FALL – Ordinary Time
August 30 – November 28  2020
22nd Sunday - Ordinary – Christ the King
Year A – Year of Matthew’s Gospel

Some researchers now doubt the validity of multi-tasking. Our grandparents may have agreed with them, saying, “You can’t do two things at once.” I’m not so sure that holds true for musicians! How else do we survive this last season of Ordinary Time in the year of Matthew? As we prepare liturgies for the conclusion of this year’s liturgical calendar, in the midst of a possible resurgence of COVID-19 pandemic, most communities are scheduling parish calendars to begin a new season of liturgical, educational, catechetical, social, administrative, and ministerial organizing. For musicians, it’s also a time of R & R, i.e., Recruitment and Rehearsal. Or is it? COVID-19 has changed the landscape of liturgy. How do we do it? We just do! “Good job, all!”

Speaking of jobs, September 7th is Labor Day. What does our liturgy say to us about Labor Day? Gregory Norbet’s “Come to Me” and Bob Dufford’s “Like a Shepherd” bring forth verses from Matthew’s gospel, chapter 11.

And last, but definitely not least, the annual Season of Creation begins tomorrow, September 1st and runs through October 4th. Consider re-reading (or if you haven’t read it now’s the time!) Pope Francis’ encyclical Laudato Sí! – Follow the link here online and study guides and other resources: http://www.usccb.org/about/leadership/holy-see/francis/pope-francis-encyclical-laudato-si-on-environment.cfm (copy and paste into your browser)

May your labors this autumn be blessed indeed!

Suggested Use:
E = Entrance/Gathering
O = Offertory/Preparation
C = Communion
S = Dismissal/Sending Forth/Song of Praise

If we are still following the protocol of “no singing by the congregation,” please consider the cantor or musician intoning/chanting/proclaiming the Entrance and Communion antiphons over the instrumental accompaniment for the processions or while Holy Communion is being distributed. The psalm may also be presented by the cantor in this way: The cantor sings the antiphon without repeating it, sings/proclaims all the verses without interspersing the antiphon, and then ends the psalm with the antiphon.

The Gospel Acclamation might follow the same pattern: Alleluia (simply chanted)/Verse-chanted or proclaimed/Alleluia. For the Eucharistic Prayer, the presider may consider intoning the Doxology with the assembly answering with a simple chanted Amen. Please be sure to keep up with the ever-evolving protocols to keep us all safe and considerate of our most vulnerable.

August 30  22nd Sunday - Ordinary

Living the Paschal Mystery The paradoxical sayings of Jesus are on full display today, following Peter’s proclamation of him as Messiah. The paradoxes come to the fore because of Peter’s misunderstanding of what it means to be the Messiah. Rather than victory and a glorious reign (which apparently is what Peter has in mind), Jesus rebukes him to say that his Messiahship will lead to his death. Only then will he be raised.

As disciples, we are to take on the mind of God, to think not as human beings do. Our human priorities are often misplaced, focused on temporal well-being and the accolades of our peers. Instead, Jesus reminds Peter (and us) that God is one’s true audience. Our ways of thinking need to be inverted, or even turned inside out. When we think as God does, we will know that loss means finding, denial of oneself is ultimate fulfillment, and death leads to life. To think in these ways requires extra effort because it does not come naturally. But once we do think as God does, we are on our way to living the paschal mystery. - Living Liturgy

Gathering Song: Antiphon: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

A Rightful Place – Angrisano
Christ Before Us SUO GÁN
Come, Follow Me – Berberick (O)
Estamos Reunimos
Glory in the Cross – Schutte
Hoy Nos Reunimos (C)
Lift High the Cross/Alen la Cruz (S) CRUCIFER
Sing of the Lord’s Goodness – Sands
Somo Una Iglesia
Take Up Our Cross – Stephan
Take Up Your Cross ERHALT UNS HERR, Cortez
This Day God Gives Me BUNESSAN
Venimos ante Ti (O/C)

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9 Jeremiah only reluctantly spoke God’s prophetic word. He tried to hold back, but the word burned like fire in his heart.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

2nd Reading: Romans 12:1-2 Paul urged the Romans to offer their bodies to God as a living sacrifice and not to conform to this age but to be transformed by God.

