

# St. John Paul II Ordinariate Community

*A Roman Catholic Parochial Community of the Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter*

## Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 15, 2022 † 1:30 p.m.

Holy Ghost Catholic Church, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania



**Silent Devotion Before Mass**

**Announcements** *may be offered by the Priest*

**Organ Prelude**

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

*The People stand*

**Hymn in Procession**

God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him

T. Rees / C.V. Taylor, *Abbott's Leigh*

1. God is Love, let heav'n a - dore him; God is Love, let earth re - joice;  
2. God is Love, and he en - fold - eth all the world in one em - brace;  
3. God is Love, and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts the souls of men,

let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him, and ex - alt him with one voice.  
with un - fail - ing grasp he hold - eth ev - ery child of ev - ery race.  
God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness holds and guides them e - ven then.

He who laid the earth's foun - da - tion, he who spread the heav'ns a - bove,  
And when hu - man hearts are break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod,  
Sin and death and hell shall nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain;

He who breathes through all cre - a - tion, He is Love, e - ter - nal Love.  
then they find that self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.  
God is Love, so Love for - ev - er o'er the un - i - verse must reign.

## Sign of the Cross & Collect for Purity

*Priest* In the ✠ Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

*People* **Amen.**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

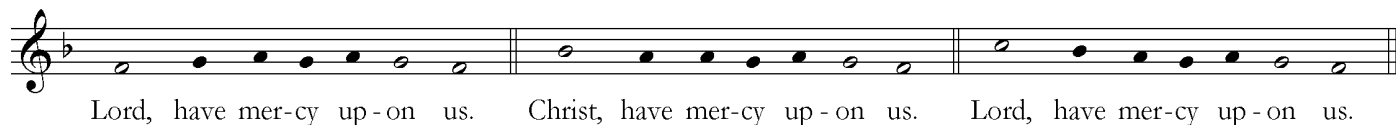
## The Summary of the Law, *proclaimed by the Priest*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

### Kyrie, *sung by all*

*Each phrase is sung three times before proceeding to the next.*

*J. Merbecke*



### Gloria in excelsis, *sung by all*

*J. Merbecke*

*Priest*                      *All*

### The Collect of the Day

*Priest*            The Lord be with you.

*People*          **And with thy spirit.**

*Priest*            Let us pray.

***The People kneel.*** *The Priest offers the Collect, the People acclaiming 'Amen.'*

O Almighty God, who alone makest the minds of the faithful to be of one will: grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The People sit*

## The First Lesson

*Acts 14:21b-27*

In those days: Paul and Barnabus returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they believed. Then they passed through Pisidia, and came to Pamphylia. And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia; and from

there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work which they had fulfilled. And when they arrived, they gathered the church together and declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*The Gradual is not said in Eastertide.*

## The Second Lesson

*Revelation 21:1-5a*

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband; and I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself

will be with them; he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away." And he who sat upon the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*The People stand*

## Gospel Procession, Alleluia, & Double Verse

*Dextera Dei*

*The Alleluia is sung first by the Priest, then by the People*



*Priest*      The right hand of the Lord hath the preeminence;  
the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.

*Ps. 118:16 / plainsong*

*All again sing the Alleluia*

*Priest*      Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.      *Rom. 6:9*

*Then all sing the Alleluia a third time*

## The Gospel

*John 13:31-33a, 34-35*

*Priest*      The Lord be with you.

*People*      **And with thy spirit.**

*Priest*      ✠ A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

*People*      **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

When Judas had gone out from the upper room, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of man glorified, and in him God is glorified; if God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. A new commandment I give to you, that you love one an-

other; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

<i>Priest</i>	The Gospel of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<b>Praise be to thee, O Christ.</b>

*The People sit*  
**The Homily**

*Fr. Matthew Hummel*

*The People stand*  
**The Nicene Creed**

*Priest* I believe in one God,  
*People* the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,

*genuflect* and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man;  
*arise* and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;  
who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead, ✠ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**The Prayers of the People**

*The People kneel after the Priest's invitation to prayer.*

*The People respond after each intercession:* Lord, have mercy.

*The final intercession is followed by the response:* To thee, O Lord our God.

*After a concluding Collect or Doxology, the People acclaim:* Amen.

