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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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### *Mission Statement:*

"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. In creating a welcoming relationship with Eucharistic and prayerful celebrations, we gather to make a difference by coming closer to God and one another."

**August 4, 2024**  
**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



*"Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not."*

EXODUS 16:4

When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, self-reliance, pride and ego leads to hoarding and excessive surplus of goods and money. Living a stewardship lifestyle helps us discern our "wants" from our "needs". Living a grateful and generous lifestyle reminds us that God will provide all that we need and that we have plenty to share.

**Daily Rosary**-Praying of the Rosary will continue after the 8am daily mass in the church on Monday through Friday and at 9:15am before the 10am Sunday Mass. If you would still like to participate via Zoom, please let us know.

### **Mass Intentions & Calendar**

**Sat, Aug 3**

4:30 pm

**Sun, Aug 4 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:00 am **Edmund Markevicius** req by Danute Minor

**Catherine Jennings** b'day prayer and the **Piper family**

**Hospitality Meeting** after mass in church hall

**Religious Ed Registration begins** after mass in church hall

**Mon, Aug 5**

8:00 am

**Tue, Aug 6 The Transfiguration of the Lord**

8:00 am

**Wed, Aug 7**

8:00 am

**Thu, Aug 8**

8:00 am

**Fri, Aug 9**

8:00 am

**Sat, Aug 10**

4:30 pm **Yvette Brodeur** birthday remembrance req by the family

**Sun, Aug 11 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:00 am **Jeannette Morrow and Denise Soulor** birthday remembrances req by the family

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**4 SUN** Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 (24b)/  
Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

**5 MON** Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:13-21

**6 TUE** Dn7:9-10,13-14/Ps 97:1-2,5-6,9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10

**7 WED** Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28

**8 THU** Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 16:13-23

**9 FRI** Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd,  
41/Mt 16:24-28

**10 SAT** 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

## STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

### Backpack and School Supply Drive

We are once again participating in the Backpack/School Supply Drive to benefit Catholic Charities of Worcester. There are flyers on the table of what supplies are needed. All donations are due by **Sunday, August 4th**.



### Religious Ed for Fall 2024-2025

-Grades 1 - 8 will have class from 8:45 -9:55am followed by Mass at 10AM (mandatory).  
-Grades 9 & 10 (Confirmation - 2 yr program) will also have class 8:45 - 9:55 followed by mandatory mass. Depending on the age group, we ask that students participate in the Mass either by volunteering to Lector, Altar Serve, Greet or pass the collection basket. The confirmation students will also be required to do a Community Project that will be assigned every month.

**Registration starts August 4th after the 10am mass in the church hall. Classes begin September 22.**

### Hospitality Committee

There will be a meeting on Sunday, **August 4** after mass in the church hall to plan for our Annual Church Cookout being held on Sunday, September 15th. All are welcome.

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

### WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Offertory 7/27-7/28	\$1,565.15
Online Giving	340.00
Candles	25.68
Maintenance	15.00
Mass Offerings	10.00

*Thank you for your continued, generous support.  
We appreciate your support of the church.*

### Practicing Graciousness in the Desert

Looking back over my journey of parenthood, I know there were days when I traveled the extra mile for my children. I made their toast the way they like it, let them play in the park an extra ten minutes, or let them go to the movies with their friends and I finished up the chores on my own. And then, it happened: the attitude. The request for the smallest thing from one of them is met with disdain or bewilderment.

Sometimes you can be made breathless with the ingratitude of another person who takes so much and with so little shame, only to scoff at the idea that they, too, give even the smallest amount.

But if we're being honest with ourselves, we will admit that we do the exact same thing to God. Haven't we all been the Israelites in the desert at one point or another? God has parted our Red Sea in some way. He's led us out of some great trial, given us some great blessings. But then we run into a little resistance somewhere along the way and we throw up our hands. How could you do this to us, Lord? How could you ask this of us? No, I can't go any further. No, I won't do any more.

Persisting in the blindness to the many ways God continues to protect us is nothing short of a temper tantrum. It robs our Everyday Stewardship of its graciousness, of our ability to accept with joy the trials of life because we are also constantly aware of its blessings.

