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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."

December 29, 2024 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph



*"See what love the Father has given us,
that we should be called children of God;
and so we are."*

(1 JOHN 3:1)

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God's children, it's in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

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, Dec 28

4:30 pm **Paula Stuart** - Month's Mind - req by the Pastoral Council

Sun, Dec 29 *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

10:00 am **Kenneth J. Sousa Sr** 20th anniv req by the Sousa family
George & Ellen Cote req by the family

Mon, Dec 30

8:00 am

Tue, Dec 31 *New Year's Eve*

8:00 am

Wed, Jan 1 *Mary, the Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day*

8:00 am

Thu, Jan 2

8:00 am

Fri, Jan 3 *The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

8:00 am

Sat, Jan 4

4:30 pm

Sun, Jan 5 *The Epiphany of the Lord*

10:00 am **Stasys Marcinkevicius** 22nd anniv req by daughter
Dana

SCRIPTURE READINGS

29 SUN 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see a)/
1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

30 MON 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

31 TUE 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

1 WED Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

2 THU 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

3 FRI 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

4 SAT 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Winter Coat Drive

Wow....another generous outpouring of coats, hats, gloves and scarves. The stage has been filled with many bags full of your donations. Thank you for donating your gently used items to help someone in need.

Advent Breakfast

What a great end of year event! We served 66 people, had 10 raffle baskets to raffle and the KOC had a 50/50 raffle. We netted \$845 which will be put aside to pay our winter bills (gas & oil) as they come due. Thanks again to all who set-up, cooked, served, cleaned up and donated baskets. This parish is all about what we do as a group and these events are a great example. Kudos to all!

Giving Tree

We put a total of 41 gift tags on the Giving Tree and 13 tags for seminarians. All the tags were taken immediately. Thank you for such wonderful generosity. All the gift bags were picked up on Monday, December 16.

Knights of Columbus

Pope John XXIII Council #5481 has an on-going can/bottle collection program. **The council will also collect scrap metal.** Proceeds from this collection funds the Visitation House. If you wish to donate any redeemable cans/bottles or metal, please contact Grand Knight, Nick Marrier at 774-230-1414 or via e-mail at nmarrier@gmail.com.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

WEEKLY OFFERING

| | |
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| Sunday Offertory 12/14-12/15 | \$2,121.00 |
| Online Giving | 505.00 |
| Candles | 300.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | 235.00 |
| Fuel & Heating | 30.00 |
| Immaculate Conception | 225.00 |
| Maintenance | 105.00 |
| Mass Offerings | 10.00 |
| Retirement Fund for Religious | 70.00 |
| Snow Removal | 175.00 |
| Stipends-Funeral | 400.00 |

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

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Where is Jesus?

Every mother who has ever lost sight of her child in a crowd, even for a few seconds, knows the panic.

I think of Mary living with that level of anxiety for three straight days. I doubt she slept, but I'm sure Joseph forced her to lie down at night, imploring her to think of her health, to rest while he kept on searching the streets of Jerusalem. I imagine her lying there, eyes open and staring at the ceiling. Mary, full of grace. Mary, spotless of sin. Weeping in the dark, whispering, "Where is he?"

It's an experience that we all have at one point or another. Running through the world, desperate and confused, just trying to find God and failing so miserably that we wonder if He's purposefully eluding us.

If Mary couldn't even find Him, do we stand a chance?

Why didn't Mary think to look in the temple? She had wisdom beyond anyone else who ever lived, at least when it came to Jesus. But I think God purposefully dropped a veil over her reasoning for these three days, so that He could show us it's okay to lose our way.

He isn't eluding us. In fact, He's trying to make it easy. He's staying put, in one place, the very place we should know to look. But the streets of our life are so crowded and loud, so full of distraction.

