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NOTE: The prayer services in this resource invite you to consciously change your pace of life. When reciting the psalms, please do so S-L-O-W-L-Y, as if they were being chanted. Let the psalms themselves set the pace of recitation. Do not rush through them. Communal recitation is based more upon listening to others as it is on speaking. It will take a bit of getting used to. Relax. Listen. Pray.

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# Morning Prayer



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| 1. O - pen my eyes,  | Lord. _____ | Help me to see your   |
| 2. O - pen my ears,  | Lord. _____ | Help me to hear your  |
| 3. O - pen my heart, | Lord. _____ | Help me to love like  |
| 4. I live with - in  | you, _____  | Deep in your heart, O |



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| 1. face.  | O - pen my eyes,  | Lord. _____ | Help me to see. _____  |
| 2. voice. | O - pen my ears,  | Lord. _____ | Help me to hear. _____ |
| 3. you.   | O - pen my heart, | Lord. _____ | Help me to love. _____ |
| 4. Love.  | I live with - in  | you. _____  | Rest now in me. _____  |

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## Call to Prayer

Let us remember . . . that we are in the Holy Presence of God.

*[Serious Pause]*

“Wherever we go, no matter how far off nor how hidden from our eyes, we shall always find God and cannot escape the divine presence.”

- De La Salle

## Morning Psalm

*(Psalm 90)*

Antiphon: In the morning, fill us with your love;

Let the favor of the Lord be upon us.

*[All repeat]*

Left: O Lord, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to the next.  
Before the mountains were born \*  
or the earth or the world brought forth,  
you are God, without beginning or end.

Right: You turn us back into dust  
and say: “Go back, children of the earth.”  
To your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
no more than a watch in the night.

Left: You sweep us away like a dream,  
like grass which springs up in the morning.  
In the morning it springs us and flowers;  
by evening it withers and fades.

Right: All our days pass away in your anger.  
Our life is over like a sigh.  
Our span is seventy years,  
or eighty for those who are strong.

Left: Make us know the shortness of life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Give us joy to balance our affliction  
for the years when we knew misfortune.

Right: Show forth your work to your servants;  
let your glory shine on your children.  
Let the favor of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands.

ALL: Glory to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Both now and forever.  
The God who is, who was, and who will be,  
For ages unending. Amen.

### ***Today's Gospel***

*(Matthew 7:1-5)*

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Stop judging, that you may not be judged. For as you judge, so will you be judged, and the measure with which you measure will be measured out to you.

Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me remove that splinter from your eye,’ while the wooden beam is in your eye?

You hypocrite, remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter from your brother's eye.”

***Reflect:*** *In what areas of my life am I blind? What would others tell me?*

“Something that should lead you to accept the limitations of your colleagues is that God has imposed this on you as an obligation. When God placed you in community, he gave you responsibility for something that may be difficult to bear. ... However heavy the weight of this responsibility may be, Saint Paul wants us to carry it if we wish to fulfill the law of Jesus Christ. Do you understand this lesson well? Do you grasp it well? Then, practice it. ...

He has put up with so much from you, and still suffers so much from you every day. ... Provided that you have recourse to him, he will pardon you everything, but only on this condition, he says, that you, too, pardon your colleagues of everything and have no resentment toward them for all the trouble they have given you and will give you. ... If you endure everything from your colleagues, God will pardon you everything you have done against them. You shall be measured, he says elsewhere, by the same measure you use to measure others.”

- De La Salle (Med 74.3 - edited)

## Reading

(Helen Keller)

We differ, blind and seeing, one from another – not in our senses, but in the use we make of them, in the imagination and courage with which we seek wisdom beyond our senses... I have walked with people whose eyes are full of light, but who see nothing in wood, sea or sky, nothing in the city streets, nothing in books. What a witless masquerade is this seeing! It were far better to sail forever in the night of blindness, with a sense and feeling and mind, than to be thus content with the mere act of seeing. They have the sunset, the morning skies, the purple of distant hills – yet their souls voyage through this enchanted world with a barren stare.

[Serious Pause]

## Intercessions

**Reader:** For the grace to realize our personal limitations, and the effect these have on others around us. For the ability to keep from judging others for their personal limitations, and the effect these have on us.

**All:** **Open my eyes, Lord; help me to see your face.**

**Reader:** For insight into the people with whom we live, with whom we work, and with whom we form community. For the development of a real sense of empathy for their circumstances and situations.

**All:** **Open my eyes, Lord; help me to see your face.**

**Reader:** For the kind of sight that Helen Keller speaks about – the imagination and courage with which we seek wisdom beyond our senses

**All:** **Open my eyes, Lord; help me to see your face.**

**Reader:** For whom and for what else shall we pray? [Response: Lord, hear our prayer.]

***Our Father******Closing Prayer****(Charles de Foucauld)*

Father, I abandon myself into your hands;  
do with me what you will.  
Whatever you may do, I thank you;  
I am ready for all, I accept all;  
let only your will be done in me,  
and in all your creatures;  
I wish no more than this, O Lord.  
Into your hands I commend my soul  
and offer it to you  
with all the love of my heart;  
for I love you, Lord,  
and so need to give myself,  
to surrender myself into your hands without reserve,  
and with boundless confidence,  
for you are my Father.

***St. John Baptist de La Salle... Pray for us!***  
***Live, Jesus, in our hearts... Forever!***

# *Eucharistic Liturgy*

## *Monday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time*

- OPENING RITES -

### OPENING HYMN (*VERSES 1 & 2*)

Bernadette Farrell

**VERSES:**



1. Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for  
 2. Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for  
 3. Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —  
 2. hope, — man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone —  
 3. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



1. your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see. —  
 2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice. —  
 3. to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come. —

**REFRAIN:**



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.



Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!



Shine in your church gath-ered to - day. —

## - LITURGY OF THE WORD -

**READING:** 2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18

**PSALM & RESPONSE**

*Response:* Help us with your right hand, O Lord, and answer us.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Cantor:* *Assembly:* *Cantor:* Howard Hughes, SM, 1973

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Assembly:* *Cantor:* *Assembly:*

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Verse:* The word of God is living and effective,  
able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart.

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 7:1-5

## - LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST -

**PREFACE ACCLAMATION**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might. Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



## AMEN

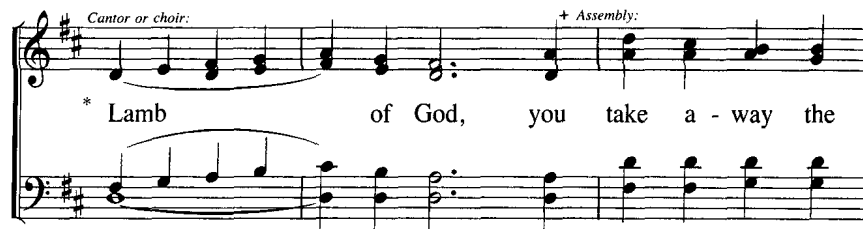


## - COMMUNION RITE -

## OUR FATHER

## FRACTION LITANY

## AGNUS DEI



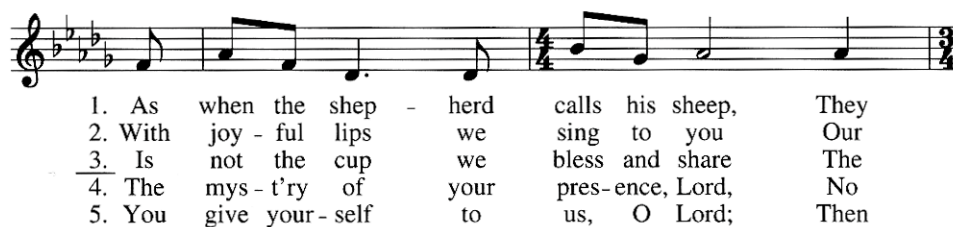
\*Alternates: 1. Emmanuel, 2. Prince of peace, 3. Son of God, 4. Word made flesh, 5. Paschal Lamb, 6. Bread of Life, 7. Lord Jesus Christ, 8. Lord of Love, 9. Christ the Lord, 10. King of kings.



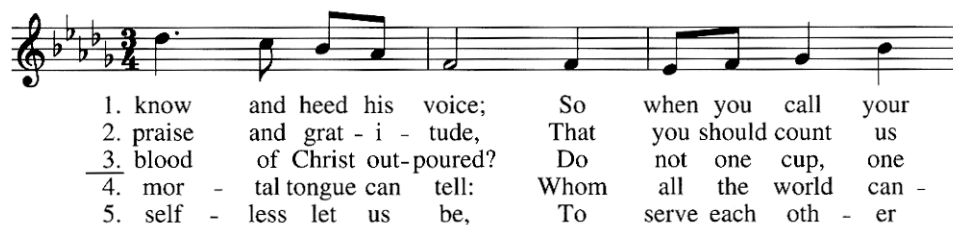
## COMMUNION

*Refrain*


You sat-is - fy the hun-gry heart With gift of fin-est wheat,  
Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.

*Verses*


1. As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They  
2. With joy - ful lips we sing to you Our  
3. Is not the cup we bless and share The  
4. The mys - t'ry of your pres-ence, Lord, No  
5. You give your - self to us, O Lord; Then



1. know and heed his voice; So when you call your  
2. praise and grat - i - tude, That you should count us  
3. blood of Christ out-poured? Do not one cup, one  
4. mor - tal tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -  
5. self - less let us be, To serve each oth - er



1. fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - joice.  
2. wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.  
3. loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?  
4. not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.  
5. in your name In truth and char - i - ty.

*to Refrain*

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Music: BICENTENNIAL; Robert Kreutz, 1922–1996.  
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- BLESSING &amp; DISMISSAL -

## CLOSING HYMN

*Christ, Be Our Light* (Opening Hymn) - Verse 3

# Evening Prayer

## Call to Prayer

*As the candle is being lit. . . .*

LUX CHRISTI  
Setting by George Van Grieken, FSC

Cantor: Je - sus Christ, our light and our peace;

All: Your ra - diance dis - pells all dark - ness.

Cantor: Praise God al - ways and for ev - ery - thing.

All: Thanks be to God now and ev - er - more.

## Reflection

“It is a good rule of conduct to make no distinction between the matters proper to one’s state, and the business of one’s salvation and perfection; and to be convinced that one will never work better for one’s salvation, and will never acquire greater perfection, than by accomplishing the duties of one’s daily employment, provided that one carries these out in view of God’s intention. It is necessary to keep that always in mind.”

- De La Salle

The Founder’s basic principle of making no distinction between the duties of one’s state and the work of one’s salvation offers a rich unifying principles in life, especially for those whose daily work is not obviously “sacred” or “spiritual.” According to him, we must change our way of looking at all the facets of our life. To help, De La Salle indicates at least four main approaches which return again and again in all his writings:

- *Be willing enter into a relationship with God:* mental prayer or meditation is a time especially conducive to this;
- *Live in the Presence of God:* make every moment of the day part of a relationship. This is even a specific “exercise” which should be repeated frequently;
- *Nourish oneself with the Word of God:* in particular with that of the Gospel whose “maxims” have to be assimilated in order to be able to nourish oneself with “the Christian spirit”;
- *Purify motives:* this means to live according to the Spirit or, in typically Lasallian language, to act “by the movement of the Spirit.”

- Br. Mario Presciuttini, FSC

***Silent Reflection*** (5 minutes)

- ❖ Do I make any distinctions between what I do and who I am?
- ❖ Are the motives behind my choices and actions consistent with the spirit of faith?
- ❖ How many of those four things have I done or am I doing now?

***Evening Song***

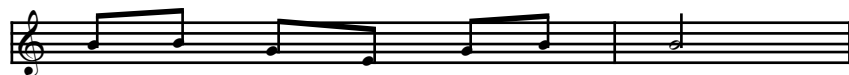
Lord, keep our dai - ly course from tears, Safe -  
 Dis - miss your ser - vant now in peace, My  
 Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest, Whose



guard us from night's dark - est fears, That,  
 eyes have seen your sav - ing light: A  
 sav - ing works and words at - test To



now with Christ, our watch not cease, Un-  
 bright-ness show - ing all the earth The  
 love that passed through death's great strife: Our



til at length we rest in peace.  
 full - ness of your peo - ple's worth.  
 hope se - cured in ris - en life.

***Closing Prayer****(John Henry Newman)*

O Lord,  
 support us all the day long,  
 until the shadows lengthen,  
 and the evening comes,  
 and the busy world is hushed,  
 and the fever of life is over,  
 and our work is done.  
 Then in you mercy,  
 grant us safe lodging,  
 and a holy rest,  
 and peace at the last;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint John Baptist de La Salle – Pray for us! Live Jesus in our hearts – Forever!

# Morning Prayer

Paul Benoit, OSB



1. Where char-i - ty and love pre - vail There God is ev - er found;
2. With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear His char - i - ty we learn;
3. For - give we now each oth - er's faults As we our faults con - fess;
4. Let strife a - mong us be un - known, Let all con - ten - tion cease;
5. Let us re - call that in our midst Dwells God's be - got - ten Son;
6. No race nor creed can love ex - clude If hon - ored be God's name;



1. Brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.
2. Let us with heart and mind and soul Now love him in re - turn.
3. And let us love each oth - er well In Chris-tian ho - li - ness.
4. Be his the glo - ry that we seek, Be ours his ho - ly peace.
5. As mem-bers of his bod - y joined We are in him made one.
6. Our com-mon life em - brac - es all Whose Fa - ther is the same.

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## Call to Prayer

Let us remember . . . that we are in the Holy Presence of God.

[*Serious Pause*]

“Is it not a great blessing to know when we together  
with our colleagues...that we are in the company of  
Our Lord, and that he is in our midst.”

- *De La Salle*

## Morning Psalm

(*Psalm 65*)

Antiphon: In the morning, fill us with your love;

Let the favor of the Lord be upon us.

[*All repeat*]

Left: Blessed those whom you choose and call  
to dwell in your courts.  
We are filled with the blessings of your house,  
of your holy temple.

Right: You keep your pledge with wonders,  
O God our savior,  
the hope of all the earth  
and of far distant isles.

Left: You uphold the mountains with your strength,  
you are girded with power.  
You still the roaring of the seas,  
and the tumult of the peoples.

Right: The ends of the earth stand in awe  
at the sight of your wonders.  
The lands of sunrise and sunset  
you fill with your joy.

Left: You care for the earth, give it water;  
you fill it with riches.  
Your river in heaven brims over  
to provide its grain.

Right: And thus you provide for the earth;  
you drench its furrows;  
you level it, soften it with showers;  
you bless its growth.

Left: You crown the year with your goodness.  
Abundance flows in your steps;  
in the pastures of the wilderness  
your abundance flows.

ALL: Glory to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Both now and forever.  
The God who is, who was, and who will be,  
For ages unending. Amen.

### ***Today's Gospel***

*(Matthew 7:6, 12-14)*

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not give what is holy to dogs, or throw your pearls before swine, lest they trample them underfoot, and turn and tear you to pieces. Do to others whatever you would have them do to you. This is the Law and the Prophets. Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction, and those who enter through it are many. How narrow the gate and constricted the road that leads to life. And those who find it are few."

***Spoken Reflection:*** [Name to be determined]

“Jesus did not come so much to teach us the holy truths of Christian morality as to engage us to practice them faithfully. Still, it is common enough to see Christians, and even members of religious communities, who do not accept these practical truths and who contradict them in their hearts, sometimes even in their external conduct, as when someone tells them that ... we must pray without ceasing; that we must enter heaven through the narrow gate; ... that, consequently, it is an indispensable obligation to put these maxims into practice if we wish to be saved; that there is a command addressed to them to love their enemies, to do good to those who hate them, to pray to God for those who persecute them ... that they may be truly the children of their Father who is in heaven, who makes his sun rise on the good and the wicked alike.

How many are there who believe that these teachings are merely counsels of perfection?”

- *De La Salle* (Med 5.2 - edited)

## ***Reading***

*(Dorothy Day)*

We were just sitting there talking when Peter Maurin came in. We were just sitting there talking when lines of people began to form, saying, "We need bread." We could not say, "Go, be thou filled." If there were six small loaves and a few fishes, we had to divide them. There was always bread. We were just sitting there talking and people moved in on us. Let those who can take it, take it. Some moved out and that made room for more. And somehow the walls expanded.

We were just sitting there talking and someone said, "Let's all go live on a farm." It was as casual as all that, I often think. It just came about. It just happened. I found myself, a barren woman, the joyful mother of children. It is not easy always to be joyful, to keep in mind the duty of delight.

The most significant thing about The Catholic Worker is poverty, some say. The most significant thing is community, others say. We are not alone any more. But the final word is love. At times it has been, in the words of Father Zossima, a harsh and dreadful thing, and our very faith in love has been tried through fire. We cannot love God unless we love each other, and to love we must know each other. We know Him in the breaking of bread, and we know each other in the breaking of bread, and we are not alone any more. Heaven is a banquet and life is a banquet, too, even with a crust, where there is companionship. We have all know the long loneliness and we have learned that the only solution is love and that love comes in community. It all happened while we sat there talking, and it is still going on.

*[Serious Pause]*

## *Intercessions*

**Reader:** For patience with ourselves and with others, that we can treat others as we would like to be treated ourselves. For this we pray...

