

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 22, 2021

Introductory Rites

Gathering

Praise To You, O Christ, Our Savior



Praise to you, O Christ, our Sav-ior, Word of the Fa-ther, call-ing us to life;



Son of God who leads us to free-dom: glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ!



1. You are the Word who calls us out of dark - ness;
2. You are the one whom proph - ets hoped and longed for;
3. You are the Word who calls us to be ser - vants;
4. You are the Word who binds us and u - nites us;



you are the Word who leads us in - to light;
 you are the one who speaks to us to - day;
 you are the Word whose on - ly law is love;
 you are the Word who calls us to be one;



you are the Word who brings us through the des - ert:
 you are the one who leads us to our fu - ture:
 you are the Word - made - flesh who lives a - mong us:
 you are the Word who teach - es us for - give - ness:



glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!
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Gloria

Mass of Creation

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth
peace to peo - ple of good will.

Verses

1. 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.
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.
2. 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;
3. 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.

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Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b / 122

Joshua gathered together all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, summoning their elders, their leaders, their judges, and their officers. When they stood in ranks before God, Joshua addressed all the people: "If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are now dwelling. As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

But the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods. For it was the Lord, our God, who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, out of a state of slavery. He performed those great

miracles before our very eyes and protected us along our entire journey and among the peoples through whom we passed. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 34: Taste and See

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

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, God’s praise ever in my mouth.
 Glory in the Lord for ever, and the lowly will hear and be glad.
2. Glory in the Lord with me, let us together extol God’s name.
 I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me from all my fears.
3. Look to God that you might be radiant with joy,
 and your faces free from all shame.
 The Lord hears the suffering souls, and saves them from all distress.

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Second Reading

Ephesians 5:2a, 21-32

Brothers and Sisters: Live in love, as Christ loved us. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body.

*For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother
 and be joined to his wife,
 and the two shall become one flesh.*

This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church.

Gospel Acclamation

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

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Gospel

John 6:60-69

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, "Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father."

As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

Homily

Profession of Faith

Prayers of the Faithful (Rx: **Lord, Hear Our Prayer**)

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation

Here I Am, Lord

Verses



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
 They turn a - way. I will break their
 My hand will save. Fin - est bread I



stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.
 will pro - vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

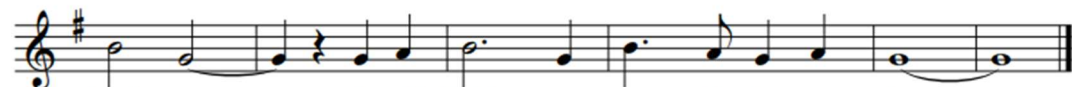
Refrain



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.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Mass of Creation

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

Mass of Creation

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-
claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a-gain.

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Great Amen

Mass of Creation

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

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

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Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

Mass of Creation

Cantor: Lamb of God, *Assembly:* you take a-way the sins of the

To repeat
world, have mer - cy on us.

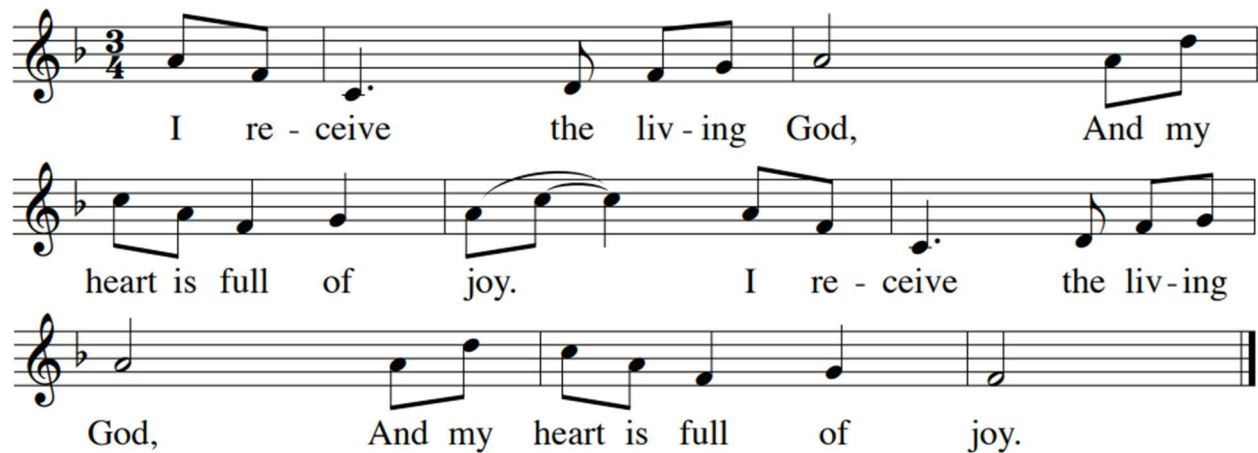
Last time
world, grant us peace.