~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

## Forming a Pastoral Council for Our Lady of Lourdes

In last month's newsletter I invited parishioners to join in the establishment of a Pastoral Council. The Council is an *advisory group* of twelve parishioners to me, the pastor, helping to steer the parish into the future. It will meet four times a year starting in September for no more than one hour and a half. The agenda will be set by the council in consultation with the pastor and the prescriptions of the Canon Laws of the Church. The Council will act in consensus with the entire group, that is, decisions will be reached not by voting but by mutual agreement with the rest of the Council. **Interested?** Let me know by text (508-27-1452), email ([bianpotoole2002@gmail.com](mailto:bianpotoole2002@gmail.com)) or by phone (508-757-0789 ext 10).

### Calendar Raffle

As mentioned in a prior newsletter, we are planning to have another calendar raffle. We have decided to do it for the month of November. Therefore there will be 30 days of chances for you to win at \$10 per ticket.

For this calendar raffle we are looking for donations of \$25 or \$50 gift cards to grocery stores, restaurants, stores, etc. We are also accepting monetary donations which would reduce what OLOL would have to pay out for cash prizes. All donations are due by August 16th.

If you need a letter from the church to show that you are representing the church and are looking for donations, we can supply that to you.

We will be mailing out 5 calendar raffles to each household the beginning of September in lieu of a September newsletter. The church fiscal year ends August 31 so the year end financials will be in the October newsletter.

## GATHERING HYMN

## *When We Eat This Bread*


Michael Joncas

**Refrain**




When we eat this bread and we drink this cup, we pro-claim your death un - til you come.


**Verses**



1. Where two or three are  
 2. Come, you bless - ed  
 3. I saw the cit - y Je-  
 4. There will be no more  
 5. All praise to the Fa-ther, Cre-

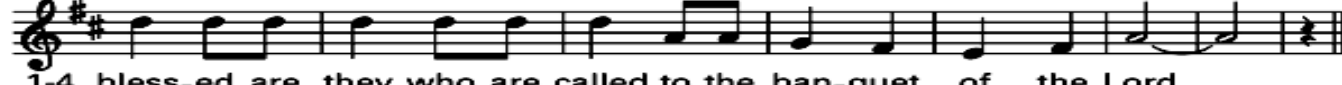


1. gath-ered to - geth - er in my name, where two or  
 2. of my Fa - ther, come to me. En - ter  
 3. ru - sa - lem come from God, all clothed and a -  
 4. weep-ing or mourn-ing, nev - er-more: and God will  
 5. a - tor most ho - ly, praise to him. All praise to the



1. three are gath-ered to - geth - er, there am I. How  
 2. in - to God's ho - ly king-dom, full of joy. How  
 3. dorned as a bride for her hus-band, filled with love. How  
 4. dwell with his ho - ly peo - ple ev - er-more. How  
 5. Son, our Sav - ior and broth-er, praise to him; All

**to Refrain**



1-4. bless-ed are they who are called to the ban-quet of the Lord.  
 5. glo - ry and praise to the Spir - it of God who makes us one.

## GLORIA

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

EXODUS 16:2-4, 12-15

The whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, "Would that we had died at the LORD's hand in the land of Egypt, as we sat by our fleshpots and ate our fill of bread! But you had to lead us into this desert to make the whole community die of famine!"

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will now rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not.

"I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them: In the evening twilight you shall eat flesh, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread, so that you may know that I, the LORD, am your God."

In the evening quail came up and covered the camp. In the morning a dew lay all about the camp, and when the dew evaporated, there on the surface of the desert were fine flakes like hoarfrost on the ground. On seeing it, the Israelites asked one another, "What is this?" for they did not know what it was. But Moses told them, "This is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 78



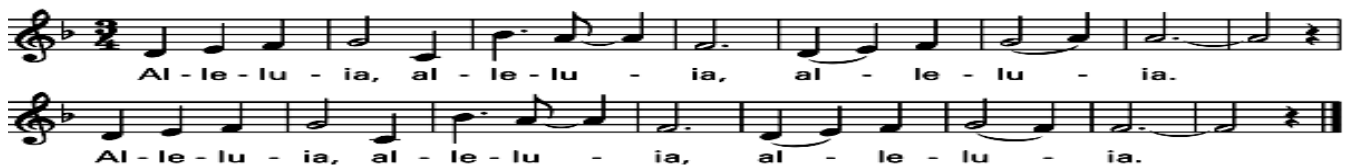
## SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 4:17, 20-24

