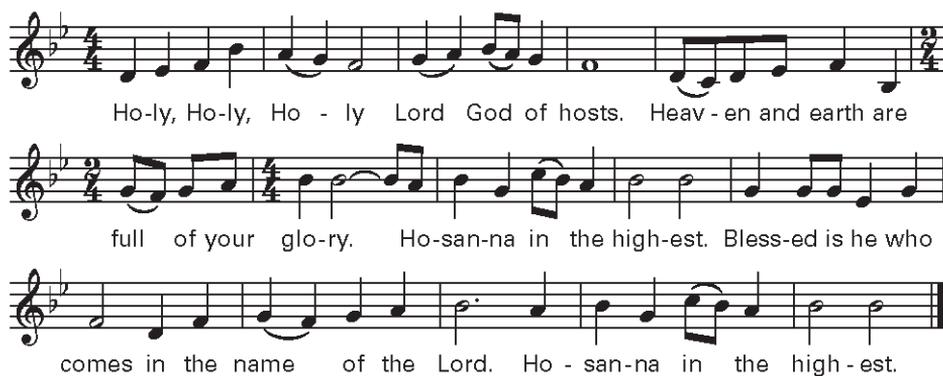
*Bill Heigen*

Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus

St. Frances of Cabrini

*Kevin Keil*



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 in the high-est.

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Mystery of Faith

Misa Luna



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
*Ca - da vez que co - me-mos de es-te pan y be - be - mos de es-te cá-liz,*  
we pro - claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.  
*a - nun - cia - mos tu muer - te, Se - ñor, has - ta que vuel - vas.*

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Great Amen

Misa Luna



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

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Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Agnus Dei

Misa Luna

*Cantor:* *All/Todos:*

O Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,  
*Cor-de - ro de Dios, que qui-tas el pe-ca - do del mun-do,*

have mer - cy, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.  
*ten pie - dad, ten pie - dad, ten pie - dad de no-so - tros.*

*Cantor:* *All/Todos:*

O Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the  
*Cor-de - ro de Dios, que qui-tas el pe-ca - do del*

world, grant us your peace, grant us your peace,  
*mun-do, da - nos la paz, da - nos la paz,*

grant us your peace, O Lamb of God. Grant us your peace,  
*da - nos la paz, Cris - to Je-sús. Da - nos la paz,*

grant us your peace, grant us your peace, O Lamb of God.  
*da - nos la paz, da - nos la paz, Cris - to Je-sús.*

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Communion Antiphon

*Cerisier*

I will sing for ever of your mercies, O Lord;  
 through all ages my mouth will proclaim your fidelity.

Communion Hymns

Taste and See  
James E. Moore

Refrain

Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the  
 Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the  
 good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Verses

1. I will bless the Lord at all times.  
 2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me.  
 3. Wor - ship the Lord, all you peo - ple.

Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;  
 To - geth - er let us all praise God's name  
 You'll want for noth - ing if you ask.

my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord  
 I called the Lord who an - swered me;  
 Taste and see that the Lord is good;

for God has been so good to me.  
 from all my trou - bles I was set free.  
 in God we need put all our trust. **D**

# Bread of Life from Heaven

## Marty Haugen

### Refrain



Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv-en, we  
*Pan de vi - da\_e - ter - na, nos das tu cuer - po\_y san-gre. †*



eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.  
*Has - ta que vuel - vas tú, Se - ñor, co - me - mos en tu\_a - mor.*

### Verses



- |     |  |                    |
|-----|--|--------------------|
| 1.  | Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; | Giv - ing          |
| 2.  | Seek not the food that will pass a - way;        | Set your           |
| 3.  | Love as the One who, in love for you,            | Gave him-          |
| 4.  | Take in the light that will nev - er dim,        | Taste the          |
| 5.  | Dwell in the One who now dwells in you;          | Make your          |
| 6.  | Drink of this cup and de - clare his death;      | Eat this           |
| 7.  | <i>Ven y com - par - te_el di - vi - no pan;</i> | <i>De - mos</i>    |
| 8.  | <i>Es - te mis - te - rio_es el máx - i - mo</i> | <i>Sa - cri -</i>  |
| 9.  | <i>Ven a la me - sa de com - pa - sión,</i>      | <i>Re - cor -</i>  |
| 10. | <i>Hoy que co - me - mos del pan de_a - mor</i>  | <i>So - mos</i>    |
| 11. | <i>Ce - na que nos re - pre - sen - ta hoy</i>   | <i>La vi - da,</i> |



thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round.	Eat, all of you, and be
hearts on the food that en - dures.	Come, learn the true and the
self for the life of the world.	Come to the One who is
life that is strong - er than death.	Live in the One who will
home in the life - giv - ing Word.	Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly
bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn;	Trust his re - turn and, with
<i>gra - cias con gran cor - a - zón.</i>	<i>Cris - to_es sus - ten - to que</i>
<i>fi - cio de fe y de_a - mor.</i>	<i>Pan que nos lla - ma_a con -</i>
<i>de - mos a Cris - to Je - sús.</i>	<i>Él nos da vi - da con</i>
<i>u - no en Cris - to Je - sús.</i>	<i>Ce - na que_es fuen - te de_in -</i>
<i>muer - te, y re - su - rrec - ción</i>	<i>De Je - su - cris - to, que_es</i>



sat - is - fied;	In Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.	
liv - ing Way,	That the full - ness of life may be yours.	
food for you,	That your hun - ger and thirst be no more.	
come and then	Raise you up at the last with the blest.	
One of God,	And be - lieve in the truth you have heard.	
ev - 'ry breath,	Praise the One in whom you are re - born.	
<i>u - ni - rá</i>	<i>A los miem - bros de ca - da na - ción.</i>	
<i>me - mo - rar</i>	<i>Ya se - guir a Je - sús Sal - va - dor.</i>	
<i>ple - ni - tud;</i>	<i>Nos pro - te - ge_y nos guí - a_en su luz.</i>	
<i>spi - ra - ción</i>	<i>Pa - ra ser en el mun - do la luz.</i>	
<i>nues - tro Dios</i>	<i>Quien nos lla - ma_y nos da sal - va - ción.</i>	

Communion Anthem

Adoramus Te Christe  
*Dubois*

Post Communion Antiphon

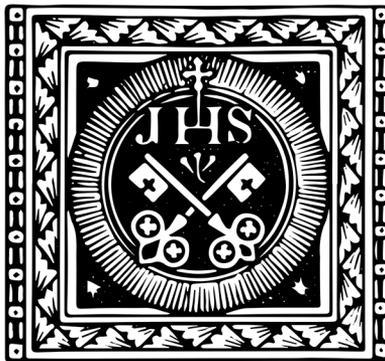
Thy Kingdom Come  
*Karen Marrolli*

Prayer after Communion

## CONCLUDING RITE

Presentation of Holy Oils to the Deans

Words of Gratitude



Blessing

Recessional Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

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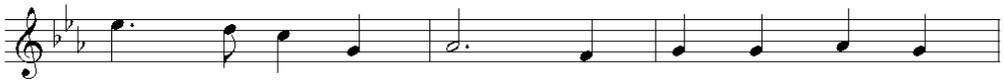
1. The Chur-ch's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her  
 2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the  
 3. Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her  
 4. Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in



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

Postlude

Brass Ensemble

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