Gospel Verse:
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27 Jesus said, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”
Prep of Gifts:
Al Partir el Pan (C)
All That Is Hidden – Farrell
Behold, before Our Wond’ring Eyes BOURBON
Crux Fidelis (C)
Digo Sí, Señor (C)
Fish with Me – Canedo
I Will Choose Christ – Booth
Mi Alma Tiene Sed: Sal 63(62) (C)
Psalm 63: My Soul Is Thirsting – Consiglio
The Jesus Song – Booth
Tomado de la Mano
Upon the Cross RESOLUTION

Communion Processional: Antiphon: How great is the goodness, Lord that you keep for those who fear you. OR Bless are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Come to Me and Drink – Hurd
Come, Christ’s Beloved – Foster
I Am the Bread of Life (Come and Follow Me) – Angrisano/Booth
Jeus Died upon the Cross – Brown
Loving and Forgiving – Soper
O How Blessed – Schutte
Psalm 63: My Soul Is Thirsting – Angrisano
Supper of the Lamb – Schutte
Unless a Grain of Wheat – Farrell
We Remember

Song of Praise/Sending Forth:
Con la Cruz
Drawn by His Word VAN SLOUN
El Fuego Cae, Cae
Go Make a Difference – Angrisano/Booth
God, Whose Glory Reigns Eternal BEACH SPRING
Lead Me, Lord – Becker
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service HOLY MANNA
Lord, You Give the Great Commission ABBOT’S LEIGH
Profetiza
Stand by Me – Kendzia
Take the Word of God with You – Walker
We Ever Will Praise You – McDonell
With One Voice – Manalo

OTHER:
All That We Have
As a Fire Is Meant for Burning
Change Our Hearts
Come to Us, Creative Spirit
Embrace My Way and Cross
Now We Remain
Only This I Want
Take This Moment
The Summons
Transform Us As You, Transfigured

Tree of Life
Two Fishermen
We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder

Question of the Week: In the gospel, Jesus says, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny him[her]self, take up his[her] cross, and follow me.” What is the cross you have been given to bear?

Pope’s Intention for September:
Respect for the Planet’s Resources
We pray that the planet’s resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

Calendar
September
3 Memorial of St. Gregory the Great, pope & doctor
5 Opt. Memorial of St. Teresa of Calcutta
Opt. Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

About Liturgical Music
As I prepare this guide in June 2020, we are living and worshipping under COVID-19 protocols which right now in the Diocese of Crookston has suspended singing by the congregation. Even still, these reflections from “Living Liturgy” present worthwhile reflections on music’s place in the liturgy even as instrumentals.

Let the assembly hear their voice: Once I had to be out of town for the weekend and would not be able to lead the music at my parish for one of their Masses. Before I left, I made sure an accompanist and a cantor were going to be there in my place. When I returned, I discovered that the cantor had shown up, but there was no accompanist! His car had died along the way, and he just couldn’t make it or find anyone else at the last minute to help.

The quick-thinking cantor wasn’t fazed. She found another person in the assembly who she knew was a strong singer, and the two of them joyfully led that assembly in song without any accompaniment. To their surprise (and the pastor’s), the assembly sang even louder and with more exuberance than they had ever heard! It was a wonderful Spirit-led celebration.

Sometimes, we might be drowning out the assembly’s voice with our instruments. It’s good every so often, perhaps for one song or even just one refrain, to let the assembly hear their own voice without any accompaniment so that they can clearly exercise their role as the primary music minister of the Mass.

