



**Saint Thomas More**  
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

# Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

“In whatever place we decide to build our future, in our country of birth or elsewhere, the important thing is that there always be a community ready to welcome, protect, promote and integrate everyone, without distinctions and without excluding anyone.”  
- from the message of Pope Francis for the 2023 World Day of Migrants & Refugees

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

### Processional

“Lord of All Hopefulness”



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



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
Your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,  
Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Sign of the Cross & Greeting

Penitential Act

Mass for a Servant Church

Priest, deacon, or cantor, then all:

(Invocation) KÝ - ri - e, e - lé - i - son.  
Lord, have mer - cy.

Priest, deacon, or cantor, then all:

(Invocation) Chri - ste, e - lé - i - son.  
Christ, have mer - cy.

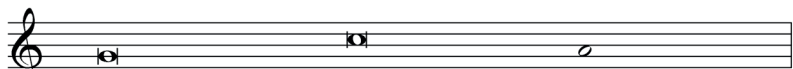
Priest, deacon, or cantor, then all: Last time

(Invocation) KÝ - ri - e, e - lé - i - son.  
Lord, have mer - cy.

Music: Mass for a Servant Church, Michel Guimont, © 2010, GIA Publications, Inc.

# Glory to God

# Psallite Mass



1. Glory to

2. We praise you, we

3. Lord God,

God in the

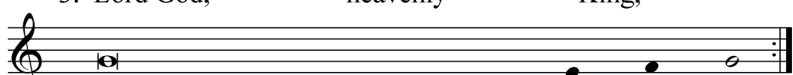
bless you, we a -

heavenly

highest,

dore you,

King,



1. and on earth peace to people

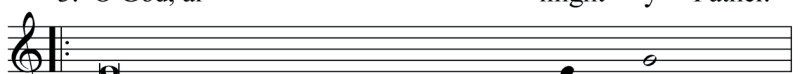
2. we glorify you, we give you thanks for

3. O God, al

of good will.

your great glory,

- might - y Father.



4. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Be

5. you take away the sins

6. you take away the sins

7. you are seated at the right hand

- got -

of the world,

of the world,

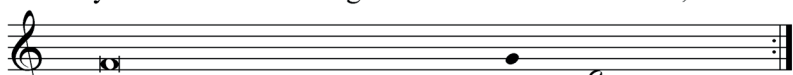
of the Father,

ten Son,

the

the

the



4. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of

5. have mercy

6. receive

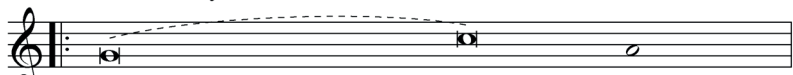
7. have mercy

the Father,

on us;

our prayer;

on us.



8. For you a

9. you alone are the Most High,

10. A

- lone are the

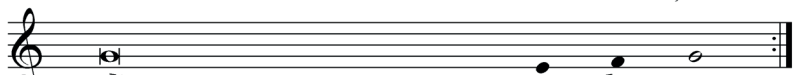
Jesus

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Holy One,

Christ,

men,



8. you alone

9. with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of

10. A

are the Lord,

God the Father.

- men.

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# Collect

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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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### First Reading

Isaiah 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145



The Lord is near to all who call on him.

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### Second Reading

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

For me to live is Christ.

### Gospel Acclamation

Mass for John Carroll



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Music: *Mass for John Carroll*, Michael Joncas, © 1990, GIA Publications, Inc.

### Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16a

Are you envious because I am generous?

### Homily

Rev. Peter Etzel, S.J.

## Profession of Faith

## The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,

**(Bow during the following two lines.)**

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **Universal Prayer**

**R/.** Lord, hear our prayer.

### **Prayer for the Synod on Synodality**

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.  
With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.  
We are weak and sinful;  
do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
nor let partiality influence our actions.  
Let us find in You our unity  
so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.  
All this we ask of You,  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.

