

Church of the Blessed Sacrament Manhattan

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MASSES:

SUNDAY MASSES: Saturday evening at 5:30 PM
Sunday: 8:30AM, 10:00AM (Family Mass)
11:15AM (Spanish), 12:30PM & 5:30PM (Young Adult Choir)
WEEKDAYS: 7:30 AM, 12:10 PM, 5:30 PM
SATURDAYS: 7:30 AM, 12:10 PM
SPANISH WKDAY MASS: Every Other Wednesday of the month
HOLY DAYS & EVES. OF HOLY DAYS: As Announced.

BAPTISM:

Arrangements must be made at the Rectory. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics. Parents, and also godparents when possible, must attend the Pre-Baptismal conference which is held on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm in the rectory.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday afternoons 4:30 to 5:15 pm, and anytime at the Rectory.

MARRIAGES:

Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance at the rectory to ensure the date and the hour desired. The Nuptial Mass is the ordinary form of celebrating Christian marriage, and should be strongly considered when making Wedding plans. Attendance at the Pre-Cana Conferences, or the equivalent, is required by the Archbishop.

PARISH BOUNDARIES:

Central Park West to the Hudson River, from the South side of 77th Street down to the North side of 65th Street.

We welcome new parishioners, and invite them to register

NEW PARISHIONERS:

at the Rectory. The registration is our only means of certifying anyone as a member of our parish. If you move to another Parish, or change your address within the Parish, please notify us.

FATIMA DEVOTIONS:

The Rosary is said daily after the 12:10 pm Mass. Friday from 6-7 pm there is a holy hour.

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

First Friday - Exposition: 12:35 pm.
Adoration: All day; Benediction: 5:15 PM.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:

Mondays, before the 12:10 Mass and before the 5:30 pm Mass.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS:

Classes in Religion for Catholic children/teenagers, Pre-kindergarten - High School take place on Sundays. The Family Mass begins at 10:00 a.m. in the Church followed by class instruction in the school.

Ongoing religious education is important for the religious development of your children. First Communion and Confirmation require a two year program.

Sunday School Website: www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org

PARISH NEWS

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We cannot forget the tragedy of Parkland and so many other instances of the same disturbing reality...we cannot lose sight of the tragedy of broken communities and the tragedy of broken systems...we cannot lose sight of the hope that action inspired by faith can bring about.

Pope Francis is often insightful, and these words from his Lenten homily help frame what's at work behind disheartened spirits, broken communities, and inaction.

"We are subject to numerous temptations. Each of us knows the difficulties we have to face. And it is sad to note that, when faced with the ever-varying circumstances of our daily lives, there are voices raised that take advantage of pain and uncertainty; the only thing they aim to do is sow distrust. If the fruit of faith is charity – as Mother Teresa often used to say – then the fruit of distrust is apathy and resignation. Distrust, apathy and resignation: these are demons that deaden and paralyze the soul of a believing people."

Do we allow things to take advantage of our own pain and uncertainty which ultimately lead to apathy and resignation? It is an important question to reflect upon this week as we witness very young people refusing, in a public way, to give into apathy and resignation. High school students in Florida are persisting, are on the move, speaking, calling upon the adults, who must grapple with the law today, to consider something so seemingly obvious to them...dialogue and action about what constitutes reasonable checks on gun control. They are speaking about issues that for some adults even today are difficult to address like mental health. These young people, who have lived through something that I hope you and I never have to, are not giving into spiritual paralysis. Let us watch them closely. Will we join them, will we the Church be what we are called to be, making space in the public argument for the moral dimension?

When we think about action as a response to injustice and hatred we know there are diverse ways of acting. I think here of the difference between revolution and reform. Revolution can often tend to violence, while the path of reform is often criticized due to a dragging time frame and possible inaction. For us believers perhaps we shouldn't think about which camp is better...perhaps we should think about the true motivation of our action...is it love, albeit motivated at times by righteous anger, but nevertheless love? I hope so. The words of Dr. King come to mind:

"Time is cluttered with the wreckage of communities, which have surrendered to hatred and violence. For the salvation of our nation and the salvation of mankind, we must follow another way. This does not mean that we abandon our righteous efforts...But we shall not, in the process, relinquish our privilege and obligation to love... This is the only way to create beloved communities."