Let us pray that we will soon be able to lift our voices in communal song once again, hearing in mind these reflections on hearing one another…how are we doing at proclaiming the prayers at this point? Is everyone “lifting their voices” together even now?
Living the Paschal Mystery: Wouldn’t it be so much better if we could all get along? Our lives would be happy, and joy would mark our existence. But the church is not like that. Even the most secure and safe nuclear families – individuals raise in the same household, for whom love may be a given – have challenges with one another. As long as we are living in the period before the coming of Christ (and during a pandemic) we will experience sin and the fragmentation and fracturing of relationships. How do we respond when this inevitably happens? Certainly not in kind. Matthew gives us some practical steps to follow.

Only when we experience the new life of the resurrection will every tear be wiped away and relationships restored. Until that time, we do what we can to ease the suffering of others and provide justice best we can, motivated by love and guided by the wisdom of Christ. – Living Liturgy

Gathering Song: Antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

- Alabemos a Dios
- All Are Welcome TWO OAKS
- Amar Es Entregarse
- Come, Let Us Ring Out – Smith
- Glory and Praise to Our God – Schutte
- God, We Praise You Nettleton
- Here at This Table – Whitaker
- How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION
- Hoy Nos Reunimos
- I Sing the Mighty Power of God ELLACOMBE
- O Bless the Lord, My Soul ST. THOMAS
- Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDREDTH
- Seek Ye First (O/C/S)
- Somos Una Iglesia
- Tend the Ground – Stephan
- Vamos a la Casa del Señor (S)
- Venimos ante Ti (O/C)

1st Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9 God called the prophet as a watchman for the house of Israel. Unless those called by God try to turn the wicked away from evil they will not be saved. When holy people speak up in God’s behalf, they are saved.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

2nd Reading: Romans 13:8-10 All commandments are summed up in this: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.”

Gospel Verse: God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.
**Gospel:** Matthew 18:15-20 Jesus said, “If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, am I in the midst of them.”

**Prep of Gifts:**

A Rightful Place – Angrisano
Al Partir el Pan (C)
Amémonos de Corazón (C)
As the Deer – Farrell
Behold, before Our Wond’ring Eyes BOURBON
Come to Me – Norbet
Come to the Water – Foley
Digo Sí, Señor (C)
For Your Glory – Maher
Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive
How Great Thou Art – Hine
In Perfect Charity PERFECT CHARITY
Love One Another (C)
Un Mandamiento Nuevo (C)

**Communion Processional:**

**Antiphon:** Like a deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God. OR

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

All Is Well with My Soul – Landry/VILLE DU HAVRE
As the Deer Longs – Hurd
Christ, Be Our Light – Farrell
Come to Me and Drink – Hurd
Estamos Reunidos
I Am the Bread of Life – Toolan
If Today You Hear His Voice – Soper
Love One Another – Dufford
Spirit and Grace – Manalo
We Come to You – Blakesley

**Song of Praise/Sending Forth:**

Con la Cruz
Eternal Father, Strong to Save MELITA
For the Beauty of the Earth DIX
For the Fruits of This Creation AR HYD Y NOS
For the Healing of the Nations ST. THOMAS
God Has Chosen Me – Farrell
I Am the Light of the World – Hayakawa
Let There Be Peace on Earth – Miller
Lord of All Hopefulness SLANE
Los Caminos
O Bless the Lord – Michaels
Walk Together, Children – Jansen

**OTHER:**

All Are Welcome
As We Gather at Your Table
Gather in Your Name
God, Whose Purpose Is to Kindle
Let Justice Roll like a River

**Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace**
O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God
Where True Love and Charity Are Found/Ubi Caritas

**Question of the Week:** In today’s gospel, Jesus outlines the way to resolve conflicts between disciples. What has been your own experience when facing conflicts within your parish community?

