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Daily: Mon - Fri : 8:00 AM

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 10 AM

PENANCE Saturdays 2:30-3:30 PM



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"Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, disciples of Jesus Christ in Worcester, MA, reaches out with love into the neighborhoods to welcome, serve, support, and engage the community in Jesus.

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**May 5, 2024**  
**6th Sunday of Easter**



*"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."*

*(John 15:12-13)*

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

**Daily Rosary**-Praying of the Rosary will continue after the 8am daily mass in the church on Monday, Thursday and Friday and at 9:15am before the 10am Sunday Mass both Live and via Zoom. If you need the Zoom information, please contact the rectory.

**Mass Intentions & Calendar**

**Sat, May 4**

4:30 pm **Sharon Whitenett** remembrance req by the family

**Sun, May 5 6th Sunday of Easter**

10:00 am **Deceased members of the Kokernak & Robinson Families** req by the family

**Mon, May 6**

8:00 am

**Tue, May 7**

8:00 am

**Wed, May 8**

8:00 am

**Thu, May 9 Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)**

8:00 am

12:00pm

4:30pm

**Fri, May 10**

8:00 am

**Sat, May 11**

4:30 pm **Phil Brunelle** 1 yr anniv remembrance req by the Knights of Columbus #5481

**Louise & John Hagan** req by the family

**Sun, May 12 7th Sunday of Easter**

10:00 am **Kenneth Loiselle** req by Joe

**James Pulaski** 10th anniv req by the family

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**5 SUN** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/  
1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

**6 MON** Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/  
Jn 15:26—16:4a

**7 TUE** Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

**8 WED** Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/  
Jn 16:12-15

**9 THU** Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20  
Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/

Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

**10 FRI** Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

**11 SAT** Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

### **Prayer Shawls**

We have a couple blessed prayer shawls. If you need one or know someone that needs one, please call the rectory. You can join us the first Thursday of the month in the church hall or you can also work on at home and donate when completed.



### **75th Anniversary**

Our anniversary celebration will take place on Saturday, May 18 with a catered, sit down meal in the church hall. Tickets are on sale after each mass at \$25 per person. Tickets need to be purchased to attend and must be purchased by May 12th. If you made a donation that entitles you to tickets, please call the rectory and let us know if you will or will/not be attending. Please join us. All are welcome!

### **Tuesday and Wednesday Morning Mass**

We are now celebrating mass again on Tuesday and Wednesdays. Fr. Jean-Louis Arlin will be celebrating mass.

### **May Newsletter**

The May Newsletter was mailed and emailed on 4/30. If you have not received it and would like to, please call or email the rectory.

### **STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

#### **WEEKLY OFFERING**

<b>Sunday Offertory 4/27-4/28</b>	<b>\$1,813.00</b>
Online Giving	230.00
Candles	96.30
Ascension	45.00
Maintenance	63.00
Mass Offerings	150.00
Parish Asst. Projects - Mulch	124.00
Parish Events - Breakfast 4/21	161.00
Room & Board	1,000.00

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We appreciate your support of the church.*

### **RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### **As I Love You**

This week my children were learning about energy. We set up an experiment with toy cars — one was placed in front of another, and a third was pushed into the two stationary ones.

The forward motion caused the front car to move, but not much. "Most of the energy goes into the car in the middle, not the car on the end," my daughter concluded.

I asked her why she seems to have so much energy, and I seem to have so little.

"Because you're old," she replied confidently.

Most days I feel like that first car, barreling at life with all my energy and love and good intentions, only to have it almost entirely absorbed by the proverbial middle car. It's so easy to be discouraged. The devil so badly wants us to feel discouraged.

But the law of love is not unlike the law of conservation of energy. Love is neither created nor destroyed. It is only transferred from one form to another. And yes, sometimes it certainly seems like it disappears. It appears to get lost between my hands and the plate of dinner that goes uneaten or evaporates off of my lips as words I fear are never heard. It is spat upon as a commandment the world would prefer I do not keep.

But we are not called to simply love one another — to love when it seems effective and productive and appreciated. We are called to love as Christ loved: recklessly, selflessly, and yes, even without logic. We are called to love with a love that doesn't give up and is never withdrawn. A love that doesn't fear death or the world's hatred. A love that stands willing to argue, to be reviled, to be dismissed.