I cannot remove from my mind the image of a mother in Florida on that fateful day February 14, hugging her child, both of them frightened and in tears...that woman had ashes strewn across her forehead, just as you and I did that day. She is our sister in faith and her life and community will never be the same. The response to that scene, I pray, will not die out after a few weeks and a few rallies. If

the response to that scene is motivated by love, perhaps Parkland will become a beacon of hope and not simply a community broken by another tragedy falling upon deaf ears. Young people, very young people, are asking for dialogue and ultimately for more peaceful societies. They are crying out that the right to life is far more important than the right to own a gun. What are you and I doing as the Body of Christ on earth?

Here some more words to think about....

"How I wish that all men and women of good will would look to the Cross if only for a moment! There, we can see God's reply: violence is not answered with violence, death is not answered with the language of death. In the silence of the Cross, the uproar of weapons ceases and the language of reconciliation, forgiveness, dialogue, and peace is spoken." Pope Francis

"I can only close the gap in a broken community by meeting hate with love." Dr. King

"When I am commanded to love, I am commanded to restore community, to resist injustice, and to meet the needs of my brothers and sisters." Dr. King

As I mentioned last week, we began replacing some of our very antiquated electrical equipment that services both the school and church. The state of that equipment and the fact that school was out of session all week made it an optimal time to begin this work, and work will continue Easter week.

Pray for justice, pray for peace.

Father Duffell

HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2018

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 25TH
BEFORE EACH MASS THE PALMS WILL BE BLESSED ON 71ST STREET
SATURDAY – 5:30PM
SUNDAY – 8:30AM, 9:45AM, 11:15AM (SP.) 12:30PM, 5:30PM

MONDAY, MARCH 26TH
THE DAY OF PENANCE IN PREPARATION FOR EASTER
PRIESTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM 3:00PM UNTIL 9:00PM

THE SACRED TRIDUUM
HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 29TH
9:30AM – MORNING PRAYER
7:30PM – THE LITURGY OF THE LORDS SUPPER
PROCESSION TO THE REPOSITORY ADORATION – 9:00PM – 11:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30TH
9:30AM – TENEBRAE
12:00PM – STATIONS OF THE CROSS (ENG.)
2:00PM – STATIONS OF THE CROSS (SP.)
3:00PM – SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE PASSION (SP.)
5:30PM – SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE PASSION (ENG.)

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 31ST
9:30AM – TENEBRAE
8:00PM – EASTER VIGIL AND CELEBRATION OF RESURRECTION

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1ST
8:30AM, 9:45AM, 11:15AM (SP.) 12:30PM, 5:30PM

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos;

No podemos olvidar la tragedia de Parkland y tantos otros casos de la misma realidad perturbadora ... no podemos perder de vista la tragedia de las comunidades rotas y la tragedia de los sistemas rotos ... no podemos perder de vista la esperanza que la acción inspirada por la fe pueda provocar .

El Papa Francisco a menudo es perspicaz, y estas palabras de su homilía de la Cuaresma ayudan a enmarcar lo que está detrás de los espíritus descorazonados, las comunidades rotas y la inacción.

"Estamos sujetos a numerosas tentaciones. Cada uno de nosotros conoce las dificultades que tenemos que enfrentar. Y es triste observar que cuando nos enfrentamos con las circunstancias siempre cambiantes de nuestra vida cotidiana, se alzan voces que aprovechan el dolor y la incertidumbre; lo único que pretenden hacer es sembrar la desconfianza. Si el fruto de la fe es la caridad, como solía decir la Madre Teresa, entonces el fruto de la desconfianza es la apatía y la resignación. Desconfianza, apatía y resignación: estos son demonios que amortiguan y paralizan el alma de un pueblo creyente ".

¿Permitiremos que las cosas se aprovechen de nuestro propio dolor e incertidumbre y que finalmente conduzcan a la apatía y a la resignación? Es una pregunta importante para reflexionar esta semana, ya que somos testigos de personas muy jóvenes que se niegan, de manera pública, a acceder a la apatía y la resignación. Los estudiantes de secundaria en la Florida persisten, se mueven, hablan, hacen un llamado a los adultos quienes deben hoy lidiar con la ley, para considerar algo aparentemente obvio para ellos ... diálogo y acción sobre lo que constituye un control razonable sobre el tema de las armas. Están hablando de problemas que para algunos adultos, incluso hoy día, son difíciles de abordar: la salud mental. Estos jóvenes, que han vivido algo que espero que ustedes y yo nunca vivamos, no están cediendo a la parálisis espiritual. Veámoslos de cerca. ¿Nos uniremos a ellos, será la Iglesia la que este llamada a hacer espacio en el argumento público para la dimensión moral?