**All:** **Lord, Hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For an appreciation of how God's life is manifested in the midst of our daily activities and personal encounters, that we may follow his guidance in our lives as Dorothy Day followed God's guidance in her life. For this we pray...

**All:** **Lord, Hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For the ability to put into practice what we believe, especially in those situations where it's not the convenient or enjoyable thing to do. For this we pray...

**All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For whom and for what else shall we pray? [Response: Lord, hear our prayer.]

## *Our Father*

## *Closing Prayer*

*(St. Teresa of Avila)*

Christ has no body now on earth but yours.  
Yours are the only hands  
with which he can do his work.  
Yours are the only feet  
with which he can go about doing good.  
Yours are the only eyes  
through which his compassion  
can shine forth upon a troubled world.  
Christ has no body now on earth but yours,  
and yours are the hands  
with which he is to bless us now.

***St. John Baptist de La Salle... Pray for us!***  
***Live, Jesus, in our hearts... Forever!***

# Evening Prayer

## Call to Prayer

*As the candle is being lit. . . .*

LUX CHRISTI

Setting by George Van Grieken, FSC



Cantor: Je - sus Christ, our light and our peace;



All: Your ra - diance dis - pells all dark - ness.



Cantor: Praise God al - ways and for ev - ery - thing.



All: Thanks be to God now and ev - er - more.

## Reflection

“The route followed by De La Salle is like that of Jesus Christ – one of ‘kenosis’, of stripping of self, and finally death. It is difficult not to think of Saint Paul’s description of Christ’s humiliation when we see De La Salle to be one with the teachers and sharing their life, living as one of them and hence abandoning his own milieu, giving up fortune, privileges and culture, even renouncing any ideas he may have had concerning his apostolate as a priest. In this path of incarnation and self-deprivation, he thus shares in the sufferings and struggles of Christ: he experiences the anguish and loneliness of one who is abandoned by God and accepts that situation. . . . In this incarnation and history, nothing is settled in advance: growth in the mystery of Christ cannot be separated from a real insertion among mankind.”

- Br. Michel Sauvage, FSC

What have I to do, or what sort of effort is it that can be said to seek or pursue the Kingdom of God? Shall I try to get a job suitable to my talents and powers, in order thereby to exert an influence? No, thou shalt first seek God’s kingdom. Shall I then give all my fortune to the poor? No, thou shalt first seek God’s kingdom. Shall I then go out to proclaim his teaching to the world? No, thou shalt first seek God’s kingdom. But the in a sense it is nothing I shall do. Yes, certainly in a sense it is nothing; thou shalt in the deepest sense make thyself nothing, become nothing before God, learn to keep silent; in this silence is the beginning, which is, first to seek God’s kingdom. “

- Soren Kierkegaard



***Silent Reflection*** (5 minutes)

- ❖ Is there anything that I am being asked to renounce, because of God's life for me?
- ❖ What are the things that prevent me from first seeking God's kingdom?
- ❖ Where in my life do I share the sufferings and struggles of Christ?

***Evening Song***

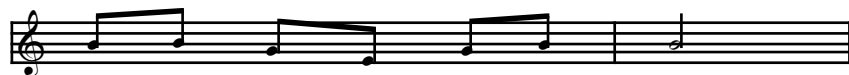
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til at length we rest in peace.  
 full - ness of your peo - ple's worth.  
 hope se - cured in ris - en life.

***Closing Prayer****(Lucien Deiss)*

We ask you, Lord,  
 to visit our community  
 which your love has put together.  
 Remove far from it every attack of the enemy.  
 Let your holy angels dwell with us  
 to keep us in peace.  
 Let your blessings and your love  
 come to rest on each one of us.  
 Save us through your Son, Jesus Christ,  
 who died and rose again for us  
 so that, awake or asleep,  
 we may always live in the joy of your presence. Amen.

Saint John Baptist de La Salle – Pray for us! Live Jesus in our hearts – Forever!

# Morning Prayer



1. Lord of all hope-ful-ness, Lord of all joy, Whose  
 2. Lord of all ea-ger-ness, Lord of all faith, Whose  
 3. Lord of all kind-li-ness, Lord of all grace, Your  
 4. Lord of all gen-tle-ness, Lord of all calm, Whose



1. trust, ev-er child-like, no cares can de-stroy, Be  
 2. strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe, Be  
 3. hands swift to wel-come, your arms to em-brace, Be  
 4. voice is con-tent-ment, whose pres-ence is balm, Be



1. there at our wak-ing, and give us, we pray, Your  
 2. there at our la-bors, and give us, we pray, Your  
 3. there at our hom-ing, and give us, we pray, Your  
 4. there at our sleep-ing, and give us, we pray, Your



1. bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
 2. strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
 3. love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
 4. peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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## Call to Prayer

Let us remember . . . that we are in the Holy Presence of God.

[Serious Pause]

“How great a favor it is that God, by the  
 divine power and presence within us,  
 makes us what we are.”

- De La Salle

***Morning Psalm****(Psalm 90)*

Antiphon: We acclaim your love in the morning  
and your faithfulness at night. *[All repeat]*

Left: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to make music to your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your truth in the watches of the night,  
on the ten-stringed lyre and the lute,  
with the murmuring sound of the harp.

Right: Your deeds, O Lord, have made me glad;  
for the work of your hands I shout with joy.  
O Lord, how great are your works!  
How deep are your designs!  
The stupid cannot know this  
and the foolish cannot understand.

Left: Though the wicked spring up like grass  
and all who do evil thrive,  
they are doomed to be eternally destroyed.  
But you, Lord, are eternally on high.  
See how your enemies perish;  
all doers of evil are scattered.

Right: To me you give the wild ox's strength;  
you anoint me with the purest oil.  
My eyes looked in triumph on my foes;  
my ears heard gladly of their fall.  
The just will flourish like the palm tree  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Left: Planted in the house of the Lord  
they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just.  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

ALL: Glory to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Both now and forever.  
The God who is, who was, and who will be,  
For ages unending. Amen.

## ***Today's Gospel***

*(Matthew 7:15-20)*

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing,  
but underneath are ravenous wolves.

By their fruits you will know them.

Do people pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles?

Just so, every good tree bears good fruit,

and a rotten tree bears bad fruit.

A good tree cannot bear bad fruit,

nor can a rotten tree bear good fruit.

Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down  
and thrown into the fire.

So by their fruits you will know them.”

***Reflect:*** *What are the fruits of my labors? What would others tell me?*

“In today’s Gospel Jesus Christ says that many have the coat of sheep, but beneath this coat ravenous wolves are hiding. This happens sometimes in the best communities, and that is why the Council of Trent says that the habit does not make the religious.

... Everything about you, within and without, should reveal the holiness to which your profession obliges you. Your exterior should be holy, because it ought to be edifying; ... it should be clear that God truly dwells in you, and that you have only him in view in all your conduct.

- *De La Salle* (Med 60 - edited)

## ***Reading***

*(Adapted from “Chicken Soup”)*

A college professor sent his sociology class to the Baltimore slums to gather case histories of 200 young boys. They were asked to write an evaluation of each boy’s future and in every case the students wrote, “He hasn’t got a chance.” Twenty-five years later another professor came across the earlier study and asked his students to do a follow-up study to see what had happened to these boys. With the exception of 20 who had moved away or died, 176 of the remaining 180 had achieved more than ordinary success, completing college and many completing graduate school, becoming successful professionals. Such astounding findings led the professor to interview those men. He asked each, “How do you account for your success?” In each case the reply came with feeling, “There was a teacher...” The teacher was still alive, so he sought her out and asked this old but still alert lady what magic formula she had used to pull these boys out of the slums into successful achievement. Her eyes sparkled and her lips broke into a gentle smile. “It’s really very simple,” she said, “I loved those boys.”

*[Serious Pause]*

## *Intercessions*

**Reader:** May we have the ability to recognize false prophets, both in ourselves and in the world around us, so that we can help those with whom we minister do the same. Lord, hear us.

**All:** **Lord, graciously hear us.**

**Reader:** Help us to really live out the conviction that love can make a difference in the lives of those who have experienced precious little of it. Lord, hear us.

**All:** **Lord, graciously hear us.**

**Reader:** Give us the kind of understanding of your presence in our lives that will lead us to draw more closely to you and to your life in our midst. Lord, hear us.

**All:** **Lord, graciously hear us.**

**Reader:** For whom and for what else shall we pray? [Response: Lord, hear our prayer.]

## *Our Father*

## *Closing Prayer*

*(The Grail Prayer)*

Lord Jesus,  
I give you my hands – to do your work.  
I give you my feet – to go your way.  
I give you my eyes – to see as you do.  
I give you my tongue – to speak your words.  
I give you my mind – that you may think in me.  
I give you my spirit – that you may pray in me.  
Above all, I give you my heart -  
that you may love, in me, your Father and all humanity.  
I give you my whole self – that you may grow in me,  
so that it is you, Lord Jesus,  
who live and work and pray in me. Amen.

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Live, Jesus, in our hearts... Forever!***

# *Eucharistic Liturgy*

## *Wednesday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time*

### - OPENING RITES -

#### OPENING HYMN



1. What is this place, where we are meet - ing?  
2. Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing.  
3. And we ac - cept bread at his ta - ble,

1. On - ly a house, the earth its floor. Walls and a roof,  
2. Sparks that are sown in us like seed: Names for our God,  
3. Bro - ken and shared, a liv - ing sign. Here in this world,

1. shel - ter - ing peo - ple, Win - dows for light, an  
2. dreams, signs and won - ders Sent from the past are  
3. dy - ing and liv - ing, We are each oth - er's

1. o - pen door. Yet it be - comes a bod - y that lives When  
2. all we need. We in this place re - mem - ber and speak A -  
3. bread and wine. This is the place where we can re - ceive What

1. we are gath - ered here, And know our God is near.  
2. gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem - ing word.  
3. we need to in - crease: Our jus - tice and God's peace.

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### - LITURGY OF THE WORD -

**READING:** 2 Kings 22:8-13; 23:1-3

**PSALM & RESPONSE**

*Response:* Teach me the way of your decrees, O Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Verse:* Remain in me, as I remain in you, says the Lord;  
whoever remains in me will bear much fruit.

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 7:15 - 20

**- LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST -****PREFACE ACCLAMATION**

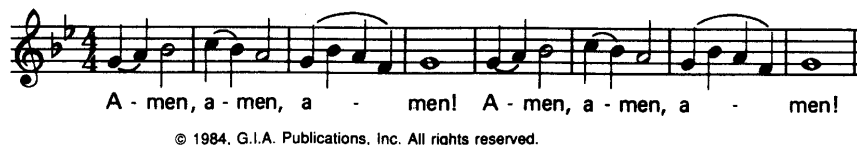
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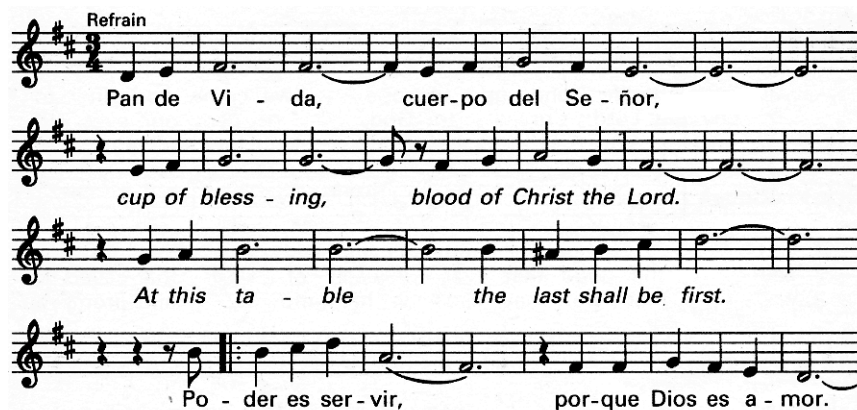
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## AMEN



## - COMMUNION RITE -

## COMMUNION



## - BLESSING &amp; DISMISSAL -

## CLOSING HYMN

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the start, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; How great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; How great thou art, how great thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; How great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; How great thou art, how great thou art!



# Evening Prayer

## Call to Prayer

*As the candle is being lit. . . .*

LUX CHRISTI

Setting by George Van Grieken, FSC



Cantor: Je - sus Christ, our light and our peace;



All: Your ra - diance dis - pells all dark - ness.



Cantor: Praise God al - ways and for ev - ery - thing.



All: Thanks be to God now and ev - er - more.

## Reflection

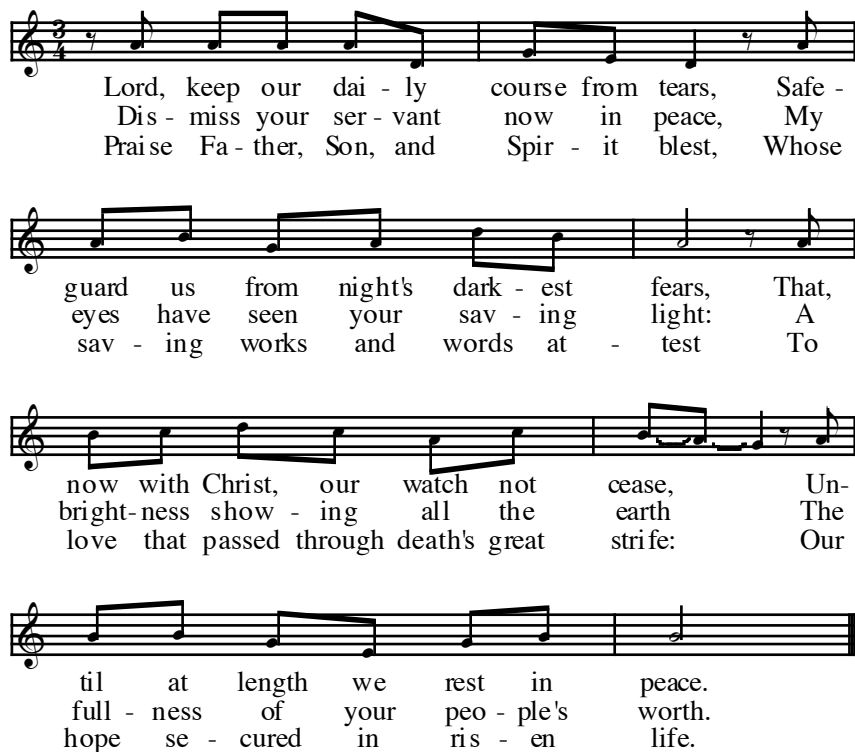
“I sat through the lecture. I didn’t intent to listen. . . . I became more and more indignant. I saw a vision of Christ and Christianity that was profoundly repulsive to me. When the lecture was over I hurried home in order to check the truth of what he had been saying. I asked my mother whether she had a book of the Gospel, because I wanted to know whether the Gospel would support the monstrous impression I had derived from his talk. I expected nothing good from my reading, so I counted the chapters of the four Gospels to be sure I read the shortest, not to waste time unnecessarily. I started to read Saint Mark’s Gospel . . . Before I reached the third chapter, I suddenly became aware that, on the other side of my desk, there was a Presence. And the certainly was so strong that it was Christ standing there, that it has never left me. This was a real turning-point. Because Christ was alive and I had been in his presence, I could say with certainty that what the Gospel said about the crucifixion of the prophet of Galilee was true, and the centurion was right when he said: “Truly he is the Son of God.” It was in the light of the Resurrection that I could read with certainty the story of the Gospel, knowing that everything was true in it because the impossible event of the Resurrection was to me more certain than any event of history. History I had to believe; the Resurrection I knew for a fact. . . . I became absolutely certain within myself that Christ is alive, and that certain things existed. I didn’t have all the answers, but having touched that experience, I was certain that ahead of me there were answers, visions, possibilities.”

- Archbishop Anthony Bloom

[As a student & atheist in Paris, he attended a youth meeting at which a priest had been invited.]

**Silent Reflection** (5 minutes)

- ❖ What experience convinced / convinces me that Christ is alive?
- ❖ Where do I look for my answers, visions, and possibilities?
- ❖ How often do I read the New Testament by myself, as a choice?

**Evening Song**


Lord, keep our dai - ly course from tears, Safe -  
 Dis - miss your ser - vant now in peace, My  
 Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest, Whose

guard us from night's dark - est fears, That,  
 eyes have seen your sav - ing light: A  
 sav - ing works and words at - test To

now with Christ, our watch not cease, Un-  
 bright-ness show - ing all the earth The  
 love that passed through death's great strife: Our

til at length we rest in peace.  
 full - ness of your peo - ple's worth.  
 hope se - cured in ris - en life.