**The Penitential Rite**

*The Priest says*

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

*Priest* Almighty God,

*People* Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, judge of all men:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,  
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word, and deed against thy divine Majesty,  
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Priest says*

May Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy on us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Comfortable Words

Hear what comfortable words our Savior Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him:

*(here the Priest proclaims one or more of the prescribed sentences from Scripture)*

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*The People sit*

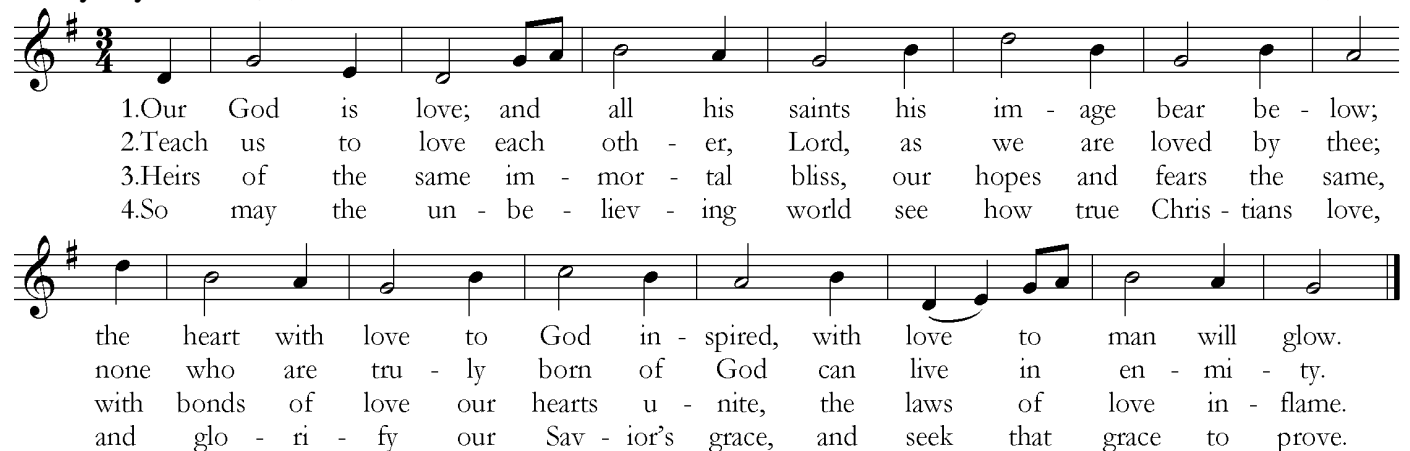
**Offertory Sentence**

*The Priest pronounces a Sentence inviting the collection of tithes & offerings*

**Offertory Hymn, sung by all, seated**

Our God Is Love

anon., 1819 / H. Wilson, *Martyrdom*



1. Our God is love; and all his saints his im - age bear be - low;  
2. Teach us to love each oth - er, Lord, as we are loved by thee;  
3. Heirs of the same im - mor - tal bliss, our hopes and fears the same,  
4. So may the un - be - liev - ing world see how true Chris - tians love,  
the heart with love to God in - spired, with love to man will glow.  
none who are tru - ly born of God can live in en - mi - ty.  
with bonds of love our hearts u - nite, the laws of love in - flame.  
and glo - ri - fy our Sav - ior's grace, and seek that grace to prove.

*The People stand*

**Orate Fratres**

*Priest* Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Father almighty.

*People* May the Lord accept the sacrifice at thy hands for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

## The Prayer over the Offerings

*Priest* O God, who by the wondrous operation of this sacrifice, hast made us partakers of thy glorious Godhead: grant, we beseech thee; that we who are taught the knowledge of thy truth, may in all our conduct walk worthily of the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*Priest* The Lord be with you. *People* And with thy spi - rit. *Priest* Lift — up your hearts.

*People* We lift — them up un - to the Lord. *Priest* Let us give thanks un - to the Lord our God.

*People* It is meet — and right so to do.

### *The Priest proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God;

*Here a Proper Preface is sung as appointed for the day. Then the Priest continues*

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

## Sanctus & Benedictus, sung by all

*J. Merbecke*

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Lord God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo-ry: Glo-ry be to thee,

O Lord Most High. ✠ Bless-ed is he that com-eth in the Name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the High-est.

### *The People kneel. Then the Priest says*

Therefore, most merciful Father, we humbly pray thee, through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, and we ask, that thou accept and bless ✠ these gifts, these offerings, these holy and unblemished sacrifices. We offer them unto thee, first, for thy holy Catholic Church: that thou vouchsafe to keep her in peace, to guard, unite, and govern her throughout the whole world: together with thy servant Francis our Pope, Steven our Bishop, and all the faithful guardians of the catholic and apostolic faith.

## Commemoration of the Living

Remember, O Lord, thy servants and handmaids and all who here around us stand, whose faith is known unto thee and their steadfastness manifest, on whose behalf we offer unto thee or who themselves offer unto thee this sacrifice of praise: for themselves, and for all who are theirs: for the redemption of their souls, for the hope of their health and well-being: and who offer their prayers unto thee, the eternal God, the living and the true.