Cuando pensamos en la acción como una respuesta a la injusticia y al odio, sabemos que existen diversas formas de actuar. Pienso aquí en la diferencia entre revolución y reforma. La revolución a menudo puede tender a la violencia, mientras que el camino a la reforma a menudo se critica debido a un marco de tiempo lento y una posible inacción. Para nosotros los creyentes, tal vez no deberíamos pensar que lado es mejor ... tal vez deberíamos pensar en la verdadera motivación de nuestra acción ... ¿es amor, aunque motivado a veces por la ira justa, pero sin embargo, amor? Eso espero. Las palabras del Dr. King me vienen a la mente:

"El tiempo está lleno de residuos de comunidades que se han rendido al odio y la violencia. Para la salvación de nuestra nación y de la humanidad, debemos avanzar de otra manera. Esto no significa que abandonemos nuestros justos esfuerzos ... Pero, en el proceso, no renunciaremos a nuestro privilegio y obligación de amar ... Esta es la única forma de crear comunidades queridas ".

No puedo borrar de mi mente la imagen de una madre en Florida

en ese fatídico día 14 de febrero, abrazando a su hijo, ambos asustados y llorando ... esa mujer tenía cenizas esparcidas por su frente, tal como ustedes y yo lo hicimos ese día. Ella es nuestra hermana en la fe y su vida y comunidad nunca serán las mismas. La respuesta a esa escena no desaparecerá después de unas semanas y algunos mítines. Si la respuesta a esa escena está motivada por el amor, tal vez Parkland se convierta en un faro de esperanza y no simplemente una comunidad interrumpida por otra tragedia que caiga en oídos sordos. Los jóvenes, los muy jóvenes, piden un diálogo y, en última instancia, sociedades más pacíficas. Están clamando que el derecho a la vida es mucho más importante que el derecho a poseer un arma. ¿Qué hacemos tú y yo como el Cuerpo de Cristo en la tierra?

Algo mas en que pensar ...

"¿Cómo deseo que todos los hombres y mujeres de buena voluntad miren hacia la cruz, aunque solo sea por un momento! Allí podremos ver la respuesta de Dios: la violencia no se responde con violencia, la muerte no se responde con el lenguaje de la muerte. En el silencio de la Cruz, el alboroto de las armas cesa y se habla el lenguaje de la reconciliación, el perdón, el diálogo y la paz ". Papa Francisco

"Solo puedo cerrar la brecha en una comunidad rota al enfrentar al odio con amor". Dr. King

"Cuando se me ordena amar, se me ordena restaurar la comunidad, resistir la injusticia y satisfacer las necesidades de mis hermanos y hermanas". Dr. King.

Como mencioné la semana pasada, comenzamos a reemplazar algunos de nuestros sistemas eléctricos ya muy antiguos y que sirven tanto a la escuela como a la iglesia. El estado de ese sistema y el hecho de que la escuela estuvo fuera de sesión durante toda la semana, lo convirtió en un momento óptimo para comenzar este trabajo, el cual continuará la semana de Pascua.

Oremos por la justicia, oremos por la paz.

Padre Duffell

CRS RICE BOWL

CRS RICE BOWL: Join our parish community -- and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States -- in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. CRS Rice Bowl is a faith-in-action Lenten program for families, individuals and faith communities with family activities, meatless meals, prayers and reflections. Rice Bowl invites Catholics to live in solidarity with our most vulnerable brothers and sisters through the Lenten pillars of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

Using the cardboard Rice Bowl is a familiar reminder to collect the money you save from what you give up for Lent.

PLEASE PICK UP A RICE BOWL with a Lenten calendar and a flyer for more information at the church entrance.

WHAT YOU GIVE UP FOR LENT CHANGES LIVES.