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Communion Song


I Receive the Living God

Refrain

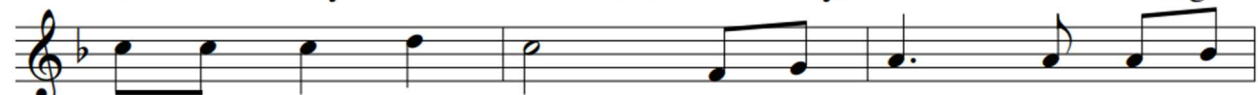


I re - ceive the liv - ing God, And my
heart is full of joy. I re - ceive the liv - ing
God, And my heart is full of joy.


Verses



1. Je - sus says: I am the Bread Sent to
2. Je - sus says: I am the Vine, Far from
3. Je - sus says: I am the Way, And my
4. Je - sus says: I am the Truth. If you
5. Je - sus says: I am the Life, Raised in
6. Je - sus says: I am the Day, Shin - ing



you from God Most High. Take and eat, and you will
whom no life can grow. If you join your - self to
path is straight and true. Fol - low me to where I
fol - low close to me, You will know me in your
tri - umph from the dead. As one Bod - y now re -
bright - ly through your night. Wel - come me, and you will



live; You need nev - er fear to die.
me, A rich har - vest you will know.
lead; There my Fa - ther waits for you.
heart, And my word will make you free.
main, Mem - bers joined to me, the Head.
walk By the Spir - it's guid - ing light.

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Blessing and Dismissal

Sending Forth

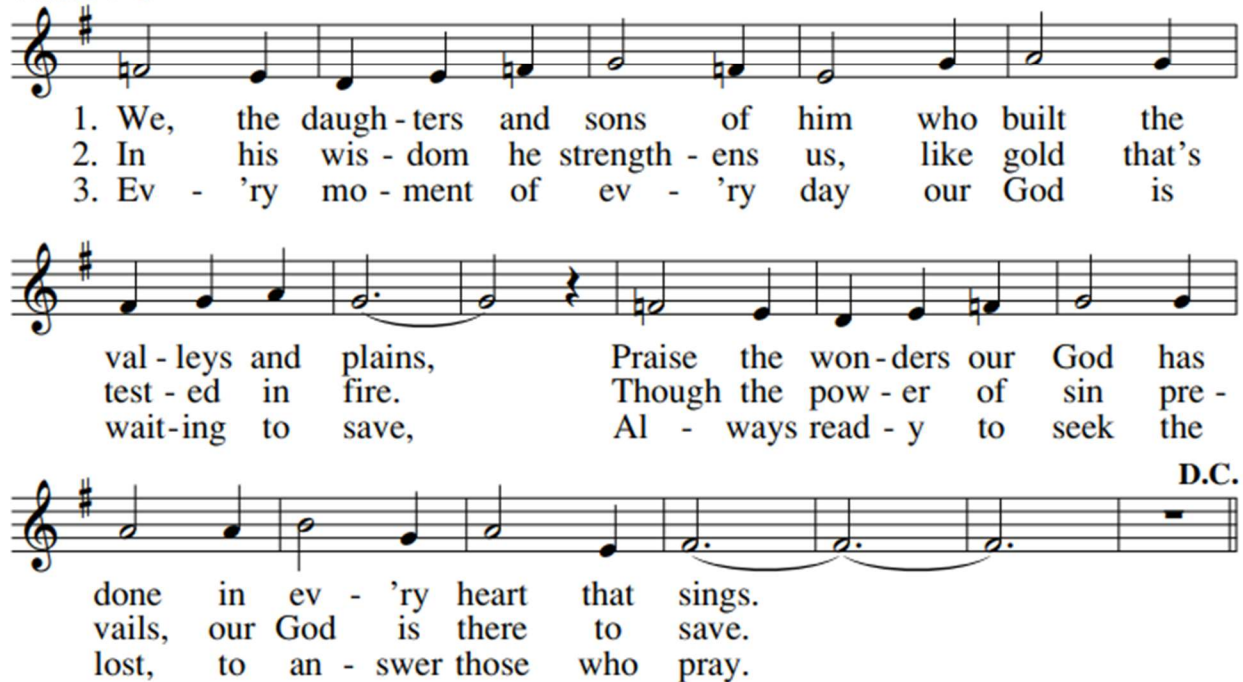
Glory and Praise to Our God

Refrain



Glo - ry and praise to our God, who a - lone gives
light to our days. Man - y are the
bless - ings he bears to those who trust in his ways.

Verses 1-3



1. We, the daugh - ters and sons of him who built the
2. In his wis - dom he strength - ens us, like gold that's
3. Ev - 'ry mo - ment of ev - 'ry day our God is
val - leys and plains, Praise the won - ders our God has
test - ed in fire. Though the pow - er of sin pre -
wait - ing to save, Al - ways read - y to seek the
done in ev - 'ry heart that sings.
vails, our God is there to save.
lost, to an - swer those who pray.

Text: Psalm 65, 66; Dan Schutte, b.1947
Tune: Dan Schutte, b.1947; acc. by Sr. Theophane Hytrek, OSF, 1915-1992, alt.
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