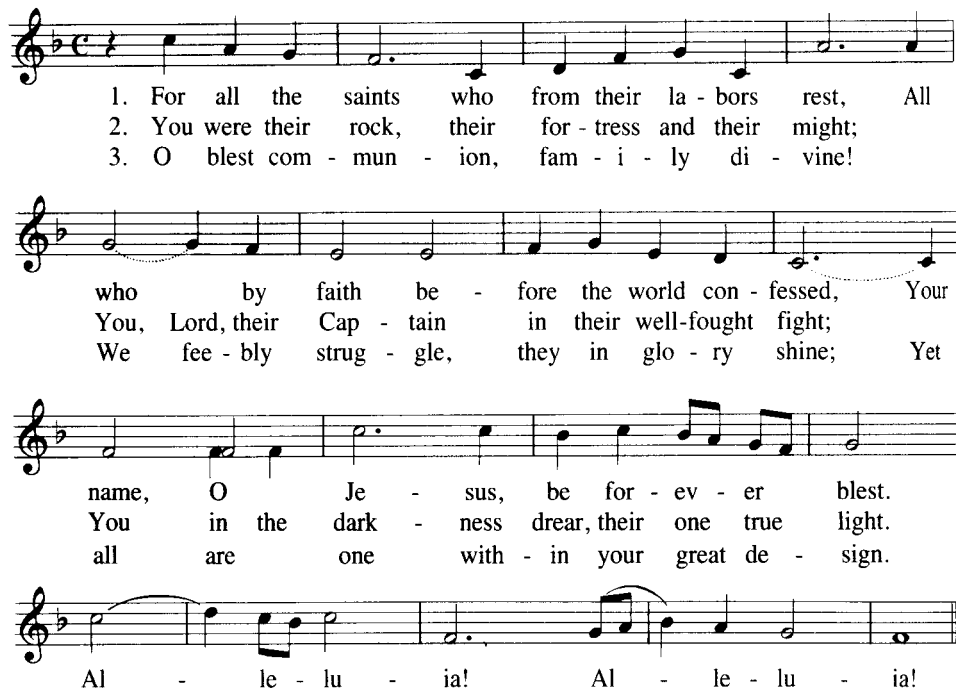
**Closing Prayer***(John Henry Newman)*

O Lord,  
 support us all the day long,  
 until the shadows lengthen,  
 and the evening comes,  
 and the busy world is hushed,  
 and the fever of life is over,  
 and our work is done.  
 Then in your mercy,  
 grant us safe lodging,  
 and a holy rest,  
 and peace at the last;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint John Baptist de La Salle – Pray for us! Live Jesus in our hearts – Forever!

# Morning Prayer

*Feast of St. Peter & St. Paul*



1. For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, All  
 2. You were their rock, their for - tress and their might;  
 3. O blest com - mun - ion, fam - i - ly di - vine!

who by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Your  
 You, Lord, their Cap - tain in their well-fought fight;  
 We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; Yet

name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
 You in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.  
 all are one with - in your great de - sign.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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## Call to Prayer

Let us remember . . . that we are in the Holy Presence of God.

*[Serious Pause]*

“We may consider God as being present in church because it is the house of God.”

- De La Salle

## Morning Psalm

*(Psalm 30)*

Antiphon: You are a light to my eyes  
 and a lamp for my feet

*[All repeat]*

Left: Your love, Lord, reaches to heaven,  
 your truth to the skies.  
 Your justice is like God's mountain,  
 your judgments like the deep.

Right: To mortals and beasts you give protection.  
O Lord, how precious is your love.  
My God, the children of the earth  
find refuge in the shelter of your wings.

Left: They feast on the riches of your house;  
they drink from the stream of your delight.  
In you is the source of life  
and in your light we see light.

Right: Keep on loving those who know you,  
doing justice for upright hearts.  
Let the foot of the proud not crush me  
nor the hand of the wicked cast me out.

Left: See how the evildoers fall!  
Flung down, they shall never arise.  
Your love, Lord, reaches to heaven;  
your truth to the skies.

ALL: Glory to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Both now and forever.  
The God who is, who was, and who will be,  
For ages unending. Amen.

### ***Today's Gospel***

*(Matthew 8:1-4)*

When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi  
he asked his disciples,  
“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”  
They replied, “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah,  
still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”  
He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”  
Simon Peter said in reply,  
“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”  
Jesus said to him in reply, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah.  
For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.  
And so I say to you, you are Peter,  
and upon this rock I will build my Church,  
and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.  
I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven.  
Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven;  
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

***Reflect:*** *Who do you say that Christ is? How are you like Saint Peter?*

“Saint Peter gave us little if we consider what he possessed: he left only a fishing board and some nets. But if we pay attention to the fact that he gave up at the same time the desire to possess anything, he did indeed give up much because he renounced what is most important in this world, what is most capable of attracting and absorbing people’s hearts. It was the faith with which he was already filled that enabled him to make this generous act. Since Jesus Christ was then just a common man in the eyes of the world without any acclaim, nothing but a strong faith could have enabled anyone to leave everything in order to follow him, because to all appearances there was nothing to hoped for from him. ...Be convinced that you will contribute to the good of the Church in your ministry only insofar as you have the fullness of faith and guided by the spirit of faith.”

“The most admirable trait in Saint Paul is his ardent and all-embracing zeal. ... In your ministry you need much zeal. Imitate the zeal of this holy apostle so that neither insults nor injuries, neither calumnies nor persecutions of whatever kind, may be able to diminish your zeal in the slightest or force from you a single complaint, considering yourselves to be very happy to suffer for Jesus Christ.”

- *De La Salle* (Med 139 & 140 - edited)

### ***Reflection Video*** (*I Can Only Imagine*)

### ***Intercessions***

**Leader:** For whom and for what shall we pray? [Response: Lord, hear our prayer.]

### ***Our Father***

### ***Closing Prayer***

(Br. Nicholas Hutchinson, FSC)

Father, we have come together in love,  
seeking your will,  
knowing that you call each of us by name  
to follow in the way of John Baptist de La Salle.  
May we be transformed and empowered by your Spirit  
to be ambassadors of your Son,  
that we may share with others  
the Good News of your love and salvation.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

***St. John Baptist de La Salle... Pray for us!***  
***Live, Jesus, in our hearts... Forever!***

# Morning Prayer

**VERSES:**



1. Sing of the Lord's good-ness, Fa - ther of all wis - dom,
2. Cour-age in our dark-ness, com-fort in our sor - row,
3. Praise him with your sing - ing, praise him with the trump-et,



1. come to him and bless his name. Mer - cy he has shown us,
2. Spir - it of our God most high; so - lace for the wear - y,
3. praise God with the lute and harp; praise him with the cym - bals,



1. his love is for - ev - er, faith - ful to the end of days. —
2. par - don for the sin - ner, splen - dor of the liv - ing God. —
3. praise him with your danc-ing, praise God till the end of days. —

**REFRAIN:**



Come, then, all you na - tions, sing of your Lord's good-ness, mel-o - dies



of praise and thanks to God. Ring out the Lord's glo - ry, praise him with



your mu - sic, wor-ship him and bless his name. —

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## Call to Prayer

Let us remember . . . that we are in the Holy Presence of God.

[Serious Pause]

“God dwells in us through grace and the Holy Spirit. It is by the Holy Spirit that God reigns within us through the very indwelling of the Most Holy Trinity.”

- De La Salle

## Morning Psalm

(Psalm 147)

Antiphon: We hold a treasure in earthen vessels,  
a dwelling place for God.

[All repeat]

Left: Praise the Lord for he is good;  
sing to our God for he is loving;  
to him our praise is due.

Right: The Lord builds up Jerusalem  
and brings back Israel's exiles,  
he heals the broken-hearted,  
he binds up all their wounds.  
He fixes the number of the stars;  
he calls each one by its name.

Left: Out Lord is great and almighty;  
his wisdom can never be measured.  
The Lord raises the lowly;  
he humbles the wicked to the dust.  
O sing to the Lord, giving thanks;  
sing psalms to our God with the harp.

Right: He covers the heavens with clouds;  
he prepares the rain for the earth,  
making mountains sprout with grass  
and with plants to serve our needs.  
He provides the beasts with their food  
and young ravens that call upon him.

Left: His delight is not in horses  
nor his pleasure in warriors' strength.  
The Lord delights in those who revere him,  
in those who wait for his love.

ALL: Glory to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Both now and forever.  
The God who is, who was, and who will be,  
For ages unending. Amen.

### ***Today's Gospel***

*(Matthew 7:15-20)*

When Jesus came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. And then a leper approached, did him homage, and said, "Lord, if you wish, you can make me clean. He stretched out his hand, touched him, and said, "I will do it. Be made clean." His leprosy was cleansed immediately. Then Jesus said to him, "See that you tell no one, but go show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them."

***Reflect:*** *From what would we like to be made clean? To whom would it show?*

Leprosy is a figure for us of temptations to impurity, because leprosy is a disease which makes the body unclean and corrupt. The manner in which Our Lord cured the lepers shows us the most sure remedies that we can use to be rid of this trouble. ... The first remedy for impurity and for the temptations that lead to it is to have recourse to prayer. ... According to the Wise Man, we cannot be pure unless God gives us the grace for it. So we cannot ask this of him too often nor with too much earnestness... If you sometimes feel tormented by impure thoughts, do not cease imploring God until you are completely delivered from them. ... The second remedy that the Gospel proposes and which Jesus Christ orders the lepers to use is to go show themselves to the priests. ... The impure spirit fears nothing so much as to be exposed; when he has been discovered, he cannot harm us any more. ... We cannot be completely cured of this infirmity nor entirely delivered from these temptations except through fasting, that is, mortification. ... It procures for us this advantage, to make the body share in the life of the spirit. ... As Saint Paul says, if you live according to the flesh, and if you give in to the flesh to satisfy its senses, you will die; in other words impurity, by making you die to the life of grace, will pervert your spirit and make it in some way wholly material, and your soul will become like that of animals. ... Always carry about in your body, as Saint Paul says, the mortification of Jesus Christ, so that the life of Jesus Christ may also be revealed in your body. This is the admirable effect that this excellent sacrifice will produce in you.

- De La Salle (Med 66 - edited)

## Reading

(Philip Yancey)

During a period of my life when I was battling sexual temptations, I came across an article that referred me to a thin book, *What I Believe*, by the French Catholic writer Francois Mauriac. It surprised me that Mauriac, an old man, devoted considerable space to a discussion of his own lust. He explained, "Old age risks being a period of redoubled testing because the imagination in an old man is substituted in a horrible way for what nature refuses him." ...

Mauriac dismissed most of the arguments in favor of sexual purity that he had been taught in his Catholic upbringing. ... Mauriac concluded that self-discipline, repression, and rational argument are inadequate weapons to use in fighting the impulse towards impurity. In the end, he could find only one reason to be pure, and that is what Jesus presented in the Beatitudes: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God." In Mauriac's words, "Impurity separates us from God. The spiritual life obeys laws as verifiable as those of the physical world. ... Purity is the condition for a higher love – for a possession superior to all possessions: that of God. Yes, this is what is at stake, and nothing less."

Reading Francois Mauriac's words did not end my struggle with lust. But I must say beyond all doubt that I have found his analysis to be true. The love God holds out to us requires that our faculties be cleansed and purified before we can receive a higher love, one attainable in no other way. That is the motive to stay pure. By harboring lust, I limit my own intimacy with God. The pure in heart are truly blessed, for they will see God. It is as simple, and as difficult, as that.

[Serious Pause]



## *Intercessions*

**Reader:** For all of those who have been pulled in by the allure of contemporary sexual morality, especially innocent young people, the vulnerable of society, and the clinically obsessed. For this we pray,

**All:** **Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.**

**Reader:** That modern society may come to a greater and more authentic appreciation of the inner life of the soul in each individual person. For this we pray,

**All:** **Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.**

**Reader:** For courage and perseverance as we look to Jesus Christ and to Mary, his mother, for strength and guidance in maintaining our wonderful human dignity as children of God.

**All:** **Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.**

**Reader:** For whom and for what else shall we pray? [Response: Lord, hear our prayer.]

## *Our Father*

## *Closing Prayer*

*(François Fénelon)*

You know better than I how much I love you, Lord.  
You know it, and I know it not, for nothing is more hidden from me  
than the depths of my own heart.  
I desire to love you; I fear that I do not love you enough.  
I beseech you to grant me the fullness of pure love.  
Behold my desire; you have given it to me.  
Behold in your creature what you have placed there.  
O God, you love me enough to inspire me to love you forever;  
behold not my sins.  
Behold your mercy and my love. Amen.

***St. John Baptist de La Salle... Pray for us!***  
***Live, Jesus, in our hearts... Forever!***

# *Eucharistic Liturgy*

## *Friday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time*

### - OPENING RITES -

#### OPENING HYMN

VERSES:



1. Sum-moned by the God who made us Rich in  
 2. Trust the good-ness of cre-a-tion; Trust the  
 3. Draw to-geth-er at one ta-ble All the

1. our di-ver-si-ty, Gath-ered in the name of  
 2. Spir-it strong with-in. Dare to dream the vi-sion  
 3. hu-man fam-i-ly; Shape a cir-cle ev-er

1. Je-sus, Rich-er still in u-ni-ty:  
 2. prom-ised Sprung from seed of what has been.  
 3. wid-er And a peo-ple ev-er free.

REFRAIN:



Let us— bring the gifts that dif-fer And, in—  
 splen-did, var-ied ways, Sing a new church in-to  
 be-ing one in faith and love and praise.

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### - LITURGY OF THE WORD -

READING: 2 Kings 25:1-12

#### PSALM & RESPONSE

*Response:* Let my tongue be silences, if I ever forget you!

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*Verse:* Christ took away our infirmities  
and bore our diseases.

GOSPEL: Matthew 8:1-4

- LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST -

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## AMEN



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## - COMMUNION RITE -

## COMMUNION

Refrain

One bread, one bod - y, one Lord of  
all, one cup of bless - ing which we  
bless. And we, though man - y,  
through-out the earth, we are one  
bod - y in this one Lord.

## - BLESSING &amp; DISMISSAL -

## CLOSING HYMN

1. The Spir-it sends us forth to serve; We go in Je - sus' name
2. We go to com-fort those who mourn And set the bur-dened free;
3. We go to be the hands of Christ, To scat-ter joy like seed
4. Then let us go to serve in peace, The gos-pel to pro-claim.

1. To bring glad ti-dings to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro-claim.
2. Where hope is dim, to share a dream And help the blind to see.
3. And, all our days, to cher-ish life, To do the lov-ing deed.
4. God's Spir - it has em-pow-er'd us; We go in Je - sus' name.

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# Evening Prayer

## Call to Prayer

*As the candle is being lit. . .*

LUX CHRISTI

Setting by George Van Grieken, FSC



Cantor: Je - sus Christ, our light and our peace;



All: Your ra - diance dis - pells all dark - ness.



Cantor: Praise God al - ways and for ev - ery - thing.



All: Thanks be to God now and ev - er - more.

## Reflection

“Jesus compares those who have care of souls to a good shepherd who is very careful of his sheep. One of the qualities which our Lord says distinguishes the good shepherd is that he knows them all individually. That is also one of the essential qualities required of those who instruct others, for they must get to know their pupils, and discern the manner in which to act towards them.

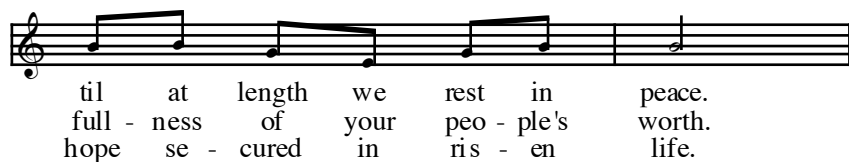
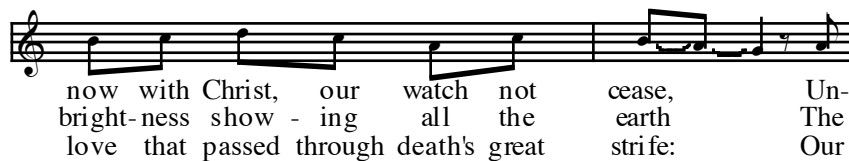
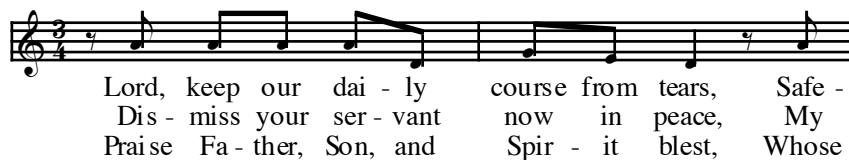
- De La Salle

“If compassion is to be a presence, it has to be made manifest by delicate signs: a letter, a phone call, an understanding look, a discreet gift which says: “I am with you; I carry it all with you.” Compassion is a hidden and discreet communication which offers hope. The distressed person is in danger of wallowing in despair and in the taste of death. The compassionate friend is there to help another continue on the road, to live this time of mourning or distress with a tiny flame of hope. . . Compassion is a word full of meaning. It means: sharing the same passion, sharing the same suffering, sharing the same agony; accepting into my heart the misery in yours. Your pain calls out to me; it touches my heart. It awakens something within me, and I become one with you in your pain. I may not be able to relieve your pain, but by understanding it and sharing it I make it possible for you to bear it in a way that enhances your dignity and helps you to grow.”

- Jean Vanier

**Silent Reflection** (5 minutes)

- ❖ How well do I really know those who are entrusted to my care?
- ❖ What would compassion look like in my specific work environment?
- ❖ Who is someone who has been compassionate to me?

**Evening Song****Closing Prayer***(Lucien Deiss)*

We ask you, Lord,  
to visit our community  
which your love has put together.  
Remove far from it every attack of the enemy.  
Let your holy angels dwell with us  
to keep us in peace.  
Let your blessings and your love  
come to rest on each one of us.  
Save us through your Son, Jesus Christ,  
who died and rose again for us  
so that, awake or asleep,  
we may always live in the joy of your presence. Amen.