INTRODUCTION TO CENTERING PRAYER –

5-hour workshop, March 3, 10am to 3pm in rectory of Blessed Sacrament. Sponsored by Contemplative Outreach. Please register in advance as space is limited. For more information or to RSVP -marytjebara@gmail.com or 973-714-1409

BLESSED SACRAMENT ALTAR SERVERS

Serving at the altar is a privileged way to grow closer to Jesus and to share the joy that we receive by being close to the Lord. Training sessions will be held for any young person interested and who has received First Holy Communion. Please contact Chris Miller and Marlon Hosang at cmiller2925@aol.com, 917.612.7833, or leave your name and number at the rectory office at 212.877.3111.

LENTEN VESPERS

Sunday at 4:00pm
“Let Justice roll n like a River”

Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Thomas Merton in their anniversary year.

February 25th
Preacher: Rev. Gregory Chisholm, S.J.
Pastor, St. Charles Borromeo Church, Harlem
Jeremy Rhizor, baroque violin
Academy of Sacred Drama

Corpus Christi Church
529 West 121st Street
212-666-9350

LENTEN SIMPLE SUPPERS

Please join us during any or all of the Wednesday of Lent: 2/28, 3/7, 3/14, and 3/21 for our Lenten Simple Suppers. Prayers and meditation begin at 7PM in the rectory, followed by a meal of soup and salad...and fellowship. The suppers are a wonderful way to not only deepen one’s Lenten experience, but also to be able to reflect in a very comfortable and quiet setting with fellow parishioners. For more information, please call John Gasdaska at 646-345-7350. We look forward to seeing you then.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAYS

Thank you to all who help organize and participate in our Hospitality Sundays, with Coffee Hour after the morning Masses and Spirit Sunday after the evening Mass. Please note the following Hospitality Sundays: February 25, March 18, April 29.

The Magnificat Lenten Companion provides a series of original reflections to guide you through every day of Lent. Each book is \$3.00 and can be purchased in the rectory office.



Saturday Evening, February 24th

5:30 Grace Johnson +

Sunday, February 25th

8:30 Donna de Solis +

10:00 Charles O’ Bourke +

11:15 Intentions of Nely Tamay and Jessica Tenesaca on their Birthday

12:30 Lawrence Camilleri +

5:30 Verna Bronco +

Monday, February 26th

7:30 Erinn Leonard Abramson +

12:10 Francesco Veltri +

5:30 Intentions of Ana Langone

Tuesday, February 27th

7:30 People of the Parish

12:10 Dr. Jose Gregorio Hernandez +

5:30 Antonio Alon +

Wednesday, February 28th

7:30

12:10 Francesco & Letizia Dora Osso +

5:30 Bridget Roseleen McTague +

7:00

Thursday, March 1st

7:30 Joseph F. Garrison +

12:10 Cecilia Acosta Hernandez +

5:30 Joan Chase Cameron +

Friday, March 2nd

7:30 Mary Gemayel +

12:10 Stefania Poventud +

5:30 All the Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, March 3rd

7:30

12:10 John Simpson +

Finance Committee Corner

Last Sunday \$8,061 was received in the offertory baskets at Mass and \$5,146 was received through WeShare, for a total of \$13,207. Thank you for so generously giving to our regular collection. The Ash Wednesday collection totaled \$3,702. Thank you!

Esquina Financiera

La suma de la colecta durante las Misas del domingo pasado fue \$8,061. Recibimos \$5,146 a través de WeShare para un total de \$13,207. Gracias por dar tan generosamente a nuestra colección regular. La colecta para el Miercoles de Ceniza totalizo \$3,702. ¡Gracias!

Weekly EM and Lector Schedule

Saturday, Feb 24th

5:30 pm 1st Elizabeth Hutton
 2nd Mia Yabut Wiese
 POF Edward Wiese
 EM Joe Tessitore, Elizabeth Hutton,
 Edward Wiese, Mia Yabut Wiese,
 Ginetta LaBalna

Sunday, Feb 25th

8:30 am 1st John Hunt
 2nd Damian Begley
 POF Mary Steffany
 EM Hugh Regan, Vivian Villaluz, John
 Hunt, Damian Begley, Mary Steffany