Brothers and sisters: I declare and testify in the Lord that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds; that is not how you learned Christ, assuming that you have heard of him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus, that you should put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mass of Renewal  
Curtis Stephan



## GOSPEL

JOHN 6:24-35

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. And when they found him across the sea they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus answered them and said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal." So they said to him, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent." So they said to him, "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written: He gave them bread from heaven to eat." So Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

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So they said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

## **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:**

***"Lord hear us."***

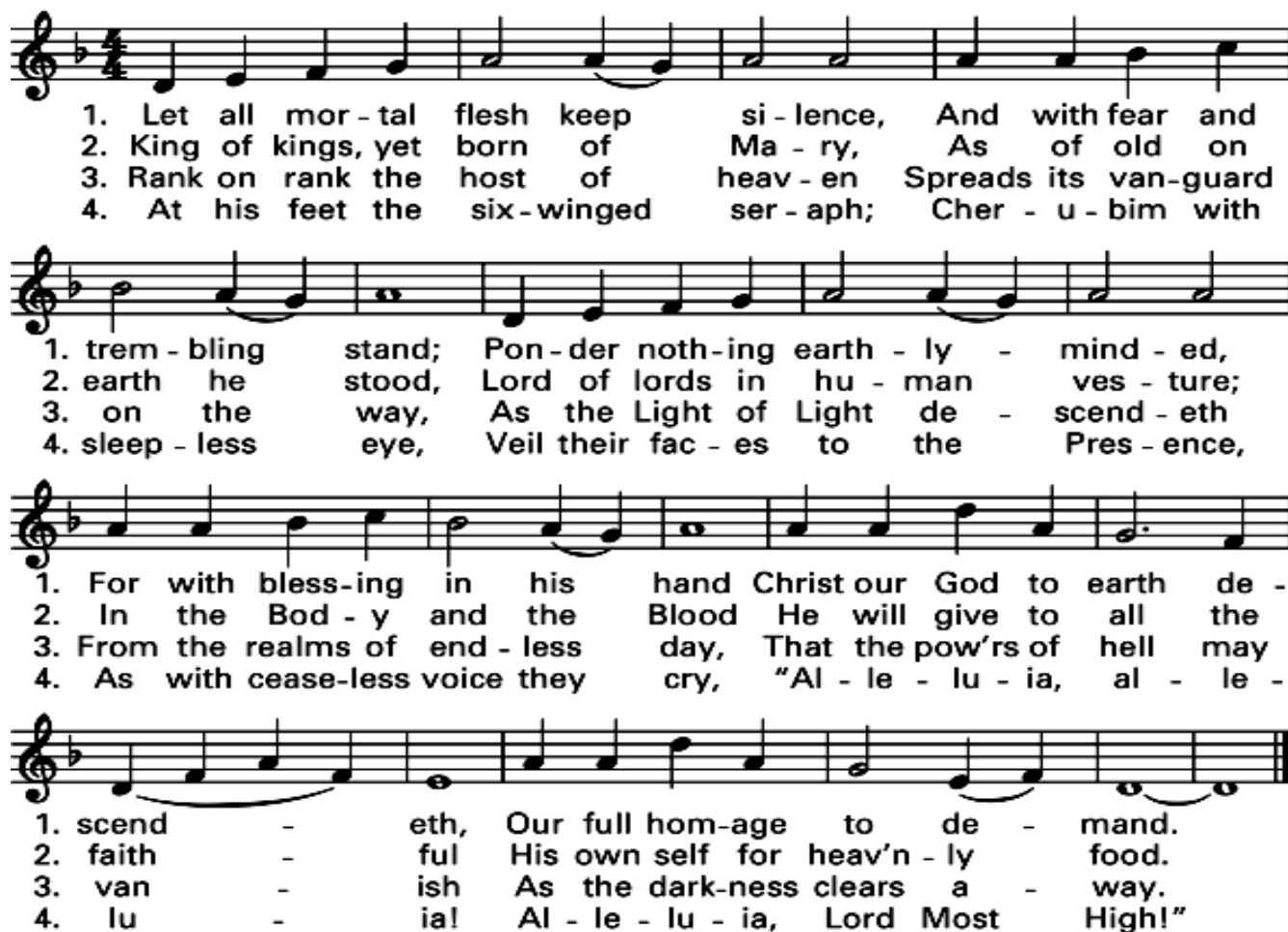
**Lord Jesus Christ, who by your gift of your Body and Blood, are really present in our lives, hear the prayers of the Church of Worcester. Give us the faith of your Church, confident in your presence in our Masses, our tabernacles and our lives. Give us the faith to offer our lives to you, joined with 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

