St. John The Beloved Parish

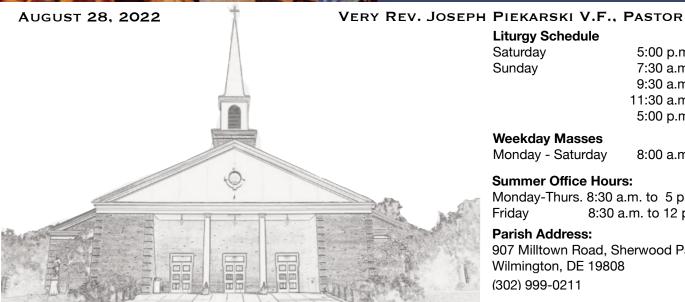


22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." - Lk 14:13-14

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD



Liturgy Schedule

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Summer Office Hours:

Monday-Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Parish Address:

907 Milltown Road, Sherwood Park Wilmington, DE 19808 (302) 999-0211

Our Mission: "Growing a welcoming community of disciples through participation in the sacraments, service, prayer and ongoing formation."

Welcome to St. John the Beloved Parish.

Please visit <u>SJBDE.org</u> and click the "Join Our Parish" button to register and become a member of our faith community.

Registered **Parishioners**, if it's been a while, please take a minute to update your information at <u>wilmington.parishsoftfamilysuite.com</u>.

We appreciate your assistance. Thank you!

CHURCH STAFF

Very Rev. Joseph Piekarski, V.F., Pastor Rev. Michael Preston, Associate Pastor Deacon Thomas A. Bailey Deacon Mark Fontana Deacon Stephen Oldiges Mr. Frank Julian, Parish Administrator Mrs. Sue O'Hanlon, Bookkeeper Dr. Lisa Papili Carlsen, D.M.A., Director of Liturgy and Music Mr. Kevin Duffy, Facilities Manager Mrs. Jennifer DiBella, Communications Mrs. Marie Malatesta, Safe Environments Coordinator

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Mr. Richard Hart, Principal

Mr. Matthew Haney, Assistant Principal Mrs. Sharon Breznitsky, Admissions

PARISH OUTREACH (302) 994-7867 Community of Christ Church 1205 Milltown Rd.

Mr. Jamie Moulthrop, Coordinator

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES:

All Saints: 737-2524 Cathedral: 656-3323

Gate of Heaven: 732-3690

Unable to attend Mass in person this week? Our 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturdays is streamed live and posted at <u>SJBDE.org/livestream</u>. To be notified whenever we go LIVE, subscribe to our parish You tube Channel at Youtube.com/c/StJohnTheBelovedParish.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (Confession)

Is available every Saturday from 4 - 4:45 p.m. A confession guide is online at <u>SJBDE.org/Reconciliation</u>.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Complete the form online at SJBDE.org/Wedding.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

To schedule a Baptismal Preparation Class call the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Anyone seriously ill, or facing surgery, please call a priest to make arrangements.

HOLY DAY MASSES as announced.

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is every Friday after 8:00 a.m. Mass, through 10:00 a.m.

Adult Choir rehearses Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the church and sings at the 11:30 Sunday Mass. New members welcome. Contact Joe Ambrosino via the parish office.

Holy Spirit Prayer Group meets Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. in the Gerres Building (behind the church). Bring your Bible. For more information call the Parish office.

First Saturday Devotions with the Blue Army are held every first Saturday of the month starting at 8 a.m.

Legion of Mary meets Monday evenings, 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Fr. Gerres building.

Lazarus Ministry helps those who have lost a loved one. More at SJBDE.org/lazarus-ministry.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Interested in becoming a member of the Catholic faith, or in learning more about the Church? Please call the Parish Office.

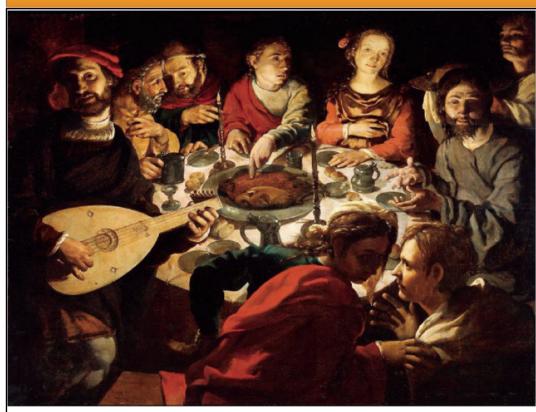
The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality meets the first Sunday of the month at 7:30 a.m. Mass to honor our Blessed Mother, (September - June). Please join us after mass to pray the rosary.