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# Morning Prayer



1. This day God gives me Strength of high heav - en,  
 2. This day God sends me Strength as my guard - ian,  
 3. Ris - ing I thank you, Might - y and Strong One,

1. Sun and moon shin - ing, Flame in my hearth,  
 2. Might to up - hold me, Wis - dom as guide.  
 3. King of cre - a - tion, Giv - er of rest,

1. Flash - ing of light - ning, Wind in its swift - ness,  
 2. Your eyes are watch - ful, Your ears are lis - t'ning,  
 3. Firm - ly con - fess - ing Three - ness of Per - sons,

1. Deeps of the o - cean, Firm - ness of earth.  
 2. Your lips are speak - ing, Friend at my side.  
 3. One - ness of God - head, Trin - i - ty blest.

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## Call to Prayer

Let us remember . . . that we are in the Holy Presence of God.

[Serious Pause]

“We may consider God present in the church because our Lord Jesus Christ resides there constantly in the most Blessed Sacrament of the altar.”

- De La Salle

## Morning Psalm

(Psalm 24)

Antiphon: Blessed are the pure of heart,  
 for they shall see God.

[All repeat]

Left: The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,  
 the world and all its peoples.  
 It is he who set it on the seas;  
 on the waters he made it firm.

Right: Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?  
Who shall stand in his holy place:  
Those with clean hands and pure heart,  
who desire not worthless things.

Left: They shall receive blessings from the Lord,  
reward from the God who saves them.  
These are the ones who seek him,  
seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Right: Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?  
Who shall stand in his holy place:  
Those with clean hands and pure heart,  
who desire not worthless things.

ALL: Glory to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Both now and forever.  
The God who is, who was, and who will be,  
For ages unending. Amen.

### ***Today's Gospel***

*(Matthew 8:5-17)*

When Jesus entered Capernaum,  
a centurion approached him and appealed to him, saying,  
“Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, suffering dreadfully.”  
He said to him, “I will come and cure him.”  
The centurion said in reply,  
“Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof;  
only say the word and my servant will be healed.  
For I too am a man subject to authority,  
with soldiers subject to me.  
And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes;  
and to another, ‘Come here,’ and he comes;  
and to my slave, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”  
When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him,  
“Amen, I say to you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith.  
I say to you, many will come from the east and the west,  
and will recline with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob  
at the banquet in the Kingdom of heaven,  
but the children of the Kingdom  
will be driven out into the outer darkness,  
where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.”  
And Jesus said to the centurion,  
“You may go; as you have believed, let it be done for you.”  
And at that very hour his servant was healed.



Jesus entered the house of Peter,  
and saw his mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever.  
He touched her hand, the fever left her,  
and she rose and waited on him.

When it was evening, they brought him many  
who were possessed by demons,  
and he drove out the spirits by a word and cured all the sick,  
to fulfill what had been said by Isaiah the prophet:

He took away our infirmities and bore our diseases.

***Spoken Reflection:*** [Name to be determined]

The centurion told Jesus that a single word of his would suffice to cure his servant. He confirmed this by his own behavior with regard to the soldiers in his command to whom he needed to say only a word in order to be obeyed instantly. The conclusion to be drawn from this is that if some, out of purely human considerations, show themselves so submissive to another whom they look upon as their leader, with how much greater reason should those who have dedicated themselves to God's work and who should act only according to his spirit be obliged to fulfill on the spot whatever is enjoined on them by their superior? ... This simple view of faith leads obedient persons to transcend themselves and to see only God where often he is not apparent, and leave aside all the sentiments that human nature might suggest. Renew in yourself from time to time this view of faith regarding obedience. To convince yourself more fully, often adore God in those who command you. ... Even if the think commanded is difficult to carry out, the love with which one obeys makes it agreeable, and all is done with joy. ...

Is this how you obey? Do you not advance reasons to excuse yourself from doing what you have been commanded? If you do not do this openly and verbally, does not your mind nevertheless often take satisfaction dwelling on the alternatives it considers good and even better and more appropriate than what has been enjoined by the superior?

Pay attention to the fact that we must obey not by reason, but by grace, and through a simple view of faith. Whoever listens to reason acts only in a human manner, not as a disciple faithful to the voice of Jesus Christ, which should always guide us by the spirit of faith.

- De La Salle (Med 9 - edited)

## ***Reading***

Arlene Kiely worked at Children's Hospital in Washington, D.C. She was asked by a teacher to help a child with some schoolwork. She didn't realize until she got there that he was on the burn unit, in pain, and barely able to respond. She stumbled through the English lesson, ashamed at putting him through such a senseless exercise. The next morning a nurse asked her, "What did you do to that boy?" Before she could finish apologizing, the nurse interrupted her: "You don't understand. His whole attitude has changed. It is as though he's decided to live." Later the boy explained that he had completely given up hope until Arlene arrived. With joyful tears, he said, "They wouldn't send a teacher work on nouns and verbs with a dying boy, would they?"

*[Serious Pause]*

## ***Intercessions***

**Reader:** That all those in authority, both in the church and in our educational institutions, exercise that authority with a genuine spirit of faith and an open attitude of collegiality. We pray to the Lord,

**All:** **Lord, Hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For the grace to realize that sometimes we do not need to know why we are asked to do certain things and the ability to learn that, finally, the road straightens out behind us. We pray to the Lord,

**All:** **Lord, Hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For all those who look to us for guidance and direction; that we may lead them with a foundation in prayer, an appreciation for humility, and a view towards the example of Jesus. We pray to the Lord,

**All:** **Lord, Hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For whom and for what else shall we pray? [Response: Lord, hear our prayer.]

## ***Our Father***

## ***Closing Prayer***

*(Br. Nicholas Hutchinson, FSC)*

God our Father, lead us to find delight in our lives each day,  
in all the circumstances in which you place us,  
and with the people whom you entrust to us.  
Inspire us to seek first the kingdom, live joyfully in your presence,  
and grow in your image and likeness.  
Empower us with your Spirit that we may transform ordinary lives  
and be credible witnesses of your love. Amen.

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# Morning Prayer

*Feast of St. Thomas, the Apostle*



1. O - pen my eyes, Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ Help me to see your  
 2. O - pen my ears, Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ Help me to hear your  
 3. O - pen my heart, Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ Help me to love like  
 4. I live with - in you, \_\_\_\_\_ Deep in your heart, O



1. face. O - pen my eyes, Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ Help me to see. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. voice. O - pen my ears, Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ Help me to hear. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. you. O - pen my heart, Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ Help me to love. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Love. I live with - in you. \_\_\_\_\_ Rest now in me. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Call to Prayer

Let us remember . . . that we are in the Holy Presence of God.

*[Serious Pause]*

“What a joy it is for our souls to be constantly  
 occupied with the presence of God! This is an  
 anticipation of the happiness of heaven!  
 - De La Salle

## Morning Psalm

*(Psalm 16)*

Antiphon: I have given you

as a covenant for the people.

*[All repeat]*

Left: Preserve me, O God,  
 I take refuge in you.  
 I say to you Lord: “You are my God.  
 My happiness lies in you alone.”

Right: You have put into my heart a marvelous love  
 for the faithful ones who dwell in your land.  
 Those who choose other gods increase their sorrows.  
 Never will I take their name upon my lips.

Left: O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup,  
it is you yourself who are my prize.  
The lot marked out for me is my delight,  
welcome indeed the heritage that falls to me!

Right: I will bless you, Lord, you give me counsel,  
and even at night direct my heart.  
I keep you, Lord, ever in my sight;  
since you are at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

Left: And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay.

Right: You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever.  
My happiness lies in you alone.

ALL: Glory to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Both now and forever.  
The God who is, who was, and who will be,  
For ages unending. Amen.

### ***Today's Gospel***

*(John 20:24-29)*

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve,  
was not with them when Jesus came.  
So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord."  
But Thomas said to them,  
"Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands  
and put my finger into the nailmarks  
and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."  
Now a week later his disciples were again inside  
and Thomas was with them.  
Jesus came, although the doors were locked,  
and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you."  
Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands,  
and bring your hand and put it into my side,  
and do not be unbelieving, but believe."  
Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"  
Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me?  
Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

**Reflect:** *What is my greatest doubt about Jesus? How would that doubt be ended?*

People criticize very much the incredulity of Saint Thomas on this occasion, and they are right, because no doubt he should have put faith in what he was told by the other apostles who had seen Jesus Christ. Still, the majority of Christians are even more unbelieving than Saint Thomas, because they do not believe in Jesus Christ. ...It is by thinking of what Jesus Christ has suffered for us that we will reanimate our feeble and wavering faith, and dispose ourselves to suffer for God and to practice the maxims that are the most opposed to the feelings of nature. ...

It is in vain that you believe what Jesus Christ proposed to you in the holy Gospel if your actions do not give proof of your belief; in such a case your faith is in vain. Make it known by your actions that you guide yourselves as children of those who were instructed by the holy apostles in the truths of the faith. Are you ready, as they were, to die to prove the good quality of your faith? Or on the contrary, might you not be disposed to lose the grace of God and heaven in order to escape suffering? How do you show that you possess the spirit of Christianity? Be assured that to possess it your actions must not give the lie to the faith you profess, but rather be a lively expression of what is written in the Gospel.

- De La Salle (Med 84)

## **Reading**

Tammy Ramos, graduate of the High Potential Program at Saint Mary's College, returned to campus – in the mentor tradition – to speak of her experiences and to encourage new students entering the program. “I didn’t realize that the opportunity I had been given to be in this program would forever change my life. I grew up in extreme poverty. I was just another burden on the welfare system, the child of a single, drug-afflicted prostitute who had three other little babies. I looked around this beautiful campus and thought, “What the hell am I doing here? I don’t belong. It’s only a matter of time until they realize I’m not one of them. I don’t have a loving supportive family to go home to on holidays. I have foster parents who don’t want me, a stepdad in prison, and a dead mother. And, I’m not smart. I scored a 580 on the SATs. But guess what? I’m proud to say I graduated from Saint Mary’s in 1993 with a 3.41 GPA. I double majored in Business Administration and Spanish, and then went to Notre Dame Law School, passed the Michigan bar, and began practicing Law. What worked for me: focus, hard work, and faith. When I came here, my goal was to get out of the ghetto; to rise above crime, poverty, and the shame that went with it. I believed education would give me dignity and self respect, and it has. When focus and hard work would bring me down (and it took so much hard work), I would remind myself to have faith. For me, it was faith in my God. Faith that He had a plan greater than my understanding. Faith that He would give me strength and courage when I felt weak and scared. My mentor here for many years once said to me, “Make no little plans. Little plans have no magic. You are only limited by your own imagination. Reach for the stars.”

[*Serious Pause*]

## ***Intercessions***

**Reader:** When reading the newspaper and watching the news on television, and we are faced with all of the ways in which God's grace is ignored, trivialized, exploited, and debased, help us to pray,

**All:** **Lord, I believe; help my unbelief.**

**Reader:** When our best efforts for others are misunderstood or unappreciated, and the difficulties that face us each day seem to be more challenging than we can handle, help us to pray,

**All:** **Lord, I believe; help my unbelief.**

**Reader:** When our pleasures fall short of bringing joy, our friends fall short of being perfect, and our prayers fall short of being answered, help us to pray,

**All:** **Lord, I believe; help my unbelief.**

**Reader:** For whom and for what else shall we pray? [Response: Lord, hear our prayer.]

## ***Our Father***

## ***Closing Prayer***

(*St. Augustine of Hippo*)

God of our life,  
there are days when the burdens we carry  
chafe our shoulders and weigh us down;  
when the road seems dreary and endless,  
the skies grey and threatening;  
when our lives have no music in them,  
and our hearts are lonely,  
and our souls have lost their courage.

Flood the path with light,  
turn our eyes to where the skies are full of promise;  
tune our hearts to brave music;  
give us the sense of comradeship  
with heroes and saints of every age;  
and so quicken our spirits  
that we may be able to encourage  
the souls of all who journey with us on the road of life,  
to your honor and glory. Amen.


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# *Eucharistic Liturgy*


## *Feast of St. Thomas, the Apostle*

### - OPENING RITES -


#### OPENING HYMN




1. Here in this place— new light is stream-ing, now is the  
 2. We are the young— our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the  
 3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will  
 4. Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some



1. dark - ness van-ished a - way, See in this space our  
 2. old— who yearn for your face, We have been sung through-  
 3. take the bread of new birth, Here you shall call your  
 4. heav - en, light years a - way, but here in this place the




1. fears and our dream-ings, brought here to you in the light of this  
 2. out all of his - t'ry, called to be light to the whole hu-man  
 3. sons and your daugh-ters, call us a - new to be salt for the  
 4. new light is shin - ing, now is the King - dom, now is the



1. day. — Gath-er us in—the lost and for - sa - ken, Gath-er us  
 2. race. — Gath-er us in—the rich and the haugh-ty, Gath-er us  
 3. earth. — Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, Give us to  
 4. day. — Gath-er us in and hold us for ev - er, Gath-er us



1. in— the blind and the lame; Call to us now, and we shall a -  
 2. in— the proud and the strong; Give us a heart so meek and so  
 3. eat the bread that is you; Nour-ish us well, and teach us to  
 4. in and make us your own; Gath-er us in— all peo-ples to -



1. wa-ken, we shall a-rise at the sound of our name. —  
 2. low - ly, give us the cour-age to en - ter the song. —  
 3. fash-ion lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true. —  
 4. geth-er, fire — of love in our flesh and our bone. —

## - LITURGY OF THE WORD -

**READING:** Ephesians 2:19-22

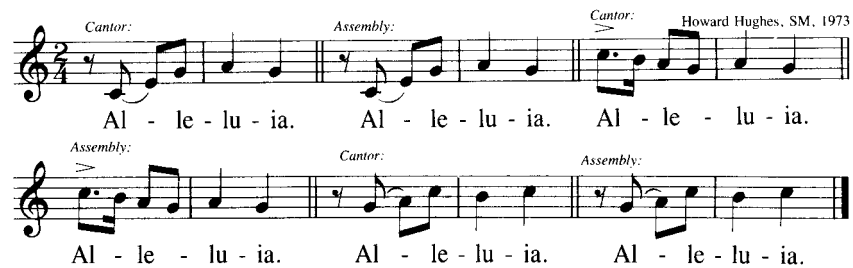
**PSALM & RESPONSE**



1. Praise the LORD, all you nations;  
glorify him, all you peoples!

2. For steadfast is his kindness toward us,  
and the fidelity of the LORD endures forever.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

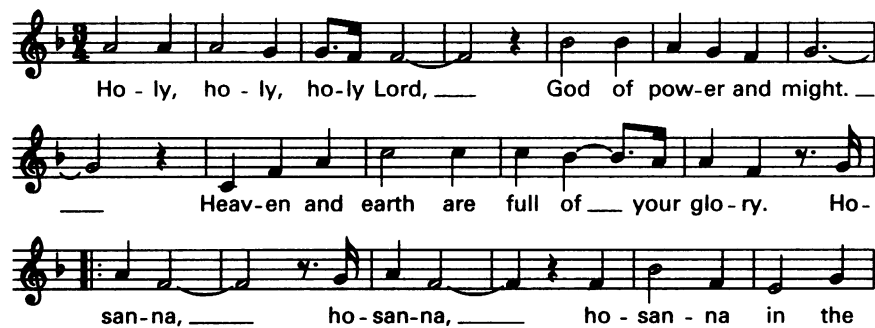


*Verse:* You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me,  
says the Lord; blessed are those who have not seen, but still believe!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 7:1-5

## - LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST -

**PREFACE ACCLAMATION**



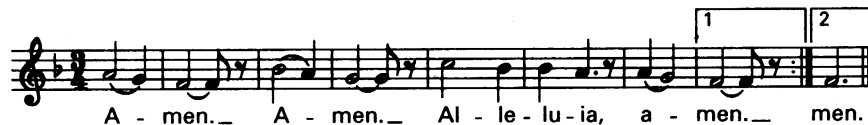




## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



## AMEN

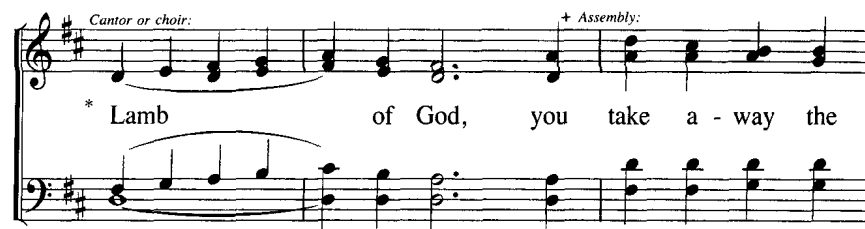


## - COMMUNION RITE -

## OUR FATHER

## FRACTION LITANY

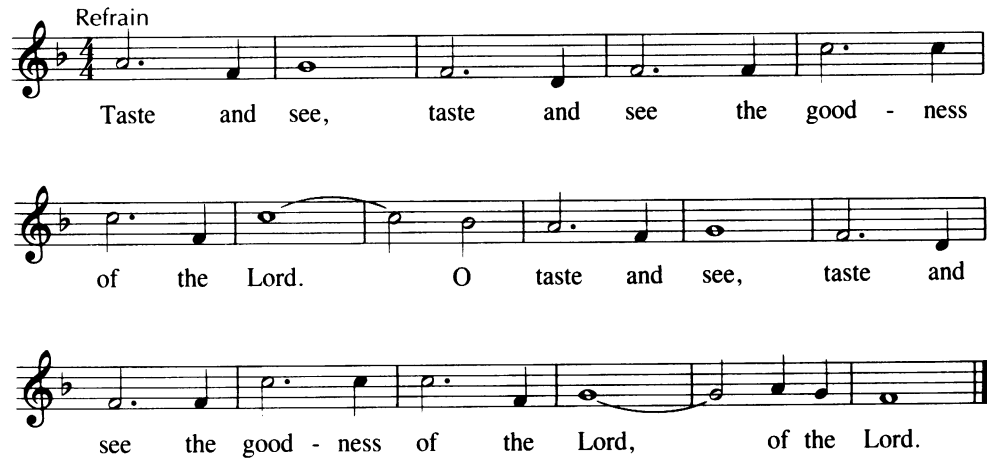
## AGNUS DEI



\*Alternates: 1. Emmanuel, 2. Prince of peace, 3. Son of God, 4. Word made flesh, 5. Paschal Lamb, 6. Bread of Life, 7. Lord Jesus Christ, 8. Lord of Love, 9. Christ the Lord, 10. King of kings.