The Christmas season is about God revealing to us who and what and where He is. He has told us. The question is, have we listened? ©LPi

Opening Liturgy for the Jubilee Year of Hope

All are welcome to join with parishioners from around the diocese as we open the Jubilee Year of Hope on **Sunday, Dec. 29 at 4:00 pm Mass** at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Chatham and High Streets. **At 3:30 pm, a candlelight procession** will precede the Mass beginning at St. John Church, 40 Temple Street. Shuttles will be available from the Cathedral parking lot to St. John. Our prayers will be joined with those in every Cathedral around the world as the Jubilee Year begins.

Try Online Giving and Help Your Parish

Go to: ololma.org & click on *Online Giving* for easy and secure instructions to set up your personal and confidential account or make an appointment with Fr. Brian or Cheryl at the rectory for help to set up your account.

-By doing this: you can take the chore of filling your contribution envelopes unnecessary and take the guesswork out of how you support your parish.

-By doing this: you help your parish maintain a consistent budget, especially when you are away from the parish and reduce the expense of sending envelope packages each month.

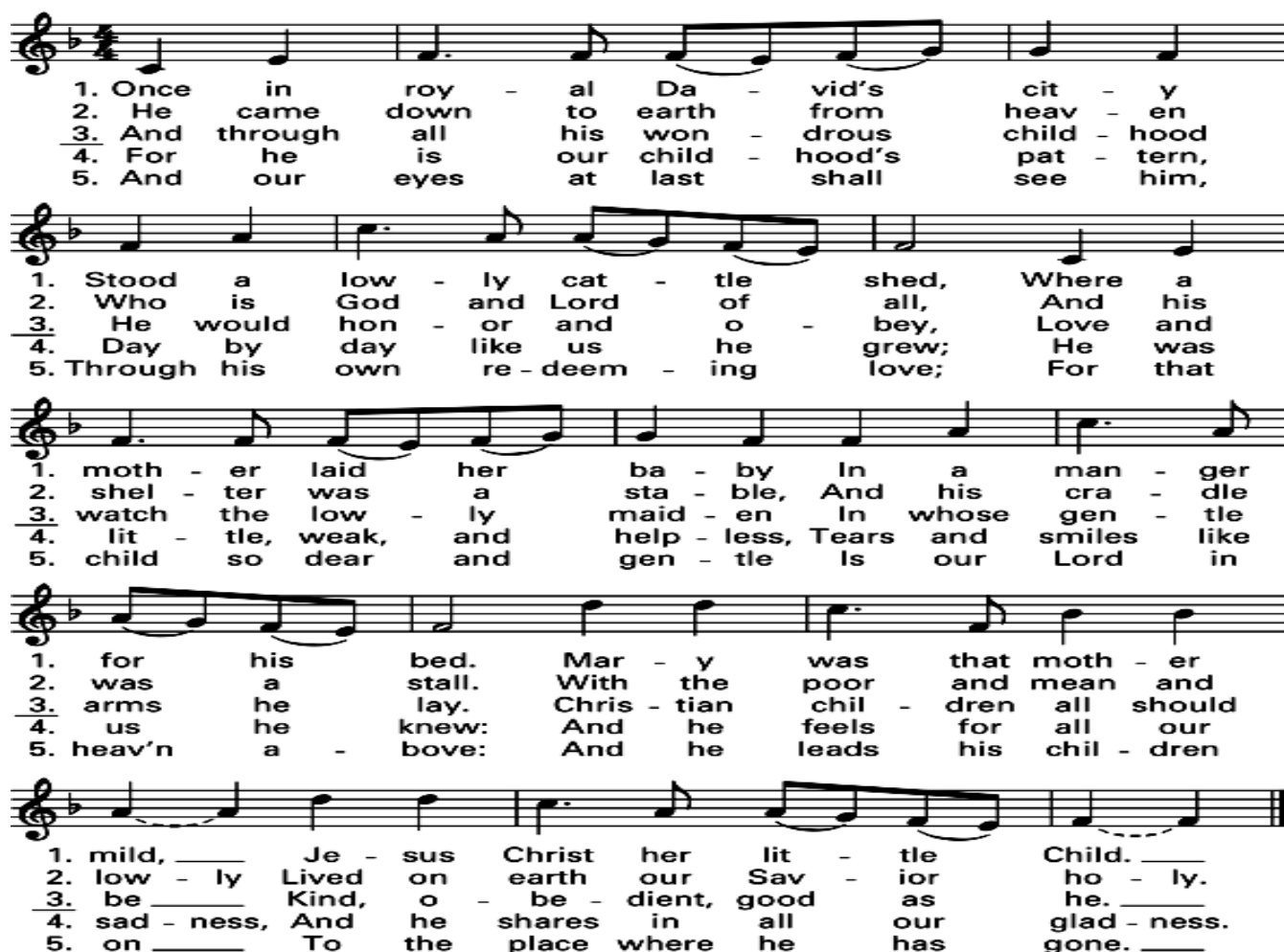
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