**Calendar**

7 Labor Day
8 Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9 Memorial of St. Peter Claver, priest
12 Opt. Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary

**About Liturgical Music**

**How to gracefully accept criticism:** Receiving a negative comment about some aspect of our music ministry can be difficult to hear. When such comments come your way, keep the following things in mind. If the comment is made anonymously, it is best to ignore it. Don’t waste energy on anonymous complaints.

If they do give you their name and a way to connect with them, and if their complaint is reasonable, then reach out to them and just listen. For most people, they simply want to feel heard. You don’t need to agree with them or to defend your perspective; just try to listen for the deeper value that they desire to uphold. You may find that you share the same value or goal, but not the methodology for achieving it. In all things, do not demonize them. Assume that, like you, they love the church and the liturgy and want the best for the community. At the very least, thank them for sharing their concern. Then take all this to prayer, dialogue, and discernment with a trusted colleague.
Living the Paschal Mystery: Grudges are awful things. They can gnaw away at the one harboring them. We may hear “forgive but don’t forget” as a way to remind ourselves of past transgressions we’ve suffered. But today’s gospel calls us to a higher standard. The forgiveness we’ve experienced (worth a hundred million dollars – something we cannot repay) should motivate us to be free with forgiveness when others wrong us. We cannot dole out forgiveness in infinitesimal pieces only to those we deem worthy once some rectification has been made. Instead, forgiveness ought to be given freely, [especially when sincere contrition has been offered, true remorse has been shown, and just restitution paid.]

We must die to grudges, slights, rudeness, and other transgressions we’ve suffered and rise to a sense of freedom that comes through forgiving as we’ve been forgiven. Jesus himself warns us in a negative way (via negativa) that if we withhold [human] forgiveness, [divine forgiveness] will be withheld from us. And the consequences of that are severe indeed. – Living Liturgy

Gathering Song: Antiphon: Give peace, Lord, to those who wait for you and your prophets will proclaim you as you deserve. Hear the prayers of your servant and of your people Israel.

Alleluia! Give the Glory – Canedo
Amar Es Entregarse (O/S)
As We Gather at Your Table
Bendeciremos por Siempre: Sal 145(144) (C/S)
For the Beauty of the Earth DIX
Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive (O/S)
Gather Us In – Haugen
God Is Here! As We His People ABBOT’S LEIGH
God of Might and God of Mercy – Joncas
Lift Up Your Hearts – O’Connor
One Heart – Stephan
Sing to the Mountains – Dufford
Somos Una Iglesia (O/C/S)
There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy in Babilone (O/S)
Vamos a la Casa del Señor (S)
When We Are Living/Pues Si Vivimos (O/S)
Where Charity and Love Prevail (O)

1st Reading: Sirach 27:30 – 28:7 Forgive the injustice of your neighbor, for then your own sins will be pardoned. Remember death, stop sinning, recall the commandments, love your neighbor, think of God’s covenant, and overlook the faults of others.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

The Lord is kind and merciful,
slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

2nd Reading: Romans 14:7-9 We are not our own masters, but we are responsible to the Lord as servants. In life and in death we belong to the Lord. Christ died and rose to life in order to become “Lord of both the dead and the living.”
Gospel Verse:
I give you a new commandment, says the Lord; love one another as I have loved you.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35 In a parable on forgiveness, Jesus compared the reign of God to a king settling accounts with his officials: Moved by compassion, the king forgave some or all of each debt. An official then extorted the full amount he was owed, and the king punished him.

Prep of Gifts:

Amémonos de Corazón (C)
Christians, Let Us Love One Another PICARDY
El Señor Es Compasivo: Sal 103(102) (C)
Entre Tus Manos
God of Mercy – Manalo
Lead Us to the Cross – Muglia
Love One Another – Dufford
The Jesus Song – Booth
Un Mandamiento Nuevo (C)
Where Charity and Love Prevail CHRISTIAN LOVE
Where True Love Abides – Norbet
You Alone – Hart

Communion Processional: Antiphon: How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings. OR
The chalice of blessing that we bless is a communion in the Blood of Christ; and the bread that we break is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.