## COMMUNION

Refrain



Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness  
of the Lord. O taste and see, taste and  
see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

## - BLESSING &amp; DISMISSAL -

## CLOSING HYMN



We walk by faith, and not by sight: No  
We may not touch his hands and side, Nor  
Help us, O Lord, in all we do, And  
That through our words and act - ions clear, Your  
We walk by faith, and not by sight: No  
gra - cious words we hear Of him who spoke as  
fol - low where he trod; Yet in his prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound; To call on you when  
pre - sence we may find. Our heart and soul we  
gra - cious words we hear Of him who spoke as  
none e'er spoke, But we be - lieve him near.  
we re - joice, And cry "My Lord and God!"  
you are near, And seek where you are found.  
here de - clare, to your great work we bind.  
none e'er spoke, But we be - lieve him near.

# Evening Prayer

## Call to Prayer

*As the candle is being lit. . .*

LUX CHRISTI

Setting by George Van Grieken, FSC



Cantor: Je - sus Christ, our light and our peace;



All: Your ra - diance dis - pells all dark - ness.



Cantor: Praise God al-ways and for ev - ery - thing.



All: Thanks be to God now and ev - er - more.

## Reflection

“Do you have these sentiments of charity and tenderness toward the poor children whom you have to educate? Do you take advantage of their affection for you to lead them to God? ... You are obliged in your work to teach the truths of faith to your disciples and to instruct them in their religion. In order to fulfill well this duty, you should consecrate yourself entirely and even, if necessary, give your life. Is this how you act? Do you have this generous disposition?

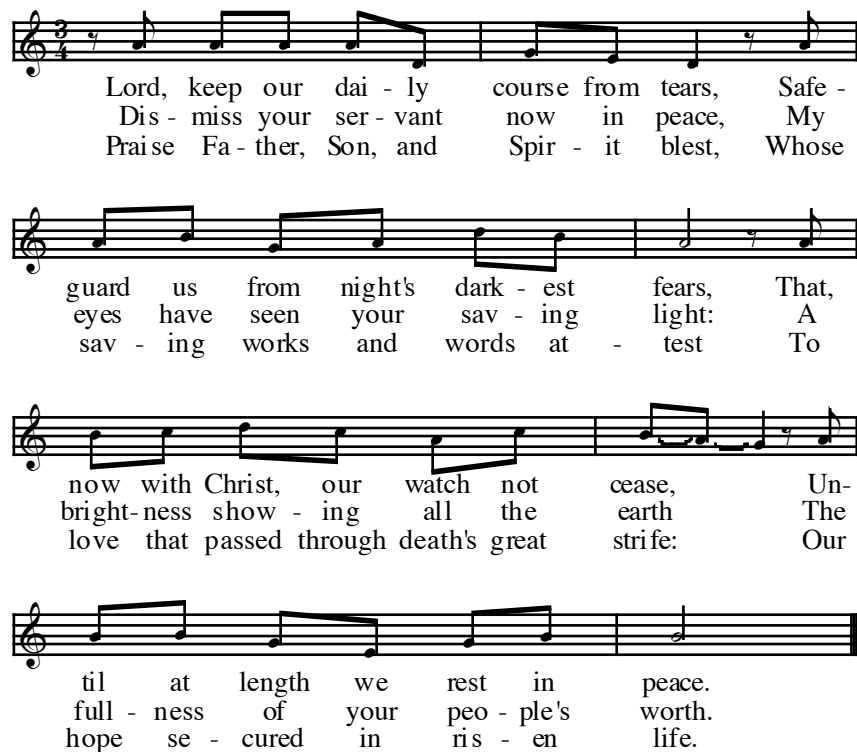
- De La Salle

“What the New Testament claims is that Jesus cannot be properly understood unless, in saying his name, you say ‘God’, and that neither can God be known, nor properly known, unless in saying his name you say ‘Jesus’ – and that neither can be known unless you use the word ‘Love’. In Jesus Christ, in a way we cannot comprehend, but which our hearts tells us is true, there is a uniting of divine action and human response. In him we see what God is like; in him we see what each person is meant to be. But Jesus Christ does not only change our idea of what God is and what we might become: he also changes our idea of what love is. For ‘the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord’ is not a love which is soft and yielding and emotional. This love is diamond-hard and costly: it is a giving of yourself to others; it is a refusal to hate, whatever the cost; it is a refusal to be moved from what you know in your heart to be good and true and right. Love is quite often a kind of dying. It demands obedience and loyalty, and it may well encompass anguish, pain, and even death. And so the heart of this disclosure of God as Love is the event to which the whole of the earthly life of Jesus inexorably moves: the Cross.”

- Michael Mayne, Dean of Westminster

**Silent Reflection** (5 minutes)

- ❖ What are my sentiments towards those with whom I work everyday?
- ❖ Where do I find love “diamond-hard and costly” in my life?
- ❖ Do I take advantage of others’ affection for me to lead them to God?

**Evening Song**


Lord, keep our dai - ly course from tears, Safe -  
 Dis - miss your ser - vant now in peace, My  
 Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest, Whose

guard us from night's dark - est fears, That,  
 eyes have seen your sav - ing light: A  
 sav - ing works and words at - test To

now with Christ, our watch not cease, Un-  
 bright-ness show - ing all the earth The  
 love that passed through death's great strife: Our

til at length we rest in peace.  
 full - ness of your peo - ple's worth.  
 hope se - cured in ris - en life.

**Closing Prayer***(John Henry Newman)*

O Lord,  
 support us all the day long,  
 until the shadows lengthen,  
 and the evening comes,  
 and the busy world is hushed,  
 and the fever of life is over,  
 and our work is done.  
 Then in you mercy,  
 grant us safe lodging,  
 and a holy rest,  
 and peace at the last;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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# Morning Prayer

Paul Benoit, OSB



1. Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail    There God is ev - er found;
2. With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear    His char - i - ty we learn;
3. For - give we now each oth - er's faults    As we our faults con - fess;
4. Let strife a - mong us be un - known,    Let all con - ten - tion cease;
5. Let us re - call that in our midst    Dwells God's be - got - ten Son;
6. No race nor creed can love ex - clude    If hon - ored be God's name;



1. Brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love    By love are we thus bound.
2. Let us with heart and mind and soul    Now love him in re - turn.
3. And let us love each oth - er well    In Christian ho - li - ness.
4. Be his the glo - ry that we seek,    Be ours his ho - ly peace.
5. As mem - bers of his bod - y joined    We are in him made one.
6. Our com - mon life em - brac - es    all Whose Fa - ther is the same.

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## Call to Prayer

Let us remember . . . that we are in the Holy Presence of God.

[*Serious Pause*]

“Applying ourselves to the presence of God by simple attention consists in being before God with a simple interior view of faith that God is present.  
- *De La Salle*

## Morning Psalm

(*Psalm 57*)

Antiphon: In the early hours of the morning  
my heart will sing your praise.

[*All repeat*]

Left: Have mercy on me, God, have mercy  
for in you my soul has taken refuge.  
In the shadow of your wings I take refuge  
till the storms of destruction pass by.

Right: I call to you God the Most High,  
to you who have always been my help.  
May you send from heaven and save me  
and shame those who assail me.

Left: My soul lies down among lions,  
who would devour us, one and all.  
Their teeth are spears and arrows,  
their tongue a sharpened sword.

Right: They laid a snare for my steps  
my soul was bowed down.  
They dug a pit in my path  
but fell in it themselves.

Left: My heart is ready, O God,  
my heart is ready.  
I will sing, I will sing your praise.  
Awake, my soul;  
awake, lyre and harp,  
I will awake the dawn.

Right: I will thank you, Lord, among the peoples,  
among the nations I will praise you  
for your love reaches to the heavens  
and your truth to the skies.  
O God, arise above the heavens;  
may your glory shine on earth!

ALL: Glory to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Both now and forever.  
The God who is, who was, and who will be,  
For ages unending. Amen.

### ***Today's Gospel***

*(Matthew 8:23-27)*

He got into a boat and his disciples followed him. Suddenly a violent storm came up on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by waves; but he was asleep. They came and woke him, saying, "Lord save us! We are perishing!" He said to them, "Why are you terrified, O you of little faith?" Then he got up, rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was great calm. The men were amazed and said, "What sort of man is this, whom even the winds and the sea obey?"

***Spoken Reflection:*** Tina Bonacci

I do not like to make the first move in any endeavor. ... I leave it to Divine Providence to make the first move and then I am satisfied.

Don't let slip the opportunities that come your way, but don't be overeager.

When a person abandons himself to the Providence of God it is like a man who puts himself out to the high sea without either sails or oars.

After we have abandoned ourselves to God like this, it usually happens that God makes us experience very extraordinary effects of his goodness and protection... Be assured, then, that once you have placed yourself in God's hands, willing to suffer whatever and as much as he may desire, though he still leaves you in sorrow, he will help you by his grace to endure this trial, perhaps in a way that is not obvious, or else he will deliver you from it by surprising means and at a time when you least expect it.

- De La Salle

## ***Reading***

(Rita Malone)

I was teaching a class when a generally depressed student kept her head down on her desk. Having approached her and getting no response, I asked her to step outside. As she reached the hall, she burst out sobbing. When she left home that morning...her father had her mother with a knife to her throat and warned the student that by the time she returned home from school, her mother and younger brother would be dead. On another occasion, I was teaching a student who was responding with great hostility...after some follow-up, I discovered that this student had just returned to school. Six months before, she had an argument with her mother who pulled a gun and shot her in the head, leaving her in a coma. Finally, we had a young student killed on his way home from school for the gold caps on his teeth. These are not stories from some horrendous and exaggerated work of fiction...These are the lives of our own students and their families—members of the Lasallian family. Most of us don't want to get into the muddiness of this. It is easier to teach content, mark papers and hand in grades. But our students are crying out to us. Can we claim to believe in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the mission of John Baptist de La Salle and close our ears to them. Is it possible that opening our hearts to these cries may have profound consequences on us, as similar cries did deep within the heart of Father De La Salle? Could it be that in these cries, we too will hear the voice of God, challenging us to begin the work of living out the Gospel, not alone but together?

[*Serious Pause*]

***Our Father******Closing Prayer***

Creator God,  
we share in the light of your glory through your Son,  
Jesus our teacher.  
May we be afire with new hope.  
Help us be a guiding light to our students.  
Fill us with a passion for our ministry  
of bringing your good news to those whom we teach,  
especially to those who are poor.  
Help us to recognize the needs of our time and to respond courageously.  
Open our minds and hearts to do your will  
so that one day we may come to the feast of eternal light.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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# Morning Prayer



1. Lord of all hope-ful-ness, Lord of all joy, Whose  
 2. Lord of all ea-ger-ness, Lord of all faith, Whose  
 3. Lord of all kind-li-ness, Lord of all grace, Your  
 4. Lord of all gen-tle-ness, Lord of all calm, Whose



1. trust, ev-er child-like, no cares can de-stroy, Be  
 2. strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe, Be  
 3. hands swift to wel-come, your arms to em-brace, Be  
 4. voice is con-tent-ment, whose pres-ence is balm, Be



1. there at our wak-ing, and give us, we pray, Your  
 2. there at our la-bors, and give us, we pray, Your  
 3. there at our hom-ing, and give us, we pray, Your  
 4. there at our sleep-ing, and give us, we pray, Your



1. bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
 2. strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
 3. love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
 4. peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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Music: SLANE; Trad. Irish Melody.

## Call to Prayer

Let us remember . . . that we are in the Holy Presence of God.

[*Serious Pause*]

“Through simple attention the soul gradually comes to a clearer knowledge of God’s own being and of the divine perfections and achieves a more intimate union with God.

- *De La Salle*

## Morning Psalm

(Psalm 146)

Antiphon: You set us free, O God,  
 from the chains that bind us.

[*All repeat*]

Left: My soul, give praise to the Lord;  
I will praise the Lord all my days,  
make music to my God while I live.  
My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Right: Put no trust in the powerful,  
mere mortals in whom there is no help.  
Take their breath, they return to clay  
and their plans that day come to nothing.

Left: They are happy who are helped by Jacob's God,  
whose hope is in the Lord their God,  
who alone made heaven and earth,  
the seas and all they contain.

Right: It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is God who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who set prisoners free,

Left: the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger  
and upholds the widow and orphan.

Right: It is the Lord who loves the just  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age.

ALL: Glory to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Both now and forever.  
The God who is, who was, and who will be,  
For ages unending. Amen.

### ***Today's Gospel***

*(Matthew 8:28-34)*

When Jesus came to the territory of the Gadarenes,  
two demoniacs who were coming from the tombs met him.  
They were so savage that no one could travel by that road.  
They cried out, "What have you to do with us, Son of God?  
Have you come here to torment us before the appointed time?"  
Some distance away a herd of many swine was feeding.  
The demons pleaded with him,  
"If you drive us out, send us into the herd of swine."  
And he said to them, "Go then!"

They came out and entered the swine,  
and the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea  
where they drowned.  
The swineherds ran away,  
and when they came to the town they reported everything,  
including what had happened to the demoniacs.  
Thereupon the whole town came out to meet Jesus,  
and when they saw him they begged him to leave their district.

**Reflect:** *What does Jesus have to do with our personal demons? Do we beg him to leave?*

All your care for the children entrusted to you would be useless if Jesus Christ himself did not give the quality, the power, and the efficacy that is needed to make your care useful. As the branch of the vine cannot bear fruit of itself (our Lord says), unless it remains attached to the stem, so neither can you bear fruit, if you do not remain in me. This will be the glory of my Father, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

What Jesus Christ says to his holy apostles he also says to you, that you may understand that all the good you are able to do in your work for those entrusted to you will be true and effective only insofar as Jesus Christ gives it his blessing and as you remain united with him. It is the same for you as it is for the branch of the vine, which can bear fruit only if it remains attached to the stem and draws its sap and strength from the vine. This is also the source of all the goodness of the fruit.

Jesus Christ wants you to understand from this comparison that the more your work for the good of your disciples is given life by him and draws its power from him, the more it will produce good in them. This is why you must ask him earnestly that all your instructions be given life by his Spirit and draw all their power from him. Just as he is the one who enlightens everyone coming into the world, he also is the one who enlightens the minds of your students and leads them to love and to practice the good that you teach them.

- De La Salle (Med 195.3)

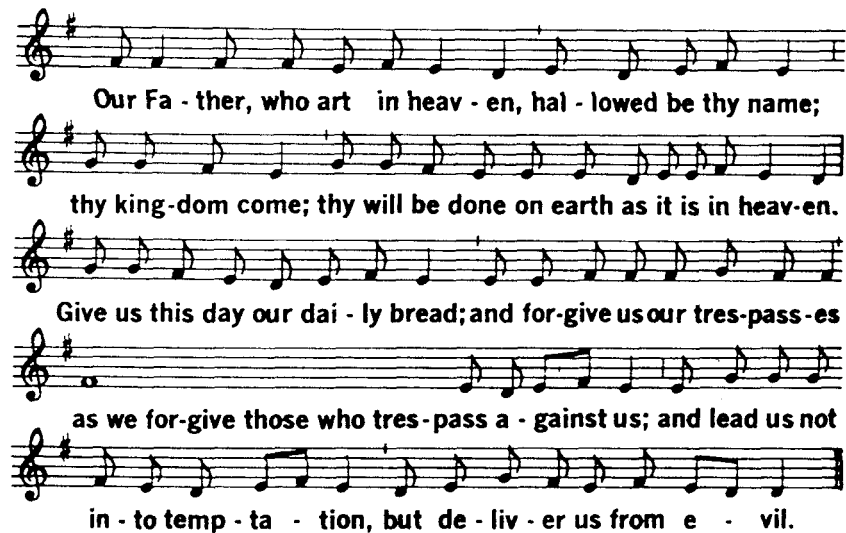
## **Reading**

Sometimes proclaiming God's love takes great courage as in this story of a young missionary in a remote area of South America: Sarah Carson was doing mission work in a small village. One Saturday, soldiers stormed the area and marched almost all the village to a camp. Sarah found herself following along. She approached the commander and began talking to him about the Sermon on the Mount. Her courage took him by surprise. (It probably took Sarah by surprise, too.) In the morning, the commander walked into the mission church. He was under orders to take the village women. It was a custom of the mission church to greet visitors as they came into the sanctuary. Trembling, one of the few men that had not been incarcerated approached the commander, embraced him and said, "Brother, this is the house of God and God loves you, so you are welcome here." The others in the church followed suit. The commander was so affected by this outpouring of God's love that he in turn risked his own life by disobeying orders to take

the women. He also released the men. The commander explained to Sarah, "I could have fought any amount of guns you might have had; but there is something here I cannot understand. I cannot fight it."