We are called to be that first car, hurtling ourselves against a world that isn't ready to accept or understand us. And we trust that, even when we can't see how, the love that seems to disappear simply changes forms.

*"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you."*

*~John 15:12*

### **PROTECTING OUR YOUTH AND CHILDREN**

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious or lay person working for the Church, and you want to share feelings of hurt or betrayal, call Judith Audette, Victim Services Coordinator, Office of Healing and Prevention, 508-929-4363  
508-726-2880 - direct, confidential line

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER CYCLE B



## GATHERING HYMN

## Join In The Dance

Dan Schutte

**Refrain**

Join in the dance of the earth's ju - bi - la - tion! This is the feast of the  
love of God. Shout from the heights to the ends of cre - a - tion:  
Je - sus the Sav - ior is ris - en from the gravel

**Verses**

1. Wake, O	peo - ple;	sleep no	long - er;	greet the
2. All cre -	a - tion,	like a	moth - er,	la - bors
3. Now our	shame be -	comes our	glo - ry	on this
4. None on	earth, no	prince or	pow - er,	nei - ther
5. Love's tri -	um - phant	day of	vic - t'ry	heav - en
6. Christ for -	ev - er,	Lord of	a - ges,	Love be -

1. break - ing	day!	Christ, Re -	deem - er,
2. to give	birth.	Soon the	pain will
3. ho - ly	tree.	Now the	reign of
4. death nor	life,	noth - ing	now can
5. o - pens	wide.	On the	tree of
6. yond our	dreams:	Christ, our	hope of

to Refrain

1. Lamb and	Li - on,	turns the	night a -	way!
2. be for -	got - ten,	joy for	all the	earth!
3. death is	end - ed;	now we	are set	free!
4. ev - er	part us	from the	love of	Christ!
5. hope and	glo - ry	death it -	self has	died!
6. heav - en's	glo - ry,	all that	yet will	be!

## GLORIA

## Mass of Renewal

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

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.

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.

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

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

## ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage. Peter, however, raised him up, saying, "Get up. I myself am also a human being."

Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him."

While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter responded, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?" He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

## PSALM 98



## SECOND READING

## 1 JOHN 4:7-10

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL

## JOHN 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

## HOMILY

### NICENE CREED

**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.

### GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

**The Response is:   *“Risen Lord hear us.”***

**Lord Jesus Christ, who by your gift of your Body and Blood, are really present in our lives, hear the prayers of the Church of Worcester. Give us the faith of your Church, confident in your presence in our Masses, our tabernacles and our lives. Give us the faith to offer our lives to you, joined with the perfect sacrifice, which you offered on the altar of the Cross. Good and loving Shepherd, teach us how to lead your children home, that we might long together to glorify your name at the Supper of the Lord. For you are Lord forever and ever. Amen.**


# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

## *No Greater Love*

Tim Schoenbachler

**Refrain**




There can be no great - er love than to lay

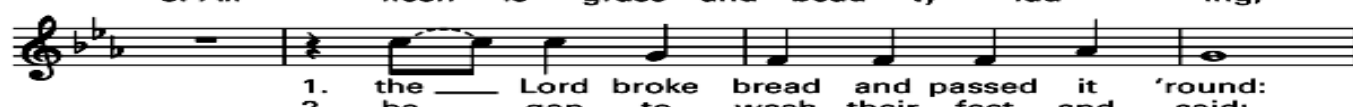


down your life for a friend.


**Verses**



1. On the night on which our Sav - ior was be - trayed,  
2. Then the Lord when he had eat - en with his friends,  
3. If I, your Lord and Teach - er, wash your feet,  
4. This is my com - mand - ment: love each oth - er;  
5. Let not your hearts be troub - led or a - fraid.  
\*6. Come be - hold the cross on which our Sav - ior hung.  
7. If you live, you live not on - ly for your - self;  
8. All flesh is grass and beau - ty fad - ing;



1. the Lord broke bread and passed it 'round:  
2. be - gan to wash their feet and said;  
3. then you must wash each oth - er's feet.  
4. as I have loved you, you must do.  
5. I go be - fore you un - to death.  
6. He gave his life to set us free.  
7. when you die, you die not for your - self.  
8. ash - es to ash - es, dust to dust.