St. Vincent DePaul Society provides help through works of service, spirituality and friendship. For information call (302) 999-0211.

Parish Hospitality to join this new Ministry, please call the Parish Office.

Parents with Young Children Ministry Contact Ruthie at 484-554-5618 for more information.

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



In today's Gospel, Christ accepts the invitation for a Sabbath feast from a prominent Pharisee. knowing the Pharisees are watching, hoping to catch Him in some error. Christ attempts to break through the Pharisees' rigid myopia after watching them jostling for seats closest to the host to gain honor. Jesus proposes and critiques two seating strategies. Christ's summary is a glimpse of Divine Judgment: he who exalts himself will be humbled (least in the Kingdom of Heaven or. worse, to end up in Hell) and those who humble themselves will be exalted (great in the Kingdom). The humble person is recognized and exalted by God.

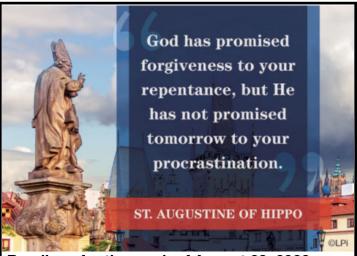
Having made a general rebuke to the prideful Pharisees, Christ boldly corrects the prominent Pharisee host. Christ directs the man to stop inviting his family and friends to his banquets and to start inviting the poor. Jesus is talking about a divine kind of hospitality. Our generosity ought to be a characteristic of our personal freedom, not dependent on how people treat us. Rather than settle for the short-term benefit of ingratiating oneself to gain favor and reciprocation, Christ tells the man to aspire to gain the reward of the resurrection.

Human pride fully seeks status, puffing up resumes, bragging about conquests and trash talking; Christ condemns the pride and hypocrisy of the Pharisees. Today awakens the "blind spot" of our own pride, seeking self-honor and recognition. Throughout Luke's Gospel we find the righteous person is the humble person. Perhaps it is innate from our First Parents that we are prideful beyond our own capacity. It is often difficult to become the humble person Christ demands of us. One antidote for the poison of seeking self-honor is to build a habit of honoring others; recognizing the dignity of every human being is a major step in becoming truly humble.

The Church Pews are being delivered and installed this week. The delay is because of the flaws in the carpet manufacturing. Alternative plans for flooring were decided and undertaken. The chain of productivity is the major reason for the delay. Hopefully we will be one more week in the hall for Sunday Masses, including next weekend. Progress is being made and should be completed real soon. Thank you for your patience.



St. John the Beloved School opens its doors for another school year, this week, on August 29th. We wish our Principal, Richard Hart, and our new Vice Principal, Matthew Haney, all teachers, staff, students and their families the very best in the months ahead. May the Good Lord enrich everyone with the graces needed to advance in knowledge and virtue. God Bless this academic year.



Readings for the week of August 28, 2022

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Mk 6:17-29

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11,

12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15,

20-21/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/

Lk 5:33-39 Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/

Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33



Your gifts make a meaningful difference to St. John The Beloved Parish's ministries and programs. We wish to extend a sincere **THANK YOU** to everyone who financially supports our parish through weekly giving, special collections, one-time gifts, and all of the other avenues of giving (e.g. volunteering your time and talent). Everyone's income and needs are different, and each gift is understood to be a sacrifice given for the greater good. May God Bless your efforts. **We appreciate you.**

Saints and Special Observance

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Christian Malmgren 9:30 a.m. Our Parish Family 11:30 a.m. Richard Piekarski

5:00 p.m. Eugene & Josephine Petrella

Monday: THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

8:00 a.m. Richard & Mildred Lipford

Edmund & Stanley Piekarski

Tuesday:

8:00 a.m. Ann Eckrich

William (Bill) Jennings

Wednesday:

8:00 a.m. Margaret Taylor

Leonard & Mildred Beck

Thursday: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

8:00 a.m. Richard West

John & Julia Delikat

First Friday:

8:00 a.m. Kevin Michael Hassett

Patricia Giannone

First Saturday: Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Sybil Andred

Francis Ciotti Herbert Beverin Justina Soares Joseph Voyt Pearl Talerico

5:00 p.m. John Wright

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Robin DelleDonne 9:30 a.m. Richard Piekarski 11:30 a.m. Our Parish Family