[*Serious Pause*]

**Reflection Video:** [Salt Lake City Video]



### ***Closing Prayer***

(1 Corinthians 13)

If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love,  
I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing.  
If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are,  
and knowing everything,  
and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains,  
but without love, then I am nothing at all.

Lord, as we believe, so let us live.  
We pray that all who look upon us  
will be able to say in all sincerity:  
"See how they love one another."

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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# *Eucharistic Liturgy*

## *Wednesday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time*

- OPENING RITES -

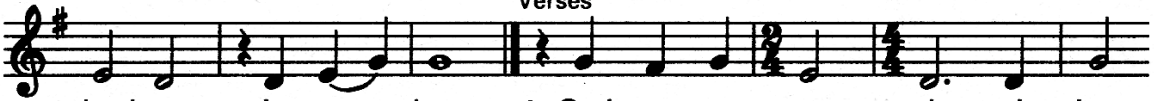
### OPENING HYMN

Refrain



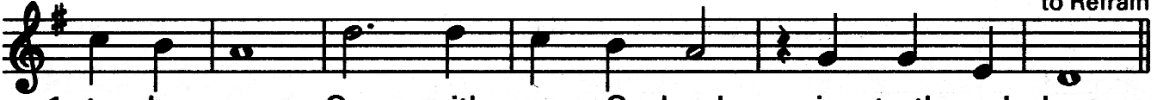
Lord, Je-sus Christ, gath-er us to-geth-er. Make us one bread, one

Verses



bod-y in your love. 1. Gath-er your peo - ple, who long  
2. We do pro - claim you the Sav-  
3. For-give our fail - ings, cre - ate

to Refrain



1. to be one, One with you, O Lord, in truth and love.  
2. ior of all, Lord of all the earth and sea and sky.  
3. us - a - new. Speak your words of peace in - to our hearts.

- LITURGY OF THE WORD -

READING: Amos 5:14-15, 21-24

### PSALM & RESPONSE

*Response:* To the upright I will show the saving power of God.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor, then all:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Chant Mode VI

*Verse:* The Father willed to give us birth by the word of truth  
that we may be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

GOSPEL: Matthew 8:1-4

- LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST -

PREFACE ACCLAMATION



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. — Ho - san - na in the  
high-est. — Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. — Ho-  
san-na in the high-est, — ho-san-na in the high - est. —

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.

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AMEN



A - men, a - men, a - men! A - men, a - men, a - men!

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## - COMMUNION RITE -

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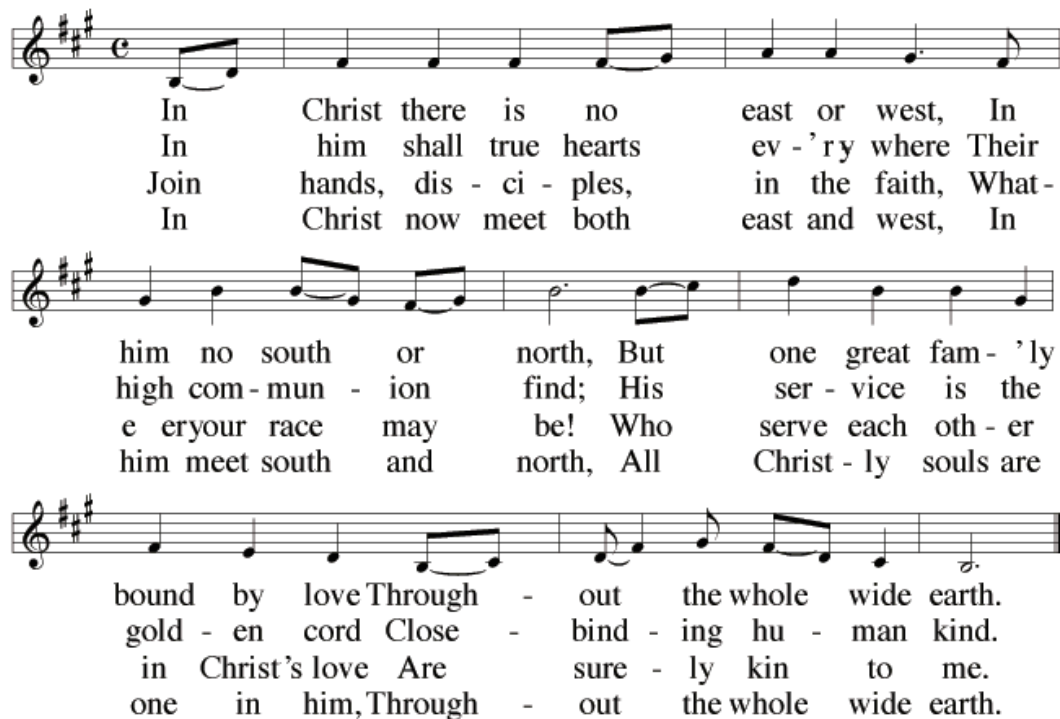


Now in this ban-quet, Christ is our bread;  
Here shall all hun-gers be fed.  
Bread that is bro-ken, wine that is poured,  
Love is the sign of our Lord.

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## - BLESSING &amp; DISMISSAL -

## CLOSING HYMN



In Christ there is no east or west, In  
In him shall true hearts ev-'ry where Their  
Join hands, dis-ci-ples, in the faith, What-  
In Christ now meet both east and west, In  
him no south or north, But one great fam-'ly  
high com-mun-ion find; His ser-vice is the  
e eryour race may be! Who serve each oth-er  
him meet south and north, All Christ-ly souls are  
bound by love Through-out the whole wide earth.  
gold-en cord Close-bind-ing hu-man kind.  
in Christ's love Are sure-ly kin to me.  
one in him, Through-out the whole wide earth.

# Evening Prayer

## Call to Prayer

*As the candle is being lit. . . .*

LUX CHRISTI

Setting by George Van Grieken, FSC



Cantor: Je - sus Christ, our light and our peace;



All: Your ra - diance dis - pells all dark - ness.



Cantor: Praise God al - ways and for ev - ery - thing.



All: Thanks be to God now and ev - er - more.

## Reflection

“You should cultivate a special tenderness for your disciples and procure their spiritual welfare as far as you will be able, considering them as members of Jesus Christ and his well-beloved. Faith, which should animate you, should make you honor Jesus Christ in their persons... By the care you have for them, show how truly dear they are to you.”

- De La Salle

“As a young man, full of questions about faith, I traveled to the United States where, I had heard, there were outstanding rabbis. I met many, but I also had the privilege of meeting one of the greatest Jewish leader of my generation.... Heir to the dynastic leadership of a relatively small group of Jewish mystics, he had escaped from Europe to New York during the Second World War and had turned the tattered remnants of his flock into a worldwide movement. Wherever I traveled, I heard tales of his extraordinary leadership, many verging on the miraculous. He was, I was told, one of the outstanding charismatic leaders of our time. I resolved to meet him if I could.

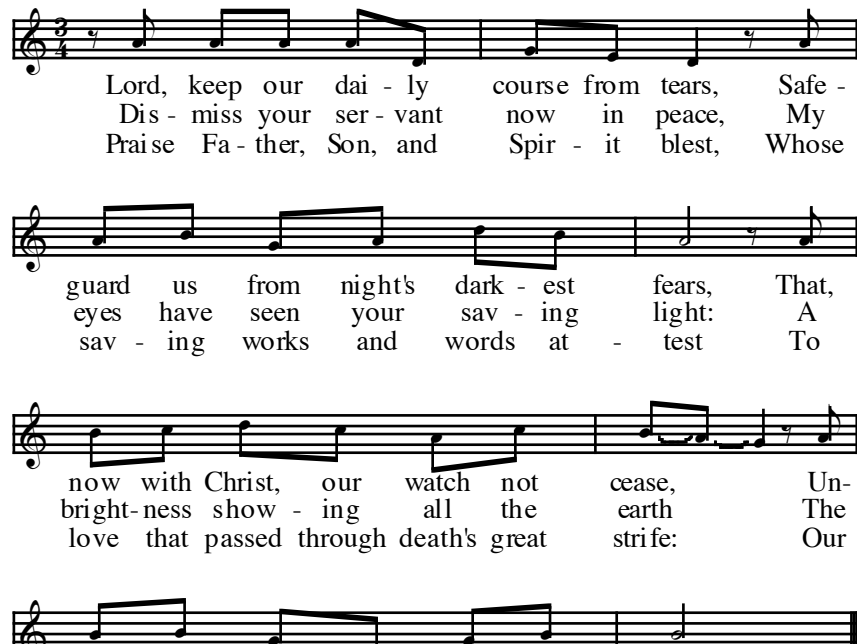
I did, and was utterly surprised. He was certainly not charismatic in any conventional sense. Quiet, self-effacing, understated, one might hardly have noticed him had it not been for the reverence in which he was held by his disciples. That meeting, though, changed my life. He was a world-famous figure. I was an anonymous student from 3,000 miles away. Yet in his presence I seemed to be the most important person in the world. He asked me about myself; he listened carefully; he challenged me to become a leader, something I had never contemplated before. Quickly it became clear to me that he believed in me more than I believed in myself. As I left the room, it occurred to me that it had been full of my presence and his absence. Perhaps that is what listening is, considered as a religious act. I knew then that greatness is measured by what we efface ourselves towards. There was no grandeur in his manner; neither was there any false modesty. He was serene, dignified, majestic; a man of transcending humility who gathered you into his embrace and taught you to look up.”

- Jonathan Sacks



**Silent Reflection** (5 minutes)

- ❖ How truly dear are those who are entrusted to my care?
- ❖ What was it about that rabbi that stood out, and how did he get that way?
- ❖ Where in my own experience have I been most effective as a teacher? How?

**Evening Song**


Lord, keep our dai - ly course from tears, Safe -  
 Dis - miss your ser - vant now in peace, My  
 Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest, Whose

guard us from night's dark - est fears, That,  
 eyes have seen your sav - ing light: A  
 sav - ing works and words at - test To

now with Christ, our watch not cease, Un-  
 bright-ness show - ing all the earth The  
 love that passed through death's great strife: Our

til at length we rest in peace.  
 full - ness of your peo - ple's worth.  
 hope se - cured in ris - en life.

**Closing Prayer***(Lucien Deiss)*

We ask you, Lord,  
 to visit our community  
 which your love has put together.  
 Remove far from it every attack of the enemy.  
 Let your holy angels dwell with us  
 to keep us in peace.  
 Let your blessings and your love  
 come to rest on each one of us.  
 Save us through your Son, Jesus Christ,  
 who died and rose again for us  
 so that, awake or asleep,  
 we may always live in the joy of your presence. Amen.

Saint John Baptist de La Salle – Pray for us! Live Jesus in our hearts – Forever!

# Morning Prayer



1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry,  
 2. Al - ways giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing,  
 3. Mor - tals, join the might - y cho - rus Which the morn - ing

1. Lord of love; Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore you,  
 2. ev - er blest, Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing,  
 3. stars be - gan; Love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us,

1. O - p'ning to the sun a - bove. Melt the clouds of  
 2. O - cean depth of hap - py rest! Lov - ing Fa - ther,  
 3. Bind - ing all with - in its span. Ev - er sing - ing,

1. sin and sad - ness; Drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
 2. Christ our broth - er, Let your light up - on us shine;  
 3. march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife;

1. Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day!  
 2. Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.  
 3. Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward, In the tri - umph song of life.

Text: 87 87 D; Henry van Dyke, 1852–1933, alt.

Music: HYMN TO JOY; Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827; adapt. by Edward Hodges, 1796–1867.

## Call to Prayer

Let us remember . . . that we are in the Holy Presence of God.

[*Serious Pause*]

“We can consider God present in three different ways: first, in the place where we are; second, within us; third, in the church.

- *De La Salle*

## Morning Psalm

(Psalm 34)

Antiphon: Taste and see the Lord's goodness,  
 God's mercy is everlasting.

[*All repeat*]

Left: I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise is always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad.

Right: Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free.

Left: Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
When the poor cry out the Lord hears them  
and rescues them from all their distress.

Right: The angel of the Lord is encamped  
around those who revere him, to rescue them.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
They are happy who seek refuge in him.

Left: Then keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from speaking deceit.  
Turn aside from evil and do good;  
seek and strive after peace.

Right: The Lord turns his eyes to the just  
and his ears to their appeal.  
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.

ALL: Glory to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Both now and forever.  
The God who is, who was, and who will be,  
For ages unending. Amen.

### ***Today's Gospel***

*(Matthew 9:1-8)*

After entering a boat, Jesus made the crossing, and came into his own town.  
And there people brought to him a paralytic lying on a stretcher.  
When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic,  
“Courage, child, your sins are forgiven.”  
At that, some of the scribes said to themselves,  
“This man is blaspheming.”  
Jesus knew what they were thinking, and said,  
“Why do you harbor evil thoughts?”

Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,'  
or to say, 'Rise and walk'?  
But that you may know that the Son of Man  
has authority on earth to forgive sins"—  
he then said to the paralytic,  
"Rise, pick up your stretcher, and go home."  
He rose and went home.  
When the crowds saw this they were struck with awe  
and glorified God who had given such authority to men.

***Spoken Reflection:*** [Name to be determined]

It sometimes happens that God's servants find themselves in a kind of inability to do good either because of temptations which they can barely resist, because of interior trials, or because of the strength of their passions. This is illustrated for us by the paralytic spoken of in today's Gospel. ... Sometimes this type of trial lasts even for a long time. God leaves souls in this situation to make them experience the fact that they can do nothing without him, cannot take the steps needed to approach him unless they are helped by his grace, and on the contrary, they can do everything when he strengthens them. They must, then, patiently wait until Jesus passes by, bringing a remedy for their ills. Since he has won for us the grace of redemption, he knows how to strengthen our soul and give back the movement it has lost. We must make sure only that we are faithful to be carried to Jesus Christ when he passes by, as did this paralytic lying on his stretcher... After he has helped us and stirred up our confidence, he himself will say, as he did to the paralytic, Stand up, that is, rise up to God. ... As soon as Jesus says to us, Go home, we will find it so easy to go to God and to converse with him that nothing will be more pleasing to us; this will be the result of our patience which God delights to reward in his servants.

To bring about a cure of our spiritual paralysis, it is not enough for Jesus to tell us to rise; we, too, must will this, except when this paralysis is entirely a trial from God, without any culpability on our part. In that case he has only to command, and he will be obeyed. But if anything in us has brought on this infirmity or has contributed to it, then we also must play a part in our cure.

- De La Salle (Med 71 – edited)

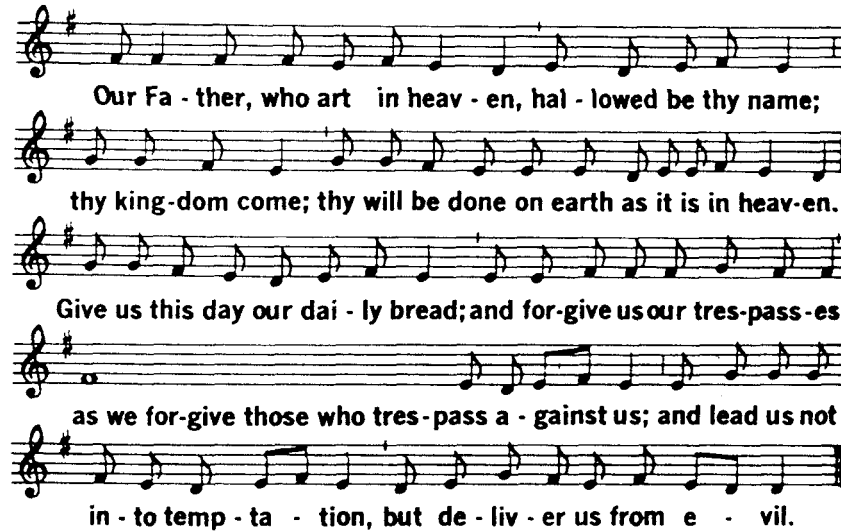
## ***Reading***

(Br. William Mann, FSC)

A few years ago, I volunteered to work at a soup kitchen in Rhode Island. As my first experience of working with the street poor, it was both difficult and challenging. Most of the time I was afraid; and my fear kept me washing dishes and away from the people. I was attempting to make my contribution and avoid contact at the same time. ...

Occasionally, I ventured into the lounge to socialize after a meal. On one particularly hot day, a six-year-old child walked over to me, climbed into my lap, and using a shredded and badly soiled napkin, wiped the perspiration from my forehead. He kissed my cheek, hugged me and moved my heart. So paralyzed by my own fears that I found it difficult to offer hospitality, this poor child reached out and offered me love.