CYCLE C

GATHERING HYMN

Once in Royal David's City

IRBY



1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y
 2. He came down to earth from heav - en
 3. And through all his won - drous child - hood
 4. For he is our child - hood's pat - tern,
 5. And our eyes at last shall see him,

1. Stood a low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a
 2. Who is God and Lord of all, And his
 3. He would hon - or and o - bey, Love and
 4. Day by day like us he grew; He was
 5. Through his own re - deem - ing love; For that

1. moth - er laid her ba - by In a man - ger
 2. shel - ter was a sta - ble, And his cra - dle
 3. watch the low - ly maid - en In whose gen - tle
 4. lit - tle, weak, and help - less, Tears and smiles like
 5. child so dear and gen - tle Is our Lord in

1. for his bed. Mar - y was that moth - er
 2. was a stall. With the poor and mean and
 3. arms he lay. Chris - tian chil - dren all should
 4. us he knew: And he feels for all our
 5. heav'n a - bove: And he leads his chil - dren

1. mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle Child.
 2. low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 3. be Kind, o - be - dient, good as he.
 4. sad - ness, And he shares in all our glad - ness.
 5. on To the place where he has gone.

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

FIRST SAMUEL 1:20-22, 24-28

In those days Hannah conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel, since she had asked the LORD for him. The next time her husband Elkanah was going up with the rest of his household to offer the customary sacrifice to the LORD and to fulfill his vows, Hannah did not go, explaining to her husband, "Once the child is weaned, I will take him to appear before the LORD and to remain there forever; I will offer him as a perpetual nazirite."

Once Samuel was weaned, Hannah brought him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and presented him at the temple of the LORD in Shiloh. After the boy's father had sacrificed the young bull, Hannah, his mother, approached Eli and said: "Pardon, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood near you here, praying to the LORD. I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD." Hannah left Samuel there.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 84

Michael Joncas



SECOND READING

FIRST JOHN 3:1-2, 21-24

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Andrew Wright



GOSPEL

LUKE 2:41-52

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them

questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, “Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.” And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

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.

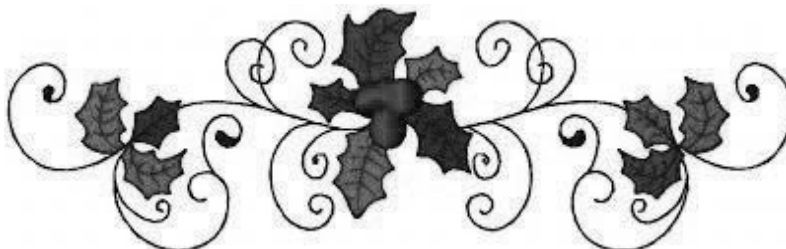
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

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

Please respond:

“Watch over our families.”