10:00 am 1st Mary Bradley
 2nd Todd Reppert
 POF Shirley Rodriguez
 EM Deacon Scott, Patricia Caffrey, Mary
 Bradley, Todd Reppert, Joan Tedeschi,
 Shirley Rodriguez

11:15 am 1st Lucytonia Bruno
 2nd Oscar Henk
 POF Cindy Ochoa
 EM Junior Santiago, Celia Navarro, Peter
 Diggins

12:30 pm 1st Loretta Edmonds
 2nd Ingrid Leacock
 POF Ed Casey
 EM Deacon Scott, Lidia Stempien, Wendy
 Pineda, Anne Jason, Mark Murphy, Ed
 Casey, Christina Elefante

5:30 pm 1st Rebecca Painter
 2nd Elizabeth Kubinski
 POF Adriana Gonzalez
 EM Stephen Whelan, Rob Porell, John
 Fox, Matthew Sitman, Rebecca
 Painter, Elizabeth Kubinski, Adriana
 Gonzalez



If you have not registered in the parish and attend our mass regularly, please fill the following form out and return it to the Rectory office. *All information will be kept confidential.*

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

Date _____

Your Name _____

Your Spouses Name _____

(Only if BOTH are Registering)

Children _____

Address _____

Apt. # _____ **City** _____ **State** _____

Zip _____ **Telephone** _____

Email _____

Your Occupation _____

Your Spouses Occupation _____

How should we address you? (Check One)

Mr. & Mrs. _____ **Mr.** _____ **Mrs.** _____ **Ms.** _____

Would you like to receive weekly offering envelopes?

Yes _____ **No** _____

If not, would you like us to sign you up for ParishPay?

Yes _____ **No** _____

What is WeShare?

WeShare, LPi's Online Giving Management System, allows Blessed Sacrament's parishioners to donate to our parish efficiently, effectively, and securely. It is an automated means for parishioners to support our church financially through one-time or recurring contributions. Simply visit <http://blessedsacramentnyc.churchgiving.com> and click on Make a Donation or call 1800-950-9952 and -- just like your monthly mortgage or other bills -- the money will simply be debited from your account and go directly to Blessed Sacrament.

SPECIAL NEEDS MASSES

On March 4th at 4:00pm we will celebrate our Special Needs Mass. Your children are especially welcome at this warm, family celebration.

The following are dates for future 4:00pm Special Needs Masses.

March 18th & 25th (Palm Sunday) 2018, April 15th, 2018, May 6th & 20th, 2018, June 3rd & 17th, 2018. Please join us.



ARTS=BLESSED SACRAMENT

Can you read music?

JOIN THE PARISH CHOIR

If you can read music then we would love to have you sing in the PARISH CHOIR!

This is a **VOLUNTEER** choir that sings at the 12.30pm Mass and at special feast days and occasions.

Please visit the Church website or contact our Director of Music Ministry for more information

Alessandro Pittorino

apittorino@blessedsacramentnyc.org

SONGS FROM THE CELLAR LAUNCH

MARCH 2ND 2018 • 7:30PM

OUR OPENING CONCERT FEATURES THE COMMANDING VOICE OF ALEXANDER ROSEN AND ACCOMPANIST MICHAŁ BIEL.



TICKETS \$25

\$10 STUDENT & SENIOR RUSH ON THE DAY

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT WWW.BLESSEDSACRAMENTNYC.ORG

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A NIGHT AT THE OSCARS

SCHOOL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AUCTION

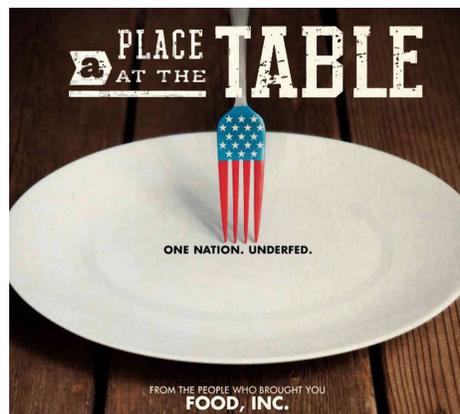
Join us at the SBS Auction
Saturday, March 10, 2018
7:30 - 10:30 PM
The Ainsworth Chelsea

Tickets are \$125 until Jan 31st
after Feb 1st tickets increase to \$150

Purchase tickets at <http://auctionsbs.com/purchase-tickets/>

Not able to attend, please donate
<http://auctionsbs.com/donate/>

This is the largest fundraiser for SBS and we need your help to reach our goal of \$90,000!