5:00 p.m. Leonard & Wanda Bartkowski

Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish. **August 14, 2022**

Offertory	\$ 14, 961.97
Building/ Maintenance/ Energy/ Landscaping	29.00
Outreach	18.00
Total Parish Collections	\$ 15, 008.97
St. Vincent DePaul	155.00
Diocesian Collections	2, 128.12
Total Collections	\$ 17, 292.09
July Online Giving	\$ 24,195.46

PARISH NEWS

Please remember in your prayers all those who have gone before us, and the recently deceased members of St. John the Beloved Parish Community:

- + ROBERT L. HITCHENS
- + DEBORAH HASTINGS
- + SANDRA NOWELL

- + CATHERINE COLEMAN
- + LISA DIOSSI
- + FRANCIS E. PEPETA, SR.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the merçy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Registration is OPEN for Tuesday Evening Religious Education Sessions - please visit https://sjbde.org/religious-ed-program to register your child(ren) for our upcoming academic year. Classes are held each Tuesday from 6:15-7:30 pm in the school building from September through April.

We always welcome volunteers - whether you prefer to stay in the background as a program aid in the front office, learn the ropes as a classroom aide, or lead in as catechists, we have a place for everyone and are grateful! Contact smurray@sibde.org to volunteer or with any questions.

Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation/First Communion and Confirmation will begin in the fall. Formation for these sacraments is for students in 2nd and 8th grade parishioners who attend a Private Catholic School such as Christ the Teacher Ursuline, etc. Please contact Susan Murray at smurray@sjbde.org or 302-994-7757 if your child is in a sacramental prep year attending a private Catholic school to be included in correspondence.

The Mission of St. John the Beloved School is to teach and model the Gospel of Jesus Christ, foster academic excellence, and encourage service to others. Visit <u>SJBDEL.org</u> to learn more. Schedule a tour of St. John the Beloved by contacting the Admissions office at 998-5525 ext. 200, <u>admissions@sjbdel.org</u>, or by completing the online <u>SCHEDULE A TOUR</u> information. Ask about SJB Tuition credits programs to learn more.



SAVE THE DATE PARISH OKTOBERFEST

October 8, 2022, 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

St. John the Beloved Parish Hall

Delicious Food

(Bratwurst, Sauerkraut, Kielbasa, Hot Dogs, Porkette, German Potato Salad & Green Beans)

Famous Local German Band—Enzian Musikanten

Fun and Games

Variety of Beers & Wine

LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE (Max 300 guests)

To Reserve Your Spot

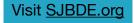
RSVP requested by 9/25/2022

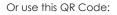
Food and Drinks

available for purchase

More information to follow.

To RSVP and or to volunteer to help make this an exciting and fun parish community event go to:







Do you want deeper intimacy with your spouse

Weekly Date Nights with Your Spouse Special Online Course

You're invited

Whether you've been married six months or 40 years, whether you're in a good place or struggling,

The Marriage Course offers practical support to strengthen your relationship.

The course helps couples to:

- Communicate more effectively
- Understand each other's needs
- Resolve conflict
- Recognize how upbringing affects your relationship
- Develop greater sexual intimacy
- And much, much more...





For more info contact: **Sue O'Hanlon** sohanlon@sjbde.org

6:15 pm—8:30 pm September 13, September 20,

7 Tuesday Evenings

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Time and space to

September 27

October 4, October 11,

October 18, October 25

Course Materials \$30/ couple

Register for Marriage Course by clicking here or use QR Code

SOCIAL MINISTRIES of SJB PARISH

Our mission is "Growing a welcoming community of disciples through participation in the sacraments, service, prayer and ongoing formation." Every ministry, every committee is important. We sure can use your help in building the Kingdom of God.

The Lord calls each of us to serve. Please prayerfully take the opportunity to truly discover within yourself what God may be calling you to do within in the various dynamics of our Catholic Parish. Call the Parish Office for more information

Visit SJBDE.org/Ministries to review the many ministries and organizations St. John the Beloved Parish

We are looking for those who are able to assist at the Altar as Adult Servers. Please contact the Parish Office to be trained for this parish ministry. Thank you.



Saint John the Beloved Council of the Knights of Columbus invites all men age 18 and older to join us in our ongoing support of our Church, Diocese & Community. Each year our Council of nearly 200 parish men, donates over 10,000 hours of our time and \$14,000 in direct financial assistance through our various programs. Join us so that we can continue our good works. We need you and we welcome you. For more information please visit our council website at https://sjbkofcde.org.

As part of the international organization that includes regional and diocesan functions, the members of SVDP respond to the temporal needs of families within the parish boundaries. New members are always welcome. Please contact the Parish Office for more information at (302) 999-0211. Members meet regularly on the first Thursday of each month.