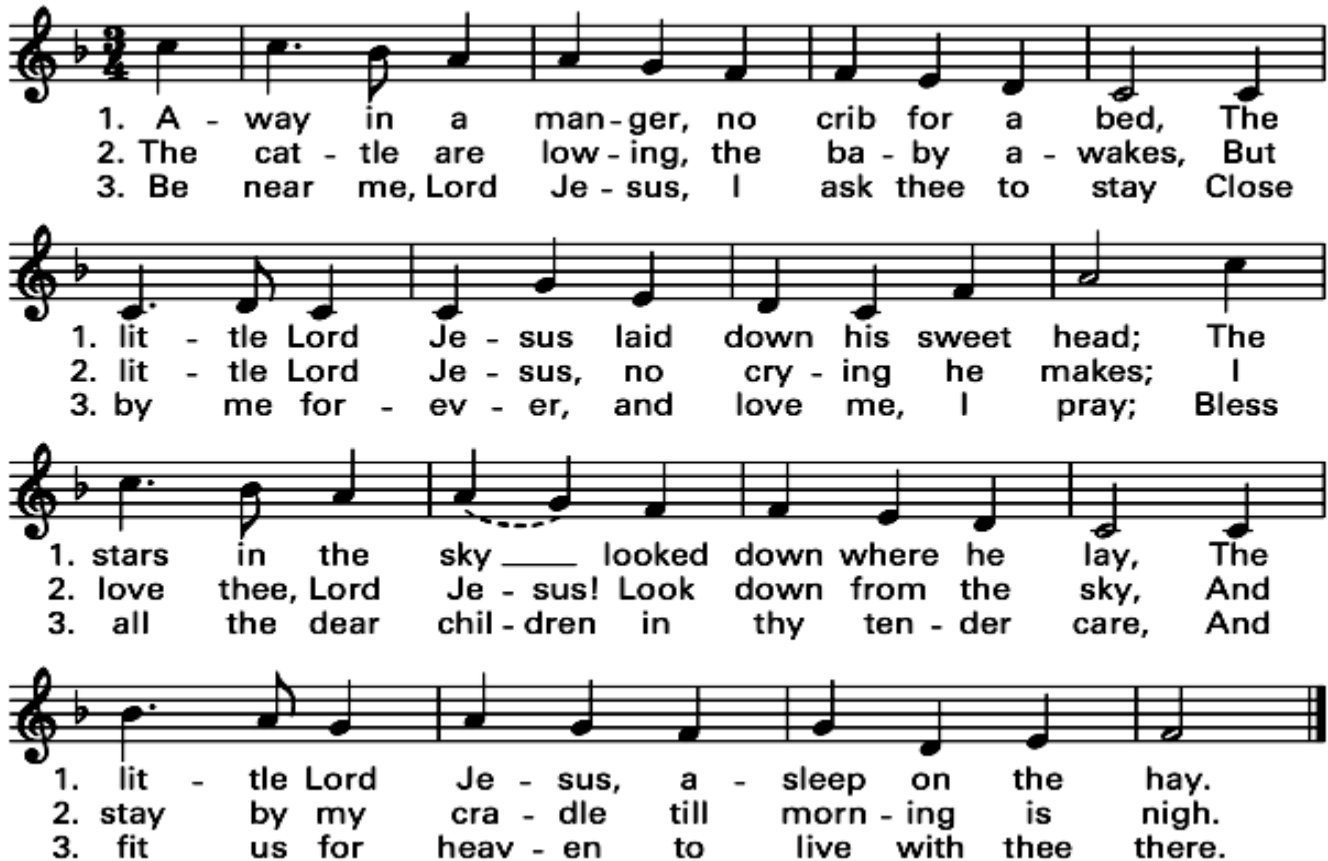


LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Away In A Manger

MUELLER



1. A - way in a man-ger, no crib for a bed, The
2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes, But
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay Close

1. lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head; The
2. lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes; I
3. by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray; Bless