Holy Trinity Neighborhood Center invites you to the movies!
Saturday, March. 3, 2018, 6:00 PM

“A Place at the Table”

See this important movie on hunger, food policy, and obesity in America. It will be followed by a discussion led by Joel Berg, the feisty curmudgeon of food insecurity, CEO of Hunger Free America, and author of America, We Need to Talk, and All You Can Eat: How Hungry is America?

Goodwill donations will be used to purchase food for Holy Trinity Neighborhood Center’s Neighborhood Supper.

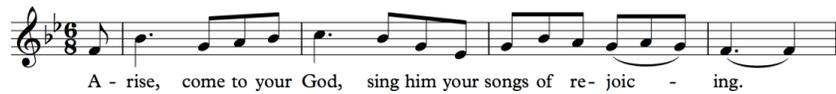
Please join the Holy Trinity Neighborhood Center, the Franciscan Action Network, Harvesters Soup Kitchen, and Holy Name-St. Gregory JPICC for this screening and discussion.

Draesel Hall at the Church of the Holy Trinity
316 East 88th Street, New York, NY
(between First & Second Avenues)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH – MASS AT 5:30PM
 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH - MASSES AT 8:30AM AND 12:30PM

INTRODUCTORY RITES

GATHERING HYMN:



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Readings begin on page 116

FIRST READING:

Genesis 22:1 – 2, 9a, 10 – 13, 15 – 18

PSALM RESPONSE:

Psalms 116:10, 15, 16 – 17, 18 – 19



SECOND READING:

Romans 8:31b – 34

GOSPEL READING:

Mark 9:2 – 10

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN:

At the Name of Jesus

#620

COMMUNION HYMN:

What Wondrous Love

#678

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Christ be Our Light

#465

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, 2018 - MASS AT 5:30 PM

ENTRANCE HYMN:

Transfigure Us, O Lord

Refrain:

Transfigure us, O Lord
 Transfigure us, O Lord.
 Break the chains that bind us;
 Speak your healing word, and
 Where you lead we'll follow.
 Transfigure Us, O Lord

2. Light for those in darkness, The hungry have their fill,
 Glad tidings for the humble, The healing of all ills;
 In these we glimpse your glory, God's promises fulfilled. **Refrain**

3. Pardon for the sinner, a shepherd for the sheep,
 A drink of living water for all who thirst and seek,
 And feasting at your table the lowly and the least. **Refrain**

1. Down from heights of glory, Into the depths below.
 The love of God self-emptyed, The love of God to show.
 You light the path before us, The way that we must go. **Refrain**

4. To the holy city, Jerusalem, you go;
 Your face set toward the ending, the cross to be your throne.
 Shall we journey with you and share your paschal road? **Refrain**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Psalms 116:10, 15, 16 – 17, 18 – 19

R/. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

OFFERTORY HYMN:

Mercy, O God

Mercy, O God, have mercy on us.
 Send down your mercy to set us free.
 Mercy, O God, have mercy on us.
 Send down your mercy to set us free.

COMMUNION HYMN:

Keep in Mind

#685

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

Jerusalem, My Destiny

Refrain:

I have fixed my eyes on your hills,
 Jerusalem, my Destiny!
 Though I cannot see the end for me,
 I cannot turn away.
 We have set our hearts for the way;
 this journey is our destiny.
 Let no one walk alone.
 The journey makes us one.

1. Other spirits, lesser gods,
 have courted me with lies.
 Here among you I have found
 a truth that bids me rise. **Refrain**

2. See, I leave the past behind;
 a new land calls to me.
 Here among you now I find
 a glimpse of what might be. **Refrain**

3. In my thirst, you let me drink
 the waters of your life,

Here among you I have met,
 the Savior, Jesus Christ. **Refrain**

4. All the worlds I have not seen
 you open to my view.
 Here among you I have found
 a vision bright and new. **Refrain**

5. To the tombs I went to mourn
 the hope I thought was gone,
 Here among you I awoke
 to unexpected dawn. **Refrain**