Al Partir el Pan
Bread of Life – Farrell
Entre Tus Manos – Repp
Gusten y Vean: Sal 34(33)
Healing Waters – Thomson
Loving and Forgiving – Soper
Psalm 103: The Lord Is Kind and Merciful – Manalo
Ubi Caritas – Rosania, Hurd
When We Eat This Bread – Joncas
With the Lord There Is Mercy – Modlin

Song of Praise/Sending Forth:

Blest Be the Lord – Schutte
Can We Love? – Booth
City of God – Schutte
Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go – Rosen
Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord PARK PLACE
Id y Enseñad
Many and One – Angrisano
Open My Eyes – Manibusan
The King of Love My Shepherd Is ST. COLUMBA
The Spirit Sends Us Forth AZMON
Una Mirada de Fe

About Liturgical Music
Suggestions: Music about mercy should abound this day. “My People, What Do I Require?” (GIA) is a hymn text by Herman Stuempfle, Jr. paired to the tune LAND OF REST. The text is inspired from the prophet Micah describing what the Lord requires: “Be merciful and just to all; walk humbly with the Lord. Love mercy: let your hand be swift to serve a neighbor’s need. Let good intent and gracious word be matched by loving deed.” Another recommendation is from Psallite called “If You Will Love Each Other” (Liturgical Press). The refrain reads, “If you will love each other, forgiving from the heart, then my Father will heal and forgive you.” A third suggestion reflects the beautiful text from today’s second reading. “Pues Si Vivimos/When We Are Living” (Abingdon Press) is a traditional Spanish song with text by Robert Escamilla that has been translated into English. The first verse reads, “When we are living, we are in Christ Jesus, and when we die, we remain in him. Both in our living, and in our dying, we are the Lord’s, we belong to him.”

Other:

Abundant Life
Deliver Us, O Lord of Truth
September 20  25th Sunday - Ordinary

Living the Paschal Mystery It’s probably the case that none of us enjoy being suppliants. We all tend to work for a wage we consider just (if and when possible) and expect to be paid for our labor. When we see acts of generosity, it can be natural to expect that we might receive some of that generosity as well. It sounds strange to hear it said that someone is generous only with one group and not another. And such is the seeming riddle of today’s parable.

God is a just and generous giver. When we receive what we have from God, there is no room for complaint, jealousy, or envy. The gifts of God are given to whom God wills. Let us die to our own sense of who is just and worthy in God’s sight and leave room to be surprised by Divine generosity. None of us can predict the actions of God. – Living Liturgy

Gathering Song: Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

A Rightful Place – Angrisano
All the Earth – Deiss
Bendeciremos por Siempre: Sal 145(144) (O/C)
Canticle of the Sun – Haugen
Come, Now Is the Time to Worship – Doerksen
For the Fruits of This Creation (O/S)
For You Are My God – Foley
Gather Us In
Gather Us Together – Alstott
God, We Praise You NETTLETON
Hoy Nos Reunimos
Keep in Mind (O/C)
Lord of All Hopefulness (O/S)
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven LAUDA ANIMA (O/S)
Ready and Willing – Booth
Sing of the Lord’s Goodness – Sands
The Kingdom of God (O/S)
Vamos a la Casa del Señor (S)
Venimos ante Ti (O/C)

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9 Isaiah prophesied, “Seek the LORD while he may be found; call him while he is near…My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.”

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

2nd Reading: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a Paul wrote, “Life is Christ, and death is gain…I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit. Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.”