United in one communion, we venerate the memory, first of the glorious ever-virgin Mary, Mother of our God and Lord Jesus Christ; of blessed Joseph her spouse; as also of thy blessed Apostles and Martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon, and Thaddaeus; Linus, Cletus,

Clement, Xystus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian, and of all thy Saints; grant that by their merits and prayers we may in all things be defended with the help of thy protection.

We beseech thee then, O Lord, graciously to accept this oblation from us thy servants, and from thy whole family: order thou our days in thy peace, and bid us to be delivered from eternal damnation and to be numbered in the fold of thine elect.

Vouchsafe, O God, we beseech thee, in all things to make this oblation blessed, approved, and accepted, a perfect and worthy offering: that it may become for us the Body and Blood of thy dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Who the day before he suffered, took bread into his holy and venerable hands, and with eyes lifted up to heaven unto thee, God, his Almighty Father, giving thanks to thee, he blessed, broke, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY,  
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

Likewise, after supper, taking also this goodly chalice into his holy and venerable hands, again giving thanks to thee, he blessed, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE  
BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND  
FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

*Priest* The mystery of faith:

*People* **When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim thy death, O Lord, until thou come again.**

*The Priest continues*

Wherefore, O Lord, we thy servants, and thy holy people also, remembering the blessed passion of the same Christ thy Son our Lord, as also his resurrection from the dead, and his glorious ascension into heaven; do offer unto thine excellent majesty of thine own gifts and bounty, the pure victim, the holy victim, the immaculate victim, the holy Bread of eternal life, and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.

Vouchsafe to look upon them with a merciful and pleasant countenance: and to accept them even as thou didst vouchsafe to accept the gifts of thy servant Abel the Righteous, and the sacrifice of our patriarch Abraham: and the holy sacrifice, the immaculate victim, which thy high priest Melchisedech offered unto thee.

We humbly beseech thee, Almighty God, command these offerings to be brought by the hands of thy holy Angel to thine altar on high, in sight of thy divine majesty: that all we who at this partaking of the altar shall receive the most sacred Body and Blood of thy Son, may be fulfilled with all heavenly ✠ benediction and grace.

### **Commemoration of the Dead**

Remember also, O Lord, thy servants and handmaids who have gone before us sealed with the seal of faith, and who sleep the sleep of peace. To them, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, we beseech thee to grant the abode of refreshing, of light, and of peace.

To us sinners also, thy servants, who hope in the multitude of thy mercies, vouchsafe to grant some part and fellowship with thy holy Apostles and Martyrs: with John, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicitas, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia, and with all thy saints: within whose fellowship, we beseech thee, admit us, not weighing our merit, but granting us forgiveness.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; through whom, O Lord, thou dost ever create all these good things: dost sanctify, quicken, bless, and bestow them upon us.

By whom and with whom and in whom, to thee, O Father Almighty, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory throughout all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

# The Communion Rite

*The People stand*

## The Lord's Prayer

*The Priest says* As our Savior Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say,

*Priest* Our Father,

*People* who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

*The Priest continues* Deliver us, O Lord, we beseech thee, from all evils, past, present, and to come; and at the intercession of the blessed and glorious ever Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with thy blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and with Andrew, and all the Saints, favorably grant peace in our days, that by the help of thine availing mercy we may ever both be free from sin and safe from all distress.

*People* For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Peace

*The Priest says*

O Lord Jesus Christ, who saidst to thine Apostles, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you: Regard not our sins, but the faith of thy Church; and grant to her peace and unity according to thy will; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

*Priest* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

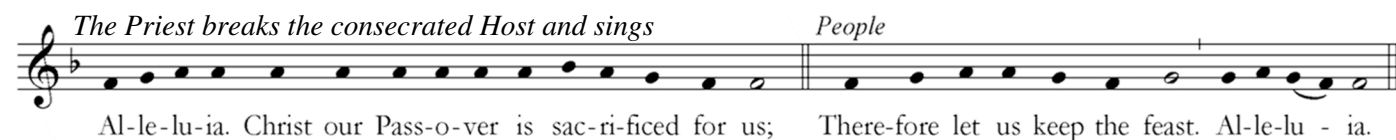
*People* And with thy spirit.

