

MASS FOR ESSENTIAL WORKERS

February 6, 2021



Entrance

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'come unto me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.'
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one stoop down, and drink, and live.'
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that lifegiving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in
him.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889

Glory to God

The cantors sing this hymn in lieu of the congregation

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING:

Genesis 1:26-2:3

RESPONSORIAL:

Psalm 90,3-4,12-13,14 and 16

Lord, give success to the work of our hands, to the work of our hands.

SECOND READING:

1 Thessalonians 4:1b-2,9-12

ALLELUIA:

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

GOSPEL:

Matthew 11:25-30

HOMILY

BLESSING FOR ESSENTIAL WORKERS

Nicene Creed

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

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.**

**God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,**

***and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary and became man.***

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

**he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

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

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

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Altar

1. Those who love and those who labor
Follow in the way of Christ;
Thus the first disciples found him,
Thus the gift of love sufficed.
Jesus says to those who seek him,
I will never pass you by;
Raise the stone and you shall find me;
Cleave the wood, and there am I.

2. Where the many work together,
They with Christ himself abide,
But the lonely workers also
Find him ever at their side.
Lo, the Prince of common welfare

Dwells within the market strife;
Lo, the bread of heav'n is broken
In the sacrament of life.

3. Let the seeker never falter
Till the truth is found afar
With the wisdom of the ages
Underneath a giant star,
With the richest and the poorest,
Of the sum of things possessed,
Like a child at first to wonder,
Like a king at last to rest.

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Holy, Holy, Holy

The cantors sing this acclamation in lieu of the congregation

Memorial Acclamation

The cantors sing this acclamation in lieu of the congregation

Amen

The cantors sing this acclamation in lieu of the congregation

Lamb of God

The cantors sing this litany in lieu of the congregation



Act of Spiritual Communion

I wish, my Lord, to receive you with the purity, humility, and devotion with which your most holy Mother received you, with the spirit and fervor of the saints.

Communion Procession

1. We place upon your table a gleaming cloth of white:
the weaving of our stories, the fabric of our lives;
the dreams of those before us, the ancient hopeful cries,
the promise of our future: our needing and our nurture
lie here before our eyes.

We come to your feast, we come to your feast:
the young and the old, the frightened, the bold, the greatest and
the least.

We come to your feast, we come to your feast
with the fruit of our lands and the work of our hands, we come to
your feast.

2. We place upon your table a humble loaf of bread:
the gift of field and hillside, the grain by which we're fed;
we come to taste the presence of him on whom we feed,
to strengthen and connect us, to challenge and correct us,
to love in word and deed.

We come to your feast...

Sending Forth

The heavens are telling the glory of God, and all creation is shouting for joy.

Come, dance in the forest, come, play in the field, and sing, sing to the glory of the Lord.

1. Praise for the sun, the bringer of day,
He carries the light of the Lord in his rays;
The moon and the stars who light up the way unto your throne.

The heavens are telling...

2. Praise for the wind that blows through the trees,
The seas mighty storms, the gentlest breeze;
They blow where they will, they blow where they please
To please the Lord.

The heavens are telling...

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After Mass: Please deposit this aid in basket as you leave.

FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL

Please strictly observe the directives of social distancing and the requirement to wear face coverings while in church.

- We have marked the pews with blue tape, so you know where to sit safely (with a limit of six persons per pew). Of course, families may sit together! If you live in the same house, you do not need to sit apart! All others must sit six 6 feet apart.
- We will not be passing baskets during the offertory, though we have a box for donations available upon entering and departing the church.
- There will be no Sign of Peace exchanged during Mass
- We strongly encourage everyone to accept the Sacred Eucharist in the hand, rather than on the tongue. This reduces the exposure to priests and deacons as well as to the person receiving the Body of Christ. We will not offer the Sacred Cup at this time.
- Please follow the directions of the ushers during communion to ensure social distancing.
- To leave church, please exit pew by pew, maintaining social distance, starting in the back. Please follow the directions of the ushers.