GIVE BACK

We will receive a \$1 donation for every Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet with the purple tag bought at our local Giant Food location this month.

learn more at giantfood.bloomin4good.com



We are so excited to share that Table of Plenty a ministry of SJB in conjunction with our Millcreek Partners has been selected to benefit from Giant Food's Bloomin' 4 Good Program, created to support local nonprofit organizations across the communities it serves.

For the month of August, a Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet with the purple hanging tag from the Giant Food at Eden Square Shopping Center in Bear will brighten a home or make someone's day while also directing a \$1 donation to Table of Plenty.

This is a great way to broaden awareness in the local community and raise donations for our organization to support our community better. Help spread the word, share the news with friends and family. Call, send emails and post on social media. The more bouquets sold, the more we can raise To learn more about this program, please visit giantfood.2givelocal.com. Thank you for your continued support, your friends at Outreach.

Food donations can be left in the bins in the back of the Church or brought to The Table of Plenty Outreach Center Ministry of SJB office which is located at Community of Christ Church 1205 Milltown Rd.

Clip this list to shop & donate:

- ___ breakfast cereal peanut butter
- ___ jelly
- ___ black beans
- ___ soup mac and cheese
- ___ rice
- ___ canned fruit canned vegetables
- ___ tuna, canned meats
- ___ shampoo, deodorant
- body wash, soap toothpaste & toothbrushes

Donate a gift at https://SJBDE.org/
Give. We appreciate you generosity and support. Thank you.



AROUND THE DIOCESE

30th Anniversary CYO Golf Outing. The 30th anniversary CYO Golf outing will be held on Wednesday, September 14th at Deerfield Country Club.



Shotgun start is at 12 pm with lunch before. Funds raised will directly benefit the youth athletic programs throughout the CYM program. If you are interested in playing, sponsoring or donating please review the flyers on our website at www.cdowcym.org. Any questions call, 302-658-3800.

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next weekend program will be held October 14 - 16 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

*Reserve your seat by Sept. 1st for the Sept. 17th trip to DC for the anniversary of the Mother of Africa Chapel. — Washington, DC Pilgrimage September 17, 2022

Join us as we journey to The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on the 25th Anniversary of the Mother of Africa Chapel. Enjoy a guided tour with free time to pray and to be quiet.

Includes: 9:30 a.m. tour, boxed lunch, 1:00 p.m. program, 2:00 p.m. Mass, 4:00 p.m. reception. Vy. Rev. Glenn M. Evers, V.C. will travel with us, lead us in the Rosary and concelebrate Mass. Tickets are \$80 for adults, \$60 for youth. Reserve your seat by September 1st by contacting Damita MacFarlane, 610-806-2359 or Loretta Young, 302-521-1759. We hope to see you on the bus!

MARRIAGE MOMENTS: Dare you share with your beloved a foolish thing you've done during your life? More importantly, share one way that you see your beloved as wise (other than marrying you).

PARENTING POINTERS: Phones, technology, TVs are part of modern life. They are helpful. (It would take me a lot longer to drive places without a GPS.) But how much is too much? Ask your family which piece of modern technology is most important to them and which is least?

16th Annual Nun Run Saturday Sept. 10, 2022 - Midnight Oil Brewery674 Pencader Drive Newark, DE Check in: 8AM Race Starts: 8AM. Cost: \$30 includes shirt - Race run by Fusion Racing For more info: NunRub5K.org, call 302-368-5886 email devnewark@littlesistersofthepoor.org All proceeds benefit Little Sisters of the Poor.

Save The Date:

Plan to join Bishop Koenig for the Annual Marian Pilgrimage Oct. 1st Meet International in New Castle. Delaware, Follow the Diocesan Marian Pilgrimage on Facebook.

Annual Marian Pilgrimage: "Blessed Virgin Mary, Help of Christians" Celebrate Our Lady with Bishop Koenig on the Feast of St. Thérèse of Lisieux. Saturday October 1, 2022 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Holy Spirit Church, New Castle, Delaware





And Local Author

- Morning Mass at 9:00
- Rosary
- Confessions
- **Eucharistic Adoration**
- Vigil Mass at 4:00



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TWENTY - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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ENTRANCE HYMN TABLE OF PLENTY

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REFRAIN

Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty! God will provide for all that we need, here at the table of plenty.

- 1. O come and sit at my table where saints and sinners are friends. I wait to welcome the lost and lonely to share the cup of my love. (R)
- 2. O come and eat without money; come to drink without price. My feast of gladness will feed your spirit with faith and fullness of life. (R)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Psalm 86:3, 5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

GLORIA (#924)

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 Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are,

and you will find favor with God.