*The People may offer one another a sign of Peace*

*The People kneel*

## The Fraction of the Host

*plainsong*

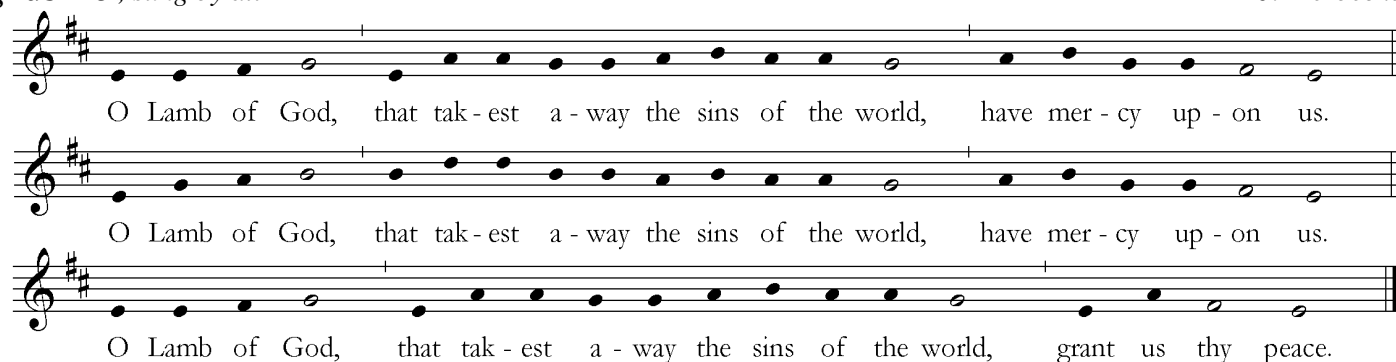


*The Priest breaks the consecrated Host and sings*      *People*

Al-le-lu-ia. Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us;      There-fore let us keep the feast. Al-le-lu - ia.

## Agnus Dei, sung by all

*J. Merbecke*



O Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.



## Prayer of Humble Access

*The Priest and People say*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

*Facing the People, and showing the Chalice and Host, the Priest says*

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

*The People respond three times*

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof,  
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

## The Holy Communion

*All are welcome to file forward down the center aisle, kneel (as you are able) to receive Communion, and return to your pew by the side aisles.*

*We ask that only those in full communion with the Catholic Church receive Holy Communion. Non-Catholics are reminded that this is not an expression of exclusivity, but of the fervent hope that all Christians will one day be authentically reunited, fulfilling our Lord's prayer "that they all may be one."*

*If not receiving the Holy Communion, please cross your arms across your chest and bow your head as a sign that you wish to receive a prayer of blessing from the Priest instead.*

*For those receiving the Sacrament, the Host, after intinction, is given on the tongue with these words:*

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. ✠ **Amen.**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**, *said by All after Communion, still kneeling*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## Postcommunion Prayer

*Priest* Let us pray: Assist us mercifully, O Lord our God: that we, who have in faithfulness received this holy Sacrament, may thereby be cleansed from all our iniquities, and delivered from all dangers that beset us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# THE CONCLUDING RITES

## Blessing & Dismissal

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Priest* The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing ✠ of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

*People* **Amen.**

*Priest* Go forth in peace.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE LAST GOSPEL

*The People stand*

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Priest* ✠ A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And he light shineth in the darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but came to bear witness of that light. That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the

world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his Name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. (*genuflect*) And the Word became flesh (*rise*) and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

