



Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 19-20, 2020

Due to concerns that congregational singing requires increased volumes of projected air and particulates, the diocese has suspended congregational singing at Mass during this time.

Because of the importance of music in sacred liturgy, a cantor and organist will provide music on behalf of the worshipping assembly, including those who are worshipping at home. We encourage you to participate, if only in an internal way, by praying along with the sung words included in this liturgy guide. We look forward to the day when we can join in song together.

ORDER OF THE MASS

PRELUDE

Instrumental Offering

Organ Piece

Adolf Hesse

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Entrance Hymn

Please follow along in prayer as the cantor sings:

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

*The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
For Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;
And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.*

*The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
The captives are freed, the sinners find place,
The outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share;
And hope is awakened in place of despair.*

*The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
Believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
God's love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross:
Our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.*

Alexander Scott

Penitential Rite

Glory to God



*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.*

Collect (opening prayer)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

*Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call him while he is near.
Let the scoundrel forsake his way,
and the wicked his thoughts;
let him turn to the LORD for mercy;
to our God, who is generous in forgiving.*

*For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
As high as the heavens are above the earth,
so high are my ways above your ways
and my thoughts above your thoughts.*

Responsorial Psalm: 145

Assembly will recite response

R/. The Lord is near to all who call on him.

*I will bless you day after day,
and praise your name forever and ever.
The Lord is great and highly to be praised;
his greatness cannot be measured. R/.*

*The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.. R/.*

*The Lord is just in all his ways,
and holy in all his deeds.
The Lord is close to all who call him,
who call on him in truth. R/.*



Second Reading: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Brothers and sisters:

Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.

For to me life is Christ, and death is gain.

If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me.

And I do not know which I shall choose.

I am caught between the two.

I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better.

Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit.

Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard.

Going out about nine o'clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, ‘You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.’ So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o'clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ They answered, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You too go into my vineyard.’ When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.’ When those who

had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying,

‘These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day’s burden and the heat.’

He said to one of them in reply,

‘My friend, I am not cheating you.

Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go.

What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?’

Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Homily



Profession of faith

*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.*

Prayer of the faithful

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts

Wo Soll Ich Fliehen Hin

*J.S. Bach
BWV 646*

Eucharistic Prayer Acclamations:

Holy, Holy, Holy

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Memorial Acclamation

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

or

*When we eat this
Bread and drink
this Cup, We
proclaim your
death O Lord,
Until you come
again.*

or

*Save us, Savior of
the world,
for by
your Cross
and Resurrection
You have set us
free.*



THE COMMUNION RITE

Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

*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.*

*The communion procession will be by way of one, single-file line in each aisle. When coming forward, all must wear a mask and maintain 6ft distancing.
For safety reasons, we ask that people receive on the hand, step aside, remove mask and consume host. Then put mask back on until back in pew. Those not receiving communion are to remain in pew.
Please keep your hand flat when receiving the Eucharist to avoid contact with the minister. It is possible myself or the ministers will need to sanitize our hands in between communicants.*

COMMUNION PROCESSION

Please follow along in prayer as the cantor sings:

HOW HOLY THIS FEAST

*How holy this feast in which Christ is our food;
His passion is recalled, grace fills our hearts,
and we receive a pledge of the glory to come.*

Text: *O Sacrum Convivium*, St. Thomas Aquinas

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YOU ARE NEAR

Refrain: *O Lord, I know you are near, standing
always at my side. You guard me from the foe, and
you lead me in ways everlasting.*

*Lord, you have searched my heart,
and you know when I sit and when I stand.
Your hand is upon me, protecting me from death,
keeping me from harm.*

*Where can I run from your love?
If I climb to the heavens you are there;
if I fly to the sunrise or sail beyond the sea,
still I'd find you there.*

*You know my heart and its ways,
you who formed me before I was born,
in the secret of darkness before I saw the
sun, in my mother's womb.*

*Marvelous to me are your works;
how profound are your thoughts, my Lord.
Even if I could count them, they number as
the stars, you would still be there.*

Dan Schutte



SEEK YE FIRST

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you; Alleluia.

You do not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God; Alleluia

Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek, and you shall find., knock, and the door will be opened unto you; Alleluia.

Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst; and whatsoever you ask I will do; Alleluia.

Tune: SEEK YE FIRST, Karen Lafferty

Prayer after communion

Recessional

Instrumental Offering

Postlude on "Jefferson"

Sam Batt Owens

Please allow the ushers to guide the dismissal so we can avoid clusters of people. We must respectfully ask that people do not linger or socialize in the narthex or outside on the sidewalk to allow proper social distancing between households during exit.

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