CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SOMERVILLE, NEW JERSEY



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **SEPTEMBER 7, 2025**

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889 Tune: KINGSFOLD, CMD; English; harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

GREETING PENITENTIAL ACT **GLORIA**



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COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Wisdom 9:13-18b

Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what the LORD intends? For the deliberations of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans. For the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns. And scarce do we guess the things on earth, and what is within our grasp we find with difficulty; but when things are in heaven, who can search them out? Or who ever knew your counsel, except you had given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM



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SECOND READING Philemon 9-10, 12-17

I, Paul, an old man, and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus, urge you on behalf of my child Onesimus, whose father I have become in my imprisonment; I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I should have liked to retain him for myself, so that he might serve me on your behalf in my imprisonment for the gospel, but I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that the good you do might not be forced but voluntary. Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a brother, beloved especially to me, but even more so to you, as a man and in the Lord. So if you regard me as a partner, welcome him as you would me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.' Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a elegation to ask for peace terms. In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

HOMILY

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.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

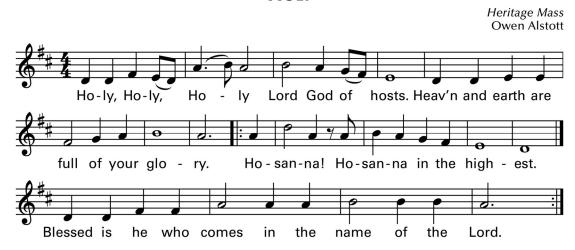
May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

HOLY



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MYSTERY OF FAITH

WE PROCLAIM YOUR DEATH



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AMEN



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THE COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER SIGN OF PEACE

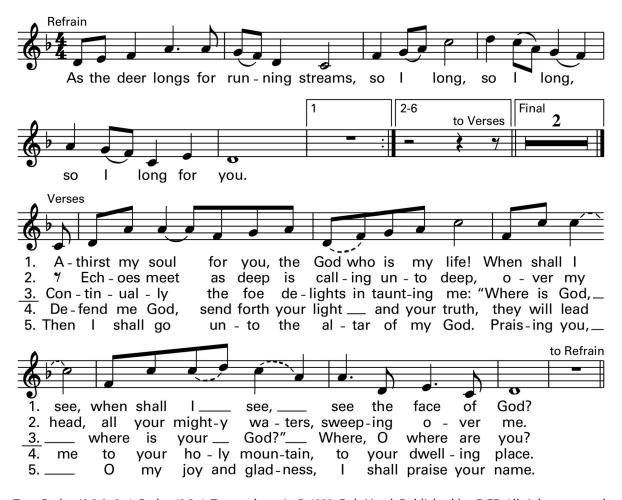
LAMB OF GOD



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COMMUNION HYMN

PSALM 42/43: As THE DEER LONGS



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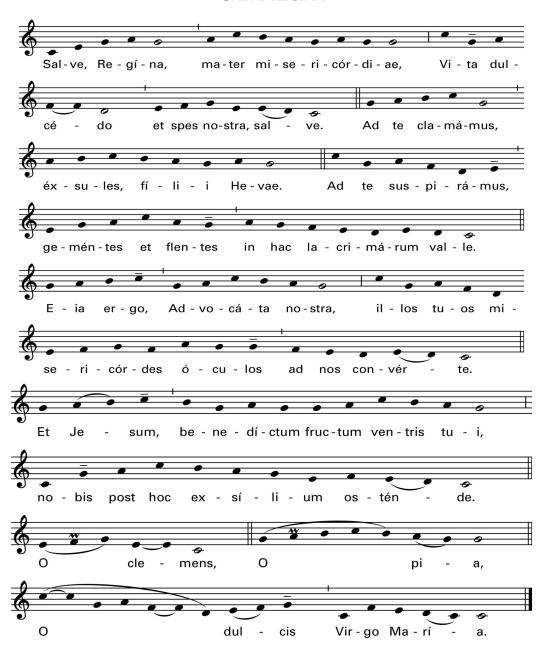
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

MARIAN ANTIPHON

SALVE REGINA



CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Bernadette Farrell Verses 1. Long-ing for light, __ we wait in dark - ness. Long-ing for 2. Long-ing trou - bled. Long-ing for peace, _ our world is for 3. Long-ing for food, __ hun - gry. Long-ing for man - y are 4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for 5. Man - y the gifts, ___ man - y the peo - ple, man - y the truth, _ we turn to you. Make us your own, _ hope, _ de - spair. Your word a lone __ man - y 3. wa - ter, thirst. Make bread, ____ man - y still us your cold. Make your warmth, ____ build - ing, man - y are us 5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let be ser - vants us 1. your ho - ly liaht for the world peo-ple, see. 2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv ing voice. 3. bro - ken for shared un - til all fed. oth-ers, are liv - ing 4. shel - ter - ing oth-ers, walls made of stone. mak - ing your king - dom come. one an - oth - er, Refrain Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

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