1. This is my bod - y giv'n for you.  
2. This ex - am - ple I leave you.  
3. As I have done, so you must do.  
4. Take up your cross and fol - low me.  
5. I go to make a place for you.  
6. Be - hold the cross of vic - to - ry.  
7. In life and death we are the Lord's.  
8. On - ly the Word of God re - mains.

to Refrain

## HOLY, HOLY

## MASS OF RENEWAL

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

## MASS OF RENEWAL

Save us, Savior of the world  
For by your Cross & Resurrection  
You have set us free

## GREAT AMEN

## MASS OF RENEWAL

## OUR FATHER

## SIGN OF PEACE

## LAMB OF GOD

## MASS OF RENEWAL

# COMMUNION

# Love Has Come

Matt Maher

**Verses**



1. With one voice the an - gels sing songs that make cre -  
 2. God the Fa - ther, El - o - him, voice of thun - der,  
 3. God of Cov - e - nant, di - vine, lead us to the  
 4. Keep - er of the sac - ri - fice man - i - fest in  
 5. Now sal - va - tion has come in the New Je -

1. a - tion ring. Proph - ets hear and call us to  
 2. spir - it, wind: breathe on me your ver - y life;  
 3. end of time, be - yond sor - row, be - yond fear,  
 4. Je - sus Christ, born to die and wake the dead,  
 5. ru - sa - lem. Danc - ers dance and sing - ers roar; pro -

1. live in spir - it and in truth.  
 2. grace will make the dark - ness bright.  
 3. be - yond pride and earth - en tears.  
 4. as we hun - ger keep us fed.  
 5. claim - ing Je - sus Christ is Lord!

**Refrain**



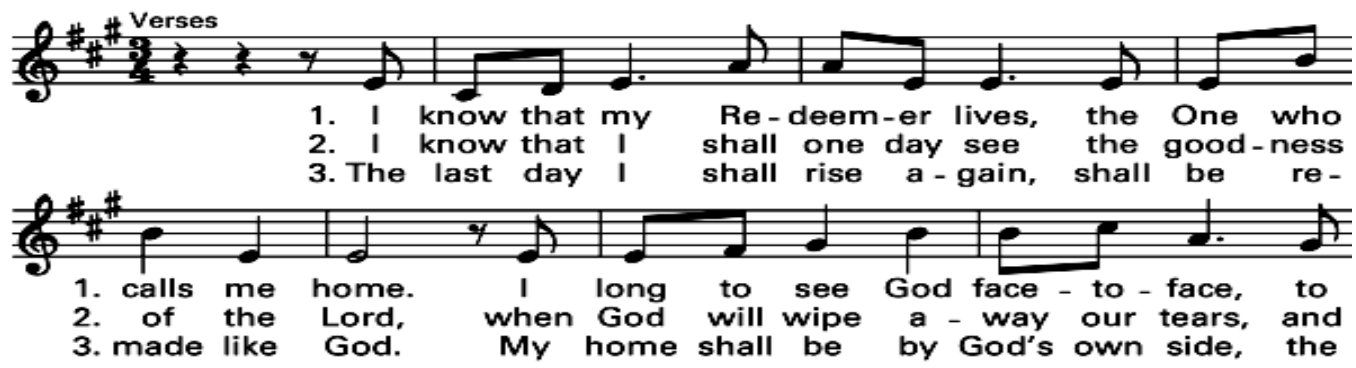
Word of God, en - throned, dwell in us for - ev - er - more.  
 Love has come to show the way. Hal - le - lu -  
 jah, peace be with us. Love has come to show the way.

# RECESSIONAL

# I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Scott Soper


**Verses**



1. I know that my Re - deem - er lives, the One who  
 2. I know that I shall one day see the good - ness  
 3. The last day I shall rise a - gain, shall be re -

1. calls me home. I long to see God face - to - face, to  
 2. of the Lord, when God will wipe a - way our tears, and  
 3. made like God. My home shall be by God's own side, the

**Refrain**



1. see with my own eyes. I know that my Re -  
 2. death will be no more.  
 3. dy - ing, ris - ing Lord.

1. deem - er lives, that I shall rise a - gain. gain.



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