*[Serious Pause]*



### ***Closing Prayer***

*(Dietrich Bonhoeffer)*

O heavenly Father,  
I praise and thank you for the peace of the night;  
I praise and thank you for this new day;  
I praise and thank you for all your goodness  
and faithfulness throughout my life.  
You have granted me many blessings.  
Now let me also accept what is hard from your hand.  
You will lay on me no more than I can bear.  
You make all things work together  
for the good of your children.

We pray this through Christ. our Lord. Amen.

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## Reflection

My career as a journalist has afforded me opportunities to interview diverse people. Looking back, I can roughly divide them into two types: stars and servants. The stars include NFL football greats, movie actors, music performers, famous authors, TV personalities, and the like. These are the people who dominate our magazines and our television programs. We fawn over them, poring over the minutiae of their lives: the clothes they wear, the food they eat, the aerobic routines they follow, the people they love, the toothpaste they use.

Yet I must tell you that, in my limited experience, these our “idols” are as miserable a group of people as I have ever met. Most have troubled or broken marriages. Nearly all are hopelessly dependent on psychotherapy. In a heavy irony, these larger-than-life heroes seem tormented by incurable self-doubt.

I have also spent time with servants. People like Dr. Paul Brand, who worked for twenty years among outcasts – the poorest of the poor, leprosy patients in rural India. Or the health workers who left high-paying jobs to serve with Mendenhall Ministries in a backwater town of Mississippi. Or relief workers in Somalia, Sudan, Ethiopia, Bangladesh, or other such repositories of world-class suffering. . . .

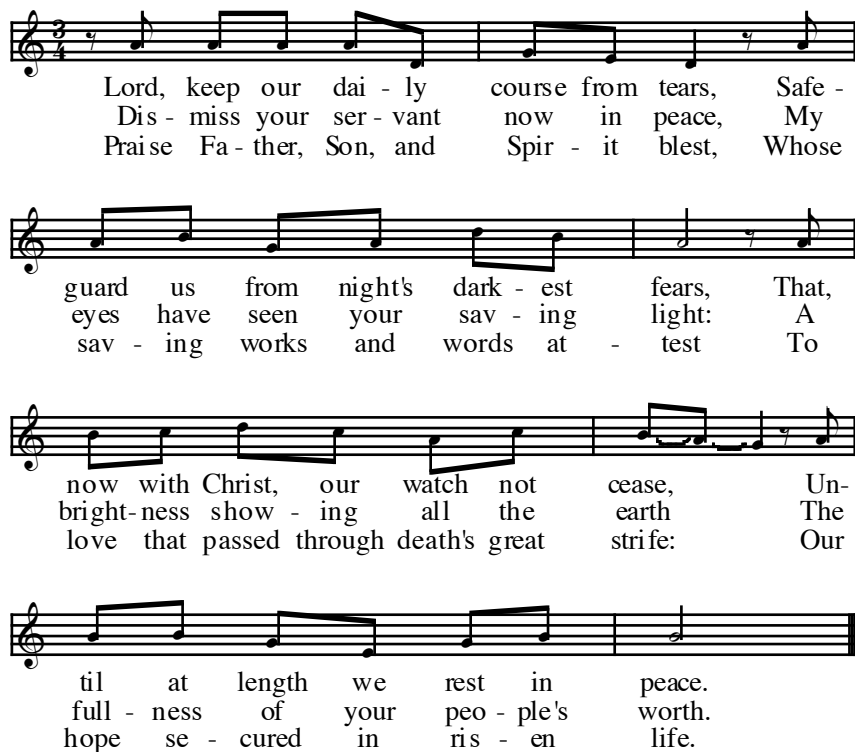
I was prepared to honor and admire these servants, to hold them up as inspiring examples. I was not, however, prepared to envy them. But as I now reflect on the two groups side by side, stars and servants, the servants clearly emerge as the favored ones, the graced ones. They work for low pay, long hours, and no applause, “wasting” their talents and skills among the poor and uneducated. But somehow in the process of losing their lives they have found them. They have received the “peace that is not of this world.”

... Maybe on problem underlying the scandals of Christian superstars is that we distort the kingdom of God by training our spotlight not on the servants, but on the stars. ... The Gospels repeat one saying of Jesus more than any other: “Whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” Truly, the way up is down.

*- Philip Yancey*

***Silent Reflection*** (5 minutes)

- ❖ Who are the people that I most admire - really?
- ❖ Where have I pushed myself to become a servant instead of a star?
- ❖ What was De La Salle, a servant or a star? Would you envy him?

***Evening Song***


Lord, keep our dai - ly course from tears, Safe -  
 Dis - miss your ser - vant now in peace, My  
 Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest, Whose

guard us from night's dark - est fears, That,  
 eyes have seen your sav - ing light: A  
 sav - ing works and words at - test To

now with Christ, our watch not cease, Un-  
 bright-ness show - ing all the earth The  
 love that passed through death's great strife: Our

til at length we rest in peace.  
 full - ness of your peo - ple's worth.  
 hope se - cured in ris - en life.

***Closing Prayer****(John Henry Newman)*

O Lord,  
 support us all the day long,  
 until the shadows lengthen,  
 and the evening comes,  
 and the busy world is hushed,  
 and the fever of life is over,  
 and our work is done.  
 Then in your mercy,  
 grant us safe lodging,  
 and a holy rest,  
 and peace at the last;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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# Morning Prayer



1. Sing of the Lord's good-ness, Fa - ther of all wis - dom,
2. Cour-age in our dark-ness, com-fort in our sor - row,
3. Praise him with your sing-ing, praise him with the trump-et,



1. come to him and bless his name. Mer - cy he has shown us,
2. Spir - it of our God most high; so - lace for the wear - y,
3. praise God with the lute and harp; praise him with the cym-bals,



1. his love is for - ev - er, faith - ful to the end of days.
2. par - don for the sin-ner, splen-dor of the liv - ing God.
3. praise him with your danc-ing, praise God till the end of days.



Come, then, all you na - tions, sing of your Lord's good-ness, mel-o - dies



of praise and thanks to God. Ring out the Lord's glo - ry, praise him with



your mu - sic, wor-ship him and bless his name.

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## Call to Prayer

Let us remember . . . that we are in the Holy Presence of God.

[*Serious Pause*]

"How happy I should consider myself, O my God, when I reflect that I am your temple, that you yourself assure me I have that honor and that I need not go far to adore you."

- De La Salle

## Morning Psalm

(Psalm 90)

Antiphon: You care for all the earth  
and hold creation in your hands.

[*All repeat*]



Left: Preserve me, God,  
I take refuge in you.  
I say to you Lord: "You are my God.  
My happiness lies in you alone."

Right: You have put into my heart a marvelous love  
for the faithful ones who dwell in your land.  
Those who choose other gods increase their sorrows.  
Never will I take their name upon my lips.

Left: O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup,  
it is you yourself who are my prize.  
The lot marked out for me is my delight,  
welcome indeed the heritage that falls to me!

Right: I will bless you, Lord, you give me counsel,  
and even at night direct my heart.  
I keep you, Lord, ever in my sight;  
since you are at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

Left: And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay.

ALL: Glory to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Both now and forever.  
The God who is, who was, and who will be,  
For ages unending. Amen.

## ***Today's Gospel***

*(Matthew 9:9-13)*

As Jesus passed by,  
he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the customs post.  
He said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.  
While he was at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners came  
and sat with Jesus and his disciples. The Pharisees saw this and said to his  
disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"  
He heard this and said, "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick  
do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, I desire mercy, not sacrifice.  
I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."

***Reflect:*** *How do you understand "I desire mercy, not sacrifice"?*

“The most admirable trait in the life of Saint Matthew is that he faithfully followed Jesus Christ as soon as he was called. He lived in Capharnaum, a city of Judea where he was a collector of the imperial tax. Jesus Christ, who was preaching his Gospel there, one day passed by the gate where Saint Matthew stayed, and the saint immediately left his counting house and all he had, and followed Jesus Christ. ...Saint Matthew's conversion is quite extraordinary and shows the power of grace and the effect it produces in a soul. It is true that the word of Jesus Christ is efficacious in the calling of his first apostles, but as most of them were poor fishermen, it is not so surprising that they at once followed Jesus Christ, whereas Saint Matthew had property, and lived comfortably. ...How many times has Jesus Christ perhaps called you? Have you not, like Saint Augustine, often replied: Tomorrow, tomorrow, I will be converted? Do you not still say as much every day? Have you renounced all things from the bottom of your heart? Perhaps some of us had nothing to renounce, like the first Apostles. For them it was quite easy. Still, do we not seek our ease and comfort? ...”

“It is inconceivable how much Jesus Christ loves those who give up everything for him, and how many graces he gives them both for themselves and for others. As their hearts are empty of the things of this world, God fills them with his Holy Spirit, as he did the heart of Saint Matthew. For the more we give up exteriorly, the more God gives us interiorly. ...Attach yourself only to Jesus Christ, to his doctrine, and his holy maxims, since he has done you the honor of choosing you in preference to a great many others in order to announce these truths to the children who are his well-beloved.”

- De La Salle (Med 167)

## ***Reading***

*(John Baptist de La Salle)*

"I had imagined that the care which I assumed of the schools and the masters would amount only to a marginal involvement committing me to no more than providing for the subsistence of the masters and assuring that they acquitted themselves of their tasks with piety and devotedness. . . It was by these two events, namely by my meeting Adrian Nyel and by the proposal made to me by this lady (Madame de Croyères), that I began to take an interest in the boys' schools. Prior to this I had never given them a thought. The suggestion, of course, had been made to me before. Several of Canon Roland's friends had tried to hint to me to become involved, but the proposal had never made any impression on my mind, and I had never considered carrying it out. Indeed, if I had ever thought that the care I was taking of the schoolmasters out of pure charity would ever have made it my duty to live with them, I would have dropped the whole project. For since, naturally speaking, I considered the men whom I was obliged to employ in the schools at the beginning as being inferior to my valet, the mere thought that I would have to live with them would have been insupportable to me. Indeed, I experienced a great deal of unpleasantness when I first had them come to my house. This lasted two years. It was undoubtedly for this reason that God, Who guides all things with wisdom and serenity, Whose way it is not to force the inclinations of persons, willed to commit me entirely to the development of the schools. He did this in an imperceptible way and over a

long period of time so that one commitment led to another in a way that I did not foresee in the beginning.”

*[Serious Pause]*

### ***Intercessions***

**Reader:** For those with whom we minister in our apostolate; that God’s call in their lives may find echoes in our lives and the lives of our students. We pray,

**All:** **Lord, lead us and guide us.**

**Reader:** For all of those who are lost along the way; that we may have the eyes to see and the wisdom to know how best to help them. We pray,

**All:** **Lord, lead us and guide us.**

**Reader:** For ourselves; that we will become ever stronger and more confident in following the direction in which we are being led. We pray,

**All:** **Lord, guide me along the right path.**

**Reader:** For whom and for what else shall we pray? [Response: Lord, hear our prayer.]

### ***Our Father***

### ***Closing Prayer***

*(Thomas Merton)*

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.  
I do not see the road ahead of me.  
I cannot know for certain where it will end.  
Nor do I really know myself,  
and the fact that I think that I am following your will  
does not mean that I am actually doing so.  
But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you.  
And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.  
I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.  
And I know that if I do this, you will lead me by the right road  
though I may nothing about it.  
Therefore will I trust you always  
though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.  
I will not fear, for you are ever with me,  
and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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***Live, Jesus, in our hearts... Forever!***

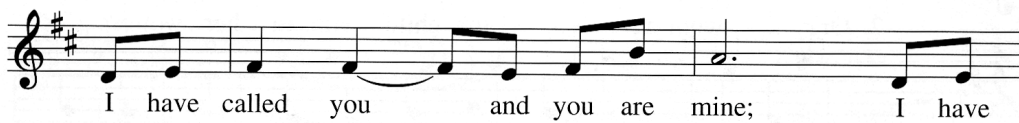
# *Eucharistic Liturgy*

## *Friday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time*

### - OPENING RITES -

#### OPENING HYMN

##### *Refrain*



##### *Verses*

1. Seek the face of the
2. Seek the face of the
3. Seek the face of the



1. Lord and long for him: he will bring you his light and his peace.
2. Lord and long for him: he will bring you his joy and his hope.
3. Lord and long for him: he will bring you his care and his love.

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### - LITURGY OF THE WORD -

**READING:** Amos 8:4-6, 9-12

#### PSALM & RESPONSE

*Response:* One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*Verse:* Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:9-13

- LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST -

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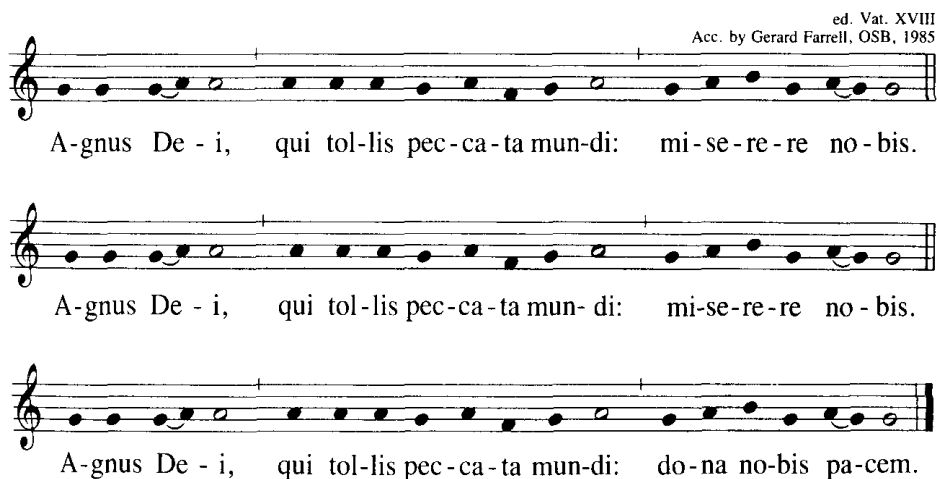


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## - COMMUNION RITE -

## OUR FATHER

## LAMB OF GOD



## COMMUNION

## Refrain



## - BLESSING &amp; DISMISSAL -

## CLOSING HYMN



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my  
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my  
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin  
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them.  
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them.

My hand will save. I who made the stars of night,  
 They turn a - way. I will break their hearts of stone,  
 My hand will save. Fin-est bread I will pro - vide

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my  
 Give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my  
 Till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

light to them? Whom shall I send?  
 word to them. Whom shall I send?  
 life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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# Evening Prayer

## Call to Prayer

*As the candle is being lit. . . .*

LUX CHRISTI  
Setting by George Van Grieken, FSC

Cantor: Je - sus Christ, our light and our peace;

All: Your ra - diance dis - pells all dark - ness.

Cantor: Praise God al - ways and for ev - ery - thing.

All: Thanks be to God now and ev - er - more.

## Reflection

"Do not distinguish between the duties of your state and what pertains to your salvation and perfection. Rest assured that you will never effect your salvation more certainly and that you will never acquire greater perfection than by fulfilling well the duties of your state, provided you do so with a view to accomplishing the will of God."

- De La Salle

Let us ponder over this basic truth till we are steeped in it, till it becomes as familiar to us as our awareness of shapes or our readings of words: God at his most vitally active and most incarnate, is not remote from us, wholly apart from the sphere of the tangible; on the contrary, at every moment he awaits us in the activity, the work to be done, which every moment brings. He is, in a sense, at the point of my pen, my pick, my paint-brush, my needle – and my heart and my thought. It is by carrying to its natural completion the stroke, the line, the stitch I am working on that I shall lay hold on that ultimate end towards which my will at its deepest level tends.

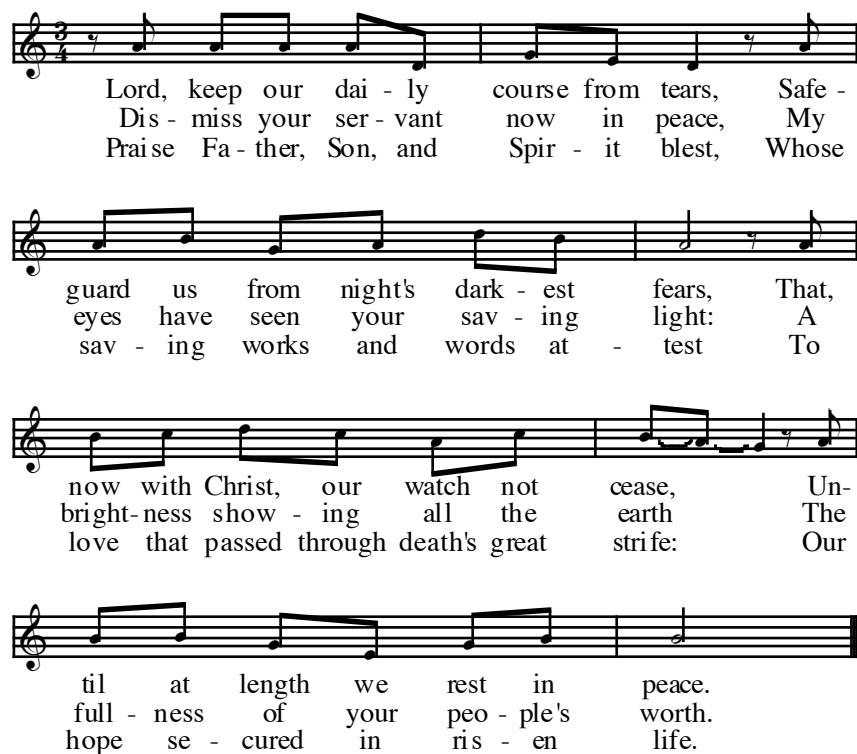
Like those formidable physical forces which man has so disciplined that they can be made to carry out operations of amazing delicacy, so the enormous might of God's magnetism is brought to bear on our frail desires, our tiny objectives, without ever breaking their point., for it endues us with super-vitality; and therefore introduces into our spiritual life a higher principle of unity, the specific effect of which can be seen – according to one's point of view – as either to make human endeavor holy or to make the Christian life fully human.