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent*

PICARDY



1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, And with fear and  
2. King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, As of old on  
3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van-guard  
4. At his feet the six-winged ser - aph; Cher - u - bim with

1. trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,  
2. earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture;  
3. on the way, As the Light of Light de - scend - eth  
4. sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the Pres - ence,

1. For with bless - ing in his hand Christ our God to earth de -  
2. In the Bod - y and the Blood He will give to all the  
3. From the realms of end - less day, That the pow'rs of hell may  
4. As with cease-less voice they cry, "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

1. scend - eth, Our full hom-age to de - mand.  
2. faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.  
3. van - ish As the dark-ness clears a - way.  
4. lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

## 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

When we eat this bread  
And drink this cup,  
We proclaim your death, O Lord  
Until you come again

## GREAT AMEN

## MASS OF RENEWAL

## OUR FATHER

## SIGN OF PEACE

## LAMB OF GOD

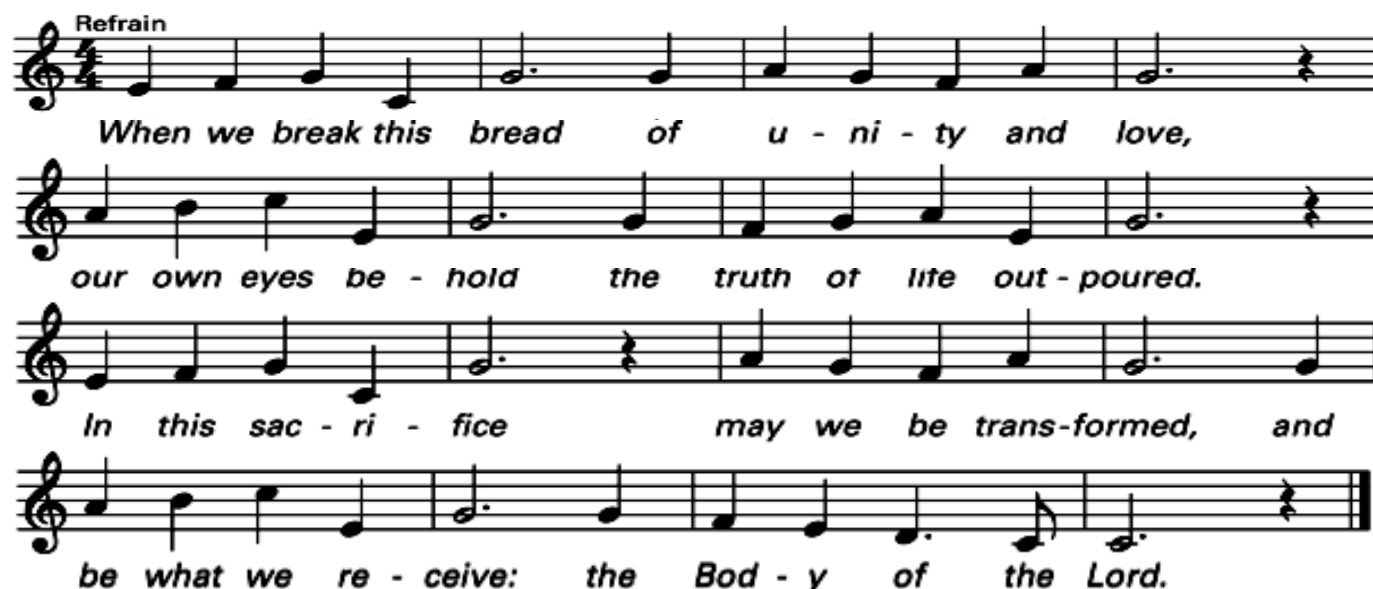
## MASS OF RENEWAL

## COMMUNION

## When We Eat This Bread

Pedro Rubalcava

Refrain



When we break this bread of u - ni - ty and love,  
our own eyes be - hold the truth of life out - poured.  
In this sac - ri - fice may we be trans-formed, and  
be what we re - ceive: the Bod - y of the Lord.