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# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## Preparation of the Gifts

## "A Place Called Home"



1. A place called home with com - fort for the wea - ry:
2. A place called home where ten - der - ness can flou - rish:
3. A place called home, a prom - ise for to - mor - row:
4. A place called home for ev - 'ry hu - man be - ing:



A place called home of nour - ish - ment and rest:  
 A place called home, a ha - ven from all harm:  
 A place called home, a vi - sion hand - ed down:  
 A place called home where arms are o - pened wide:



A place called home that wel - comes in the stran - ger,  
 A place called home where chil - dren sleep in safe - ty,  
 A place called home for all God's sons and daugh - ters,  
 A place called home, where all ex - tend the wel - come,



Where one un - known be - comes a wel - come guest,  
 Where hurts are healed, a shel - ter from the storm,  
 Where love pre - vails and peace is ev - er found,  
 Where none are lost, a - lone or cast a - side,



Where love can find a hu - man hab - i - ta - tion:  
 Where peace can find a hu - man hab - i - ta - tion:  
 Where hope can find a hu - man hab - i - ta - tion:  
 But mem - bers of a sin - gle hu - man fam - 'ly.



God grant us all this grace: a place called home.  
 God grant us all this grace: a place called home.  
 God grant us all this grace: a place called home.  
 God grant us grace to build a place called home.

Text: Michael Joncas, b.1951, © 2016, GIA Publications, Inc.  
 Tune: FINLANDIA, 11 10 11 10 11 10; Jean Sibelius, 1865–1957

# Holy, Holy, Holy

## Mass of the Angels and Saints

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the

high - est, 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 - san - na, ho -

san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -

san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## Memorial Acclamation

Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your  
Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff contains the melody for 'Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your'. The second staff contains the melody for 'Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.'.

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## Great Amen

A - men, a - men, a - men.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff contains the melody for 'A - men, a - men, a - men.' The second staff contains the melody for 'A - men, a - men, a - men.'.

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## Lamb of God

*Cantors:* Lamb of God, *All:* you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on  
us. world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). It consists of two staves. The first staff contains the melody for 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on'. The second staff contains the melody for 'us. world, grant us peace, grant us peace.'.

Music: *Mass of Remembrance*, Marty Haugen, © 1987, GIA Publications, Inc.

## Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;  
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Psalm 119:4-5

## Communion Song

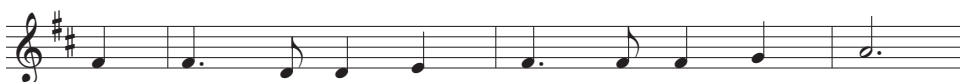
“At That First Eucharist”



1. At that first Eu - cha - rist be - fore you died,  
2. For all your church, O Lord, we in - ter - cede;  
3. We pray for those who wan - der from the fold;



O Lord, you prayed that all be one in you;  
O make our lack of char - i - ty to cease;  
O bring them back, Good Shep - herd of the sheep,



At this our Eu - cha - rist a - gain pre - side,  
Draw us the near - er each to each we plead,  
Back to the faith which saints be - lieved of old,



And in our hearts your law of love re - new.  
By draw - ing all to you, O Prince of Peace.  
Back to the Church which still that faith does keep.



Thus may we all one Bread, one Bod - y be;



Through this blest Sac - ra - ment of U - ni - ty.

Text: William H. Turton, 1859–1938, alt.

Tune: UNDE ET MEMORES, 10 10 10 10 with refrain; William H. Monk, 1823–1889, alt.

## Prayer after Communion

# THE CONCLUDING RITES

## Blessing & Dismissal

### Recessional

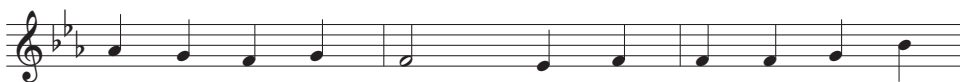
"Now Thank We All Our God"



1. Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and  
2. O may this boun-teous God Through all our life be  
3. All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be



voic - es, Who won - drous things has done, In  
near us, With ev - er joy - ful hearts And  
giv - en, The Son, and him who reigns With



whom his world re - joic - es; Who from our moth - ers'  
bless - ed peace to cheer us; Pre - serve us in his  
them in high - est heav - en— The one e - ter - nal



arms Has blessed us on our way With  
grace, And guide us in dis - tress, And  
God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore— For



count-less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.  
free us from all harm Till heav - en we pos - sess.  
thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

Text: *Nun danket alle Gott*; Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Tune: NUN DANKET, 6 7 6 7 6 6 6; Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.



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