- Pierre Teilhard de Chardin



**Silent Reflection** (5 minutes)

- ❖ How do I integrate the various elements of my life? Am I any good at it?
- ❖ What areas of my personal life and my professional life deserve attention?
- ❖ How would I describe the “duties of my state” of life?

**Evening Song**


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 Dis - miss your ser - vant now in peace, My  
 Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest, Whose

guard us from night's dark - est fears, That,  
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now with Christ, our watch not cease, Un-  
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 love that passed through death's great strife: Our

til at length we rest in peace.  
 full - ness of your peo - ple's worth.  
 hope se - cured in ris - en life.

**Closing Prayer**

- St. Thomas More

Give me, Lord, a mind that is humble, quiet,  
 peaceable, patient, tender and loving.  
 To all my thoughts, words and deeds  
 give me a taste of your Holy Spirit.  
 Give me a living faith, a firm hope,  
 fervent love of my fellows and you.  
 Take from me all lukewarmness in prayer,  
 and make me delight in thinking of you  
 and your grace and love towards me and everyone.  
 The things that I pray for  
 give me the grace to work for,  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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# Morning Prayer

**VERSES:**



1. Sing of the Lord's good-ness, Fa - ther of all wis - dom,
2. Cour-age in our dark-ness, com-fort in our sor - row,
3. Praise him with your sing-ing, praise him with the trump-et,



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**REFRAIN:**



Come, then, all you na - tions, sing of your Lord's good-ness, mel-o - dies



of praise and thanks to God. Ring out the Lord's glo - ry, praise him with



your mu - sic, wor-ship him and bless his name.

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## Call to Prayer

Let us remember . . . that we are in the Holy Presence of God.

[*Serious Pause*]

“O my God, you are in me and in all creatures; and they all subsist only by you because you dwell in them. Help me, then, to make us of my whole body, of my whole being, and all other creatures only for your service.” - *De La Salle*

## Morning Psalm

(Psalm 138)

Antiphon: We give thanks for your love, O Lord,  
and for everything that you give us.

[*All repeat*]

Left: I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
In the presence of the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple.

Right: I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul.

Left: All the rulers on earth shall thank you  
when they hear the words of your mouth.  
They shall sing of the Lord's ways:  
"How great is the glory of the Lord!"

Right: The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Though I walk in the midst of affliction  
you give me life and frustrate my foes.

Left: You stretch out your hand and save me,  
your hand will do all things for me.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands.

ALL: Glory to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Both now and forever.  
The God who is, who was, and who will be,  
For ages unending. Amen.

### ***Today's Gospel***

*(Matthew 9:14-17)*

The disciples of John approached Jesus and said,  
"Why do we and the Pharisees fast much,  
but your disciples do not fast?"  
Jesus answered them, "Can the wedding guests mourn  
as long as the bridegroom is with them?  
The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them,  
and then they will fast.  
No one patches an old cloak with a piece of unshrunk cloth,  
for its fullness pulls away from the cloak and the tear gets worse.  
People do not put new wine into old wineskins.  
Otherwise, the skins burst, the wine spills out, and the skins are ruined.  
Rather, they pour new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved."

***Reflect:*** *How do you see "fasting" in your life? Do you need a fresh wineskin?*

God is so good that he does not leave unrewarded the good work that is done for him and the service that is rendered to him, especially for the salvation of souls. If it is true that God rewards so generously even in this world those who have left all things for him, that they receive a hundred-fold in this life, with how much more reason will he not reward, even in this present time, those who have devoted themselves with zeal to the spreading of his kingdom! ... God gives two kinds of rewards in this world to those who commit themselves unconditionally to the work of saving souls. First, He gives them an abundance of grace; second, he gives them a larger field for their ministry and a greater facility for accomplishing the conversion of souls. ... Oh, how fortunate you ought to consider yourselves, to be working in the field of the Lord, since our Lord says that the reaper will surely receive his reward! ...

...Your happiness in heaven will be greater than what will be enjoyed by those who have worked only for their own salvation. It will, in fact, be much greater in proportion to the number of children you have taught and won over to God... as great as the good that you will achieve in the lives of the children who are entrusted to your care. ... On the day of judgment they will be your glory...because the glory that you have procured for them will reflect on you. ...Fulfill the duties of your ministry so well that you may be able to enjoy this blessing.

- *De La Salle* (Med 207 & 208)

### ***Video Reflection - Thanksgiving***

### ***Intercessions***

**Reader:** For the new wine and the new wineskins that have grown in us over the last two weeks; in thanksgiving for all those who this possible,

**All:** **Lord, we thank you and we bless you.**

**Reader:** For the worldwide Lasallian community; that the spirit of faith and zeal may continue to grow and flourish in many ways and many contexts.

**All:** **Lord, we thank you and we bless you.**

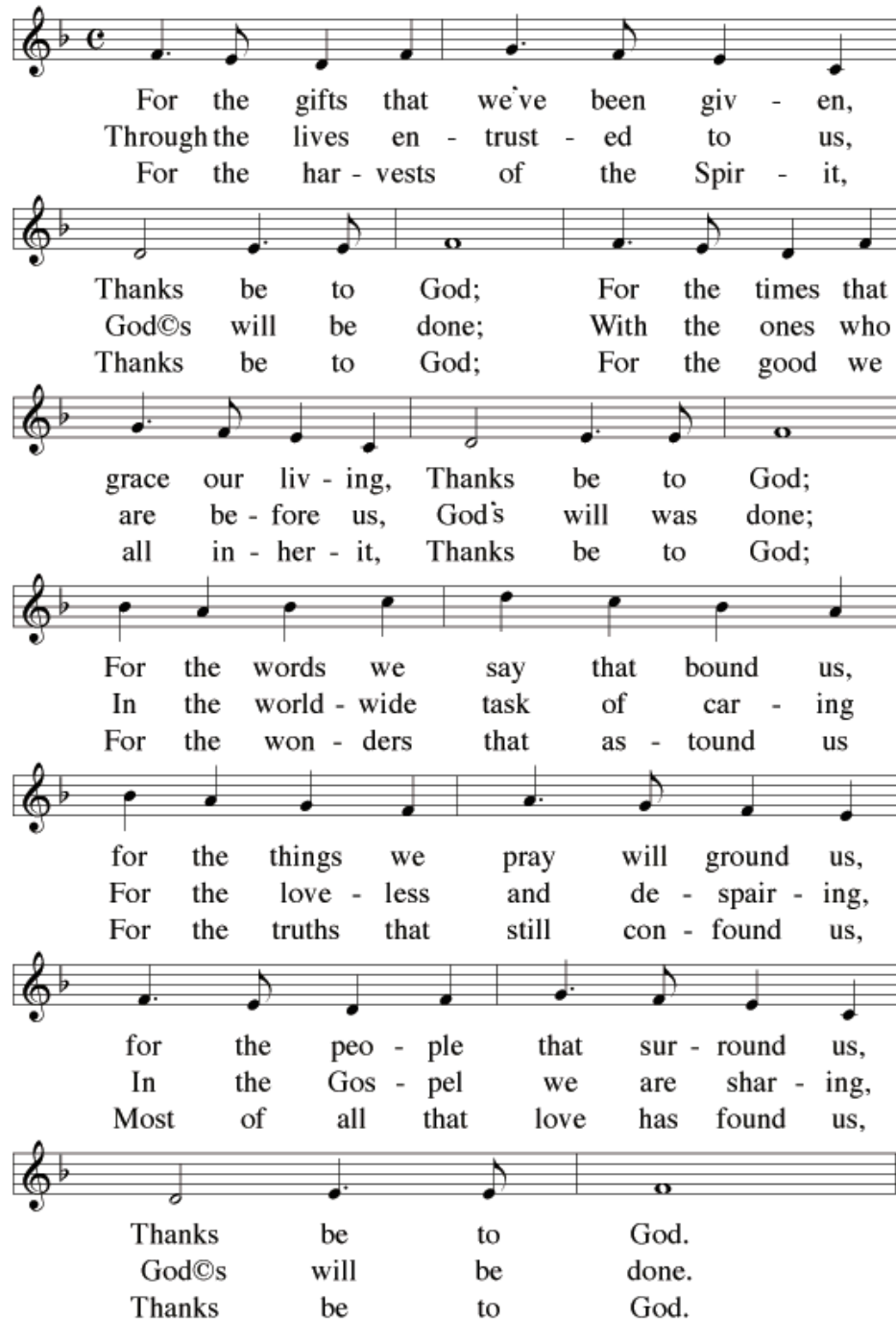
**Reader:** For the graduates of the Buttimer program; that they will carry its spirit into their individual schools and programs and will continue to pray for us.

**All:** **Lord, we thank you and we bless you.**

**Reader:** For whom and for what else shall we pray? [Response: Lord, hear our prayer.]

### ***Our Father***

## *Closing Prayer*



For the gifts that we've been giv - en,  
Through the lives en - trust - ed to us,  
For the har - vests of the Spir - it,

Thanks be to God; For the times that  
God's will be done; With the ones who  
Thanks be to God; For the good we

grace our liv - ing, Thanks be to God;  
are be - fore us, God's will was done;  
all in - her - it, Thanks be to God;

For the words we say that bound us,  
In the world - wide task of car - ing  
For the won - ders that as - tound us

for the things we pray will ground us,  
For the love - less and de - spair - ing,  
For the truths that still con - found us,

for the peo - ple that sur - round us,  
In the Gos - pel we are shar - ing,  
Most of all that love has found us,

Thanks be to God.  
God's will be done.  
Thanks be to God.

***St. John Baptist de La Salle... Pray for us!  
Live, Jesus, in our hearts... Forever!***

# *Eucharistic Liturgy*

## *Graduation*

- OPENING RITES -

### OPENING HYMN

1) God to - day and God to - mor - row, here we  
 2) Still the na - tions curse the dark - ness, still the  
 3) Show us Christ in one an - oth - er, make us

stand be - fore your sight. As our la - bors stretch and  
 rich op - press the poor Still the earth is bruised and  
 ser - vants strong and true; Give us all your love of

deep - en, come and make our fu - ture bright. All cre -  
 bro - ken by the ones who still want more. Come and  
 jus - tice, so we do what you would do. Let us

a - tion still is groan - ing for the  
 wake us from our sleep - ing, so our  
 call all peo - ple ho - ly, let us

dawn - ing of your might, when the Sun of peace and  
 hearts can - not ig - nore, all your peo - ple lost and  
 pledge our lives a - new, make us one with all the

jus - tice fills the earth with ra - diant light.  
 bro - ken, all your chil - dren at our door.  
 low - ly, let us all be one in you.

## - LITURGY OF THE WORD -

**READING:** Amos 9:11-15**PSALM & RESPONSE***Response:* The Lord speaks of peace to his people**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Cantor:* *Assembly:* *Cantor:* Howard Hughes, SM, 1973

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Assembly:* *Cantor:* *Assembly:*

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Verse:* My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 9:14-17

## - LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST -

**PREFACE ACCLAMATION**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, \_\_\_ God of pow - er and might. \_\_\_

\_\_\_ Heav - en and earth are full of \_\_\_ your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na, \_\_\_ ho - san - na, \_\_\_ ho - san - na in the

*Fine*  
high - est. Bless - ed is he \_\_\_ who comes in the

name \_\_\_ of \_\_\_ the \_\_\_ Lord. \_\_\_ Ho -

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



## AMEN

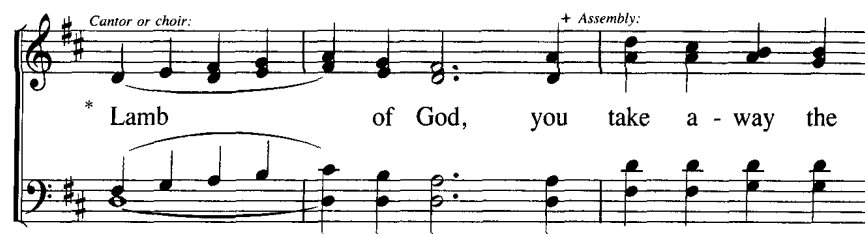


## - COMMUNION RITE -

## OUR FATHER

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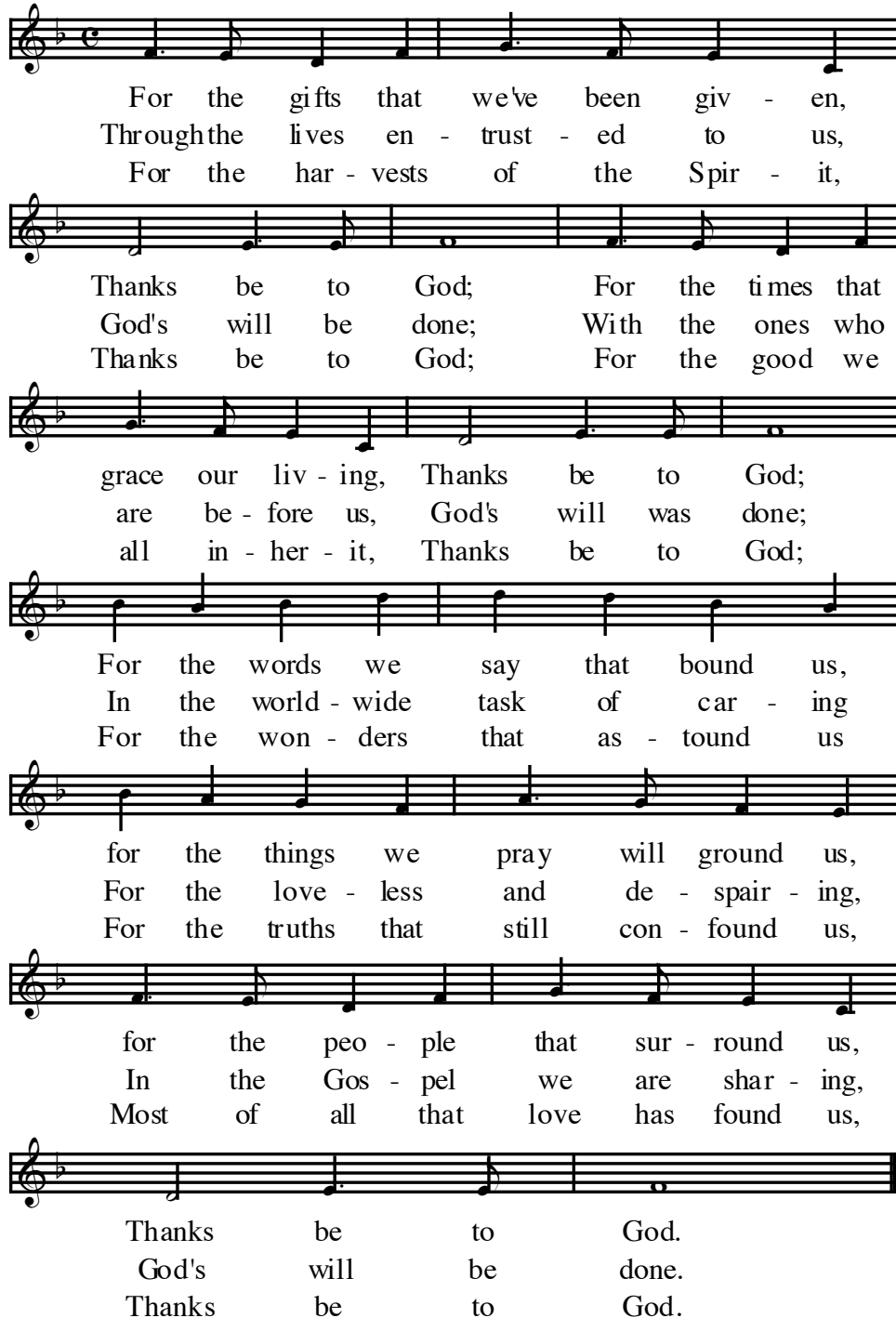
\*Alternates: 1. Emmanuel, 2. Prince of peace, 3. Son of God, 4. Word made flesh,  
5. Paschal Lamb, 6. Bread of Life, 7. Lord Jesus Christ, 8. Lord of Love,  
9. Christ the Lord, 10. King of kings.



## COMMUNION

## - BLESSING &amp; DISMISSAL -

## CLOSING HYMN



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For the har - vests of the Spir - it,

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grace our liv - ing, Thanks be to God;  
are be - fore us, God's will was done;  
all in - her - it, Thanks be to God;

For the words we say that bound us,  
In the world - wide task of car - ing  
For the won - ders that as - tound us

for the things we pray will ground us,  
For the love - less and de - spair - ing,  
For the truths that still con - found us,

for the peo - ple that sur - round us,  
In the Gos - pel we are shar - ing,  
Most of all that love has found us,

Thanks be to God.  
God's will be done.  
Thanks be to God.