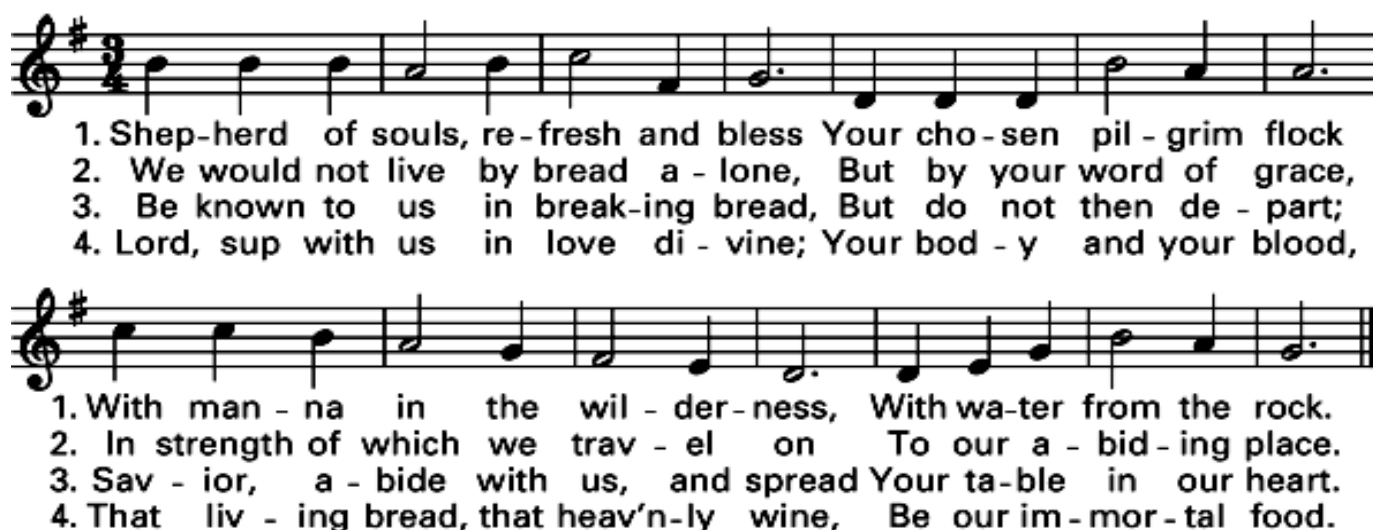
### Verses

1. Every life, though broken,  
forms part of the body;  
through the words here spoken  
we relive the story.
2. Come, all you who thirst and hunger,  
to this meal of unity;  
come be filled by God's own favor  
so that others we may feed.
3. Broken lives in broken bread  
on this journey healed and fed;  
Blood of Christ's pure love divine  
now poured out in earthly wine.
4. Share the passion of the Lord  
and raise the cross of victory.  
Lay your life down for your friend;  
no greater love is there than this.
5. Bread of life for all who suffer,  
bread of heaven for our salvation.  
Strengthen and sustain us, Lord,  
that we may proclaim your kingdom.
6. Through this meal of lasting peace,  
to humble service we are called;  
with great love and charity,  
Christ's sacrifice we now recall.

## RECESSIONAL

## Shepherd Of Souls

ST. AGNE



1. Shep-herd of souls, re-fresh and bless Your cho-sen pil-grim flock  
2. We would not live by bread a-lone, But by your word of grace,  
3. Be known to us in break-ing bread, But do not then de-part;  
4. Lord, sup with us in love di-vine; Your bod-y and your blood,  
1. With man-na in the wil-der-ness, With wa-ter from the rock.  
2. In strength of which we trav-el on To our a-bid-ing place.  
3. Sav-ior, a-bide with us, and spread Your ta-ble in our heart.  
4. That liv-ing bread, that heav'n-ly wine, Be our im-mor-tal food.



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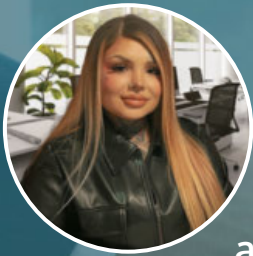
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