1. stars in the sky ____ looked down where he lay, The
2. love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky, And
3. all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care, And

1. lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
2. stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
3. fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

HOLY, HOLY

MASS OF CHRIST THE SAVIOR

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 CHRIST THE SAVIOR

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again

GREAT AMEN

MASS OF CHRIST THE SAVIOR

OUR FATHER

SIGN OF PEACE

LAMB OF GOD

MASS OF CHRIST THE SAVIOR

COMMUNION

Mary, the Daystar

Dan Schutte

Verses



1. Ma - ry, the day - star, Christ, the morn - ing light,
2. Ma - ry, the pil - grim, Christ, the jour - ney's end,
3. Ma - ry, the ser - vant, Christ, the sa - cred feast,
4. Ma - ry, the tem - ple, Christ, the ho - ly shrine,



1. Ma - ry, the gar - den, Christ, the Tree of Life,
2. Ma - ry, com - pan - ion, Christ, who calls us friend,
3. Ma - ry, the guard - ian, Christ, the Prince of Peace,
4. Ma - ry, the chal - ice, Christ, the pre - cious wine,

Refrain



Both ev - er blessed, the moth - er and her Son, both be-loved of

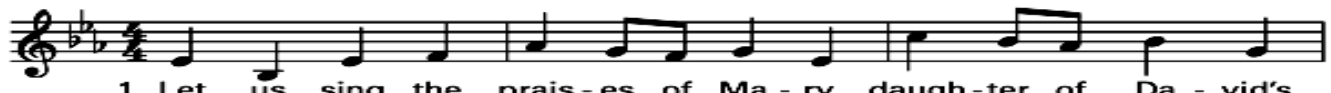


heav - en, while on earth their praise is sung.

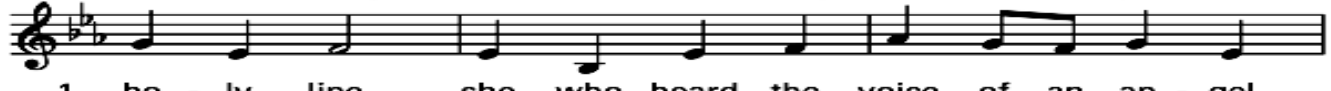
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Song of Mary

Dan Schutte



1. Let us sing the prais-es of Ma - ry, daugh-ter of Da - vid's
2. Let us sing the prais-es of Ma - ry, cho - sen as bless - ed
3. Let us sing the prais-es of Ma - ry, wom - an of strong and
4. Let us sing the prais-es of Ma - ry, pierced by the sword of
5. Let us sing the prais-es of Ma - ry, friend of the poor in



1. ho - ly line, she who heard the voice of an an - gel
2. from the least, she who heard the song of the an - gels
3. stead - fast love. She who raised the Sav - ior of na - tions
4. sor - row's pain, she who saw the child of her lov - ing
5. ev - 'ry age, she who saw her Son and her Sav - ior



1. tell - ing the plan of God's de - sign, how in wis - dom's
2. fill - ing the night with heav - en's peace. When the prom - ised
3. held in her arms the Son of God. She who knew the
4. nailed on a cross to die in shame. Though his friends would
5. ris - en in glo - ry from the grave. Sin and death shall



1. ho - ly sight she would moth - er heav - en's Christ.
2. time had come she gave birth to God's own Son.
3. Fa - ther's grace taught her Son to know God's face.
4. flee in fear she re - mained for - ev - er near.
5. reign no more; Christ has o - pened heav - en's door.



1-5. Bless-ed be the name of Ma - ry, she who trust - ed the



1-5. love of God.

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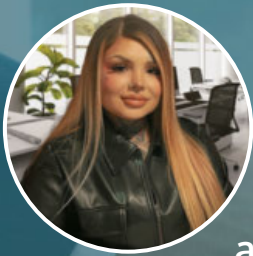
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