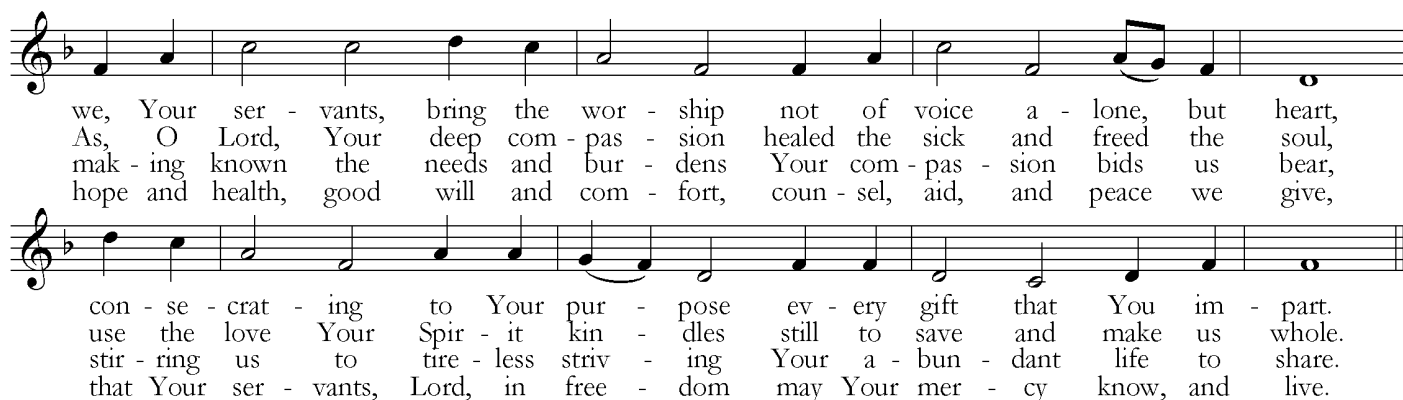
## Hymn in Procession

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

A. Bayly & B. White / *Beach Spring*

1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,  
2 Still Your child - ren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;  
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till Your love's re - veal - ing light  
4 Called by wor - ship to Your ser - vice, forth in Your dear name we go

who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed:  
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,  
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, Your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart,  
 As, O Lord, Your deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
 mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens Your com - pas - sion bids us bear,  
 hope and health, good will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,  
 con - se - crat - ing to Your pur - pose ev - ery gift that You im - part.  
 use the love Your Spir - it kin - dles still to save and make us whole.  
 stir - ring us to tire - less striv - ing Your a - bun - dant life to share.  
 that Your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may Your mer - cy know, and live.

## Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

## Organ Postlude

## Silent Devotion Upon the Conclusion of Mass

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# Saint John Paul II Ordinariate Community

*Hosted in the Diocese of Allentown by Holy Ghost Catholic Church, Bethlehem*

## About Us

Welcome to the Saint John Paul II Ordinariate Community. We started in 2014 – as the Bl. John Henry Newman Society – as a group of Anglican/Episcopalian Christians in the Lehigh Valley seeking to be reconciled to the Catholic Church, as well as former Anglicans/Episcopalians already within the Catholic fold. Now with the collaboration of Bishops Steven Lopes of the Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter, and Alfred Schlert of the Diocese of Allentown, the congregation continues under the title of the Saint John Paul II Ordinariate Community. While we started with a special mission to welcome our separated Anglican/Episcopalian brothers and sisters home to the Catholic Church, we welcome everyone, from all backgrounds and walks of life, to participate fully in the worship and ministries of this community. If you are a lifelong Catholic, a Lutheran, Methodist, Calvinist, Evangelical, or member of any Protestant church, a lapsed Catholic rediscovering the Church, or non-Christian wanting to learn more about Jesus Christ, we welcome you as we seek to “Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness (Psalm 96:9).”

Though hosted by Holy Ghost Parish of the Diocese of Allentown here in Bethlehem, this congregation began as a mission of St. Thomas More Parish in Scranton, which was founded as a similar society in 2005 and has since become a Parish of the Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter. Our community is ministered to by Fr. Matthew Hummel of St. John the Baptist Parish, Bridgeport, PA. Our Mass here at Holy Ghost is offered every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Our Holy Day schedule is on our website.

We are proud to be named for Pope Saint John Paul II, who in 1980 first established a Pastoral Provision for former Anglicans to enter the full communion of the Catholic Church while retaining their liturgical traditions, and – by special permission – married priests, who had formed families prior to their call to the Catholic priesthood.

## About This Mass

This Mass is a **fully valid, specially permitted variation** of the Roman Rite Mass, incorporating approved prayers and music beloved by Christians of the Anglican tradition (and by others as well) in order to welcome our separated brothers and sisters into the fullness of the Catholic faith. We offer this liturgy not merely to hold on to what is familiar to us, but to hold out hospitality to others and thereby to welcome them into the Catholic Church.

This Mass may be a little different from other Catholic Masses you may have attended. The English we speak and the music we sing are richly traditional; we sing all the verses of our hymns; we kneel to receive Communion on the tongue; and we confess our sins later in the Mass, just before the Communion liturgy. Despite these variations, **this is a fully valid Catholic Mass**, and any Catholic may fulfill his Sunday obligation here.

## On Receiving Communion

Though people of all backgrounds are most welcome to participate in this Mass – and the other activities and ministries of this congregation – we ask that only those in full communion with the Catholic Church receive Holy Communion, an expression not of exclusion, but of the fervent hope that all Christians may one day be authentically reunited, fulfilling our Lord’s prayer “that they all may be one.”

The custom at this Mass will be to receive kneeling. If for reasons of physical limitation you prefer to receive standing, you are welcome to do so. If not receiving the Holy Communion, you are welcome to go forward with the other worshippers, but please cross your arms across your chest and bow your head as a sign that you wish to receive a prayer of blessing from the Priest instead.

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