What is too sublime for you, seek not, into things beyond your strength search not.

The mind of a sage appreciates proverbs, and an attentive ear is the joy of the wise.

Water quenches a flaming fire, and alms atone for sins.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11

R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

SECOND READING Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a Brothers and sisters: You have not approached that which could be touched and a blazing fire and gloomy darkness and storm and a trumpet blast and a voice speaking words such that those who heard begged that no message be further addressed to them. No, you have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and countless angels in festal gathering, and the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven, and God the judge of all, and the spirits of the just made perfect, and Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and the sprinkled blood that speaks more eloquently than that of Abel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Matthew 11:29ab R. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart. (R)

GOSPEL Luke 14:1, 7-14

On a sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully.

He told a parable to those who had been invited, noticing how they were choosing the places of honor at the table. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited by him, and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say, 'Give your place to this man,' and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place. Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will

enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Then he said to the host who invited him, "When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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PROFESSION OF FAITH THE 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.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation and Preparation of Gifts

HYMN: LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE

SERVICE (Text, Albert Bayly © 1988, Oxford University Press. Music: BEACH SPRING; *The Sacred*

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- 1. Lord, whose love in humble service Bore the weight of human need, Who upon the cross, forsaken, Worked your mercy's perfect deed: We, your servants, bring the worship Not of voice alone, but heart; Consecrating to your purpose Ev'ry gift which you impart.
- 2. Still your children wander homeless; Still the hungry cry for bread; Still the captives long for freedom; Still in grief we mourn our dead. As you, Lord, in deep compassion Healed the sick and freed the soul, By your Spirit send your power To our world to make it whole.
- 3. As we worship, grant us vision, Till your love's revealing light, In its height and depth and greatness, Dawns upon our quickened sight, Making known the needs and burdens Your compassion bids us bear, Stirring us to tireless striving, Your abundant life to share.
- 4. Called from worship into service, Forth in your great name we go To the child, the youth, the aged, Love in living deeds to show, Hope and health, good will and comfort, Counsel, aid, and peace we give That your children, Lord, in freedom May your mercy know and live.

Prayer over the Offerings

The Eucharistic Prayer

HOLY HOLY (#927)

MYSTERY OF FAITH (#928)

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

AMEN (#931)

RITE OF PEACE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father 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.

LAMB OF GOD (#932)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Communion Rite

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Matthew 5:9-10 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

COMMUNION HYMN

HYMN: LEAD ME, LORD

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1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, longing for their Lord, for God's coming kingdom shall be theirs. Blessed are the sorrowing, for they shall be consoled, and the meek shall come to rule the world.

REFRAIN

Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord, by the light of truth to seek and to find the narrow way. Be my way; be my truth; be my life, my Lord, and lead me, Lord, today.

- 2. Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs, and the pure in heart shall see their God. Blest are they whose hunger only holiness can fill, for I say they shall be satisfied. **(R)**
- 3. Blest are they who through their lifetimes sow the seeds of peace; all will call them children of the Lord. Blest are you, though persecuted in your holy life, for in heaven, great is your reward. (R)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

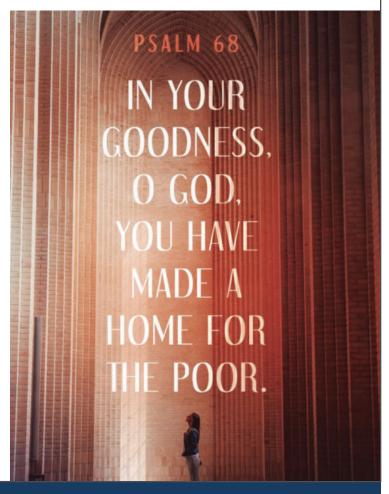
THE CONCLUDING RITES Final Blessing and Dismissal

RECESSIONAL HYMN CANTICLE OF THE SUN (Text: Marty Haugen, © 1980, GIA Publications, Inc. Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-621383. All rights reserved.)

REFRAIN

The heavens are telling the glory of God, and all creation is shouting for joy. Come, dance in the forest, come, play in the field, and sing, sing to the glory of the Lord.

- 1. Praise for the sun, the bringer of day, He carries the light of the Lord in his rays; The moon and the stars who light up the way Unto your throne. **(R)**
- 3. Praise for the rain that waters our fields, And blesses our crops so all the earth yields; From death unto life her myst'ry revealed Springs forth in joy. (R)





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