Gospel Verse:

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a Jesus told the parable about the vineyard owner who hired workers at different times of the day and paid them all the same amount at the end of the day. The owner concluded, “Am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?” Jesus added, “The last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Prep of Gifts:

Al Partir el Pan (C)
All That Is Hidden – Farrell
Because the Lord Is My Shepherd – Walker
Bendigamos al Señor
Come, Follow Me – Berberick
El Señor Es Compasivo: Sal 103(102) (C)
Gusten y Vean: Sal 34(33) (C)
Por Tu Misericordia (S)
Quiero Servirte, Mi Señor (C)
Seek the Lord – O’Connor
The Feast Meant for Everyone – Booth
Your Words Are Spirit and Life – Farrell

Communion Processional: Antiphon: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes. OR
I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Amén. El Cuerpo de Cristo – Schiavone
Estamos Reunidos
I Am the Bread of Life (Come and Follow Me) – Angrisano/Booth
I Received the Living God LIVING GOD
I Will Praise Your Name/The Hand of the Lord – Smith
My Soul Rejoices – Alstott
Shepherd Me, O God – Haugen
Take and Eat – Joncas
The Cry of the Poor – Foley
The Lord Is Near – Booth
Yo Soy el Pan de Vida (S)

Song of Praise/Sending Forth:

Bearers of Peace SOMERSTOWN
Companions on the Journey – Landry
Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go – Rosen
Go Make a Difference – Angrisano
Hallelujah Is Our Song – Hart
I Will Lift Up Your Name – Angrisano
Psalm 23 – Conry
Tell the Good News GELOBT SEI GOTT
The Eyes and Hands of Christ – Kendzia

Question of the Week: In what ways do you try to live out Jesus’ proverb, “The last will be first, and the first will be last”?

Calendar

20 Jewish: Rosh Hashana, 2nd Day
21 Feast of St. Matthew, apostle
23 Memorial of St. Pius of Pietrelcina, priest
25 Native American Day
26 Opt. Memorial of SS. Cosmas & Damian, martyrs
Opt. Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

About Liturgical Music

Just wages: You won’t find many full-time music directors in parishes today. Most will be part-time, in charge of one or two liturgies. Still others may be working for free. Some parishes want to pay just wages for competent, professional music directors, but the money simply isn’t available. However, I would guess that some parishes do not prioritize providing excellent musical leadership for every liturgy so they use whomever they can find. This creates a disjointed approach to music ministry, harms the quality of the liturgy, and leaves gaps in leadership for the more important liturgies of the year. It also prevents qualified, skilled music ministers from earning a living wage.

The liturgy is the most important thing we do each week. Those who provide professional work at the service of the liturgy – people who have spent years developing their skills – should be given reasonable and just pay.

OTHER:

Abundant Life
All Are Welcome
All Who Hunger
As We Gather at Your Table
Called to Labor in God’s Vineyard
Canticle of the Turning

Eye Has Not Seen
God, Whose Purpose Is to Kindle
Let Justice Roll like a River
O Dawn of All Creation
Only This I Want
Praise and Thanksgiving/Te Damos Gracias
Turn My Heart, O God
Living the Paschal Mystery Have you ever met a flatterer, or people-pleaser? Those who say what you want to hear but have no intention of following through? Or those who over-promise and under-deliver? It can be challenging to hear the words of Jesus in the parable today about such behaviors. Despite our best intentions, it is our actions that truly mean more than our words. Without actions, our words are a “clanging gong” to use a term from St. Paul. There are many reasons why we might over-promise, but we are reminded of another saying in the gospels: “Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No’” (Matt 5:37). At some level, this is simply good advice from Jesus the teacher.

As we go about our lives, let us make an extra effort to think carefully before we commit ourselves or say we will do something. Simply modifying a commitment with the words “I intend to…” or “I’ll make my best effort to…” may be all we need to temper expectations. By avoiding the trap of being a people-pleaser, flatterer, or one who over-promises, and instead being a person of action and doing on behalf of others, we will be living the gospel message. – Living Liturgy

Gathering Song: Antiphon: All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgment, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Alaben Todos: Sal 148 (C)
All Are Welcome – Manibusan
All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name
As Christ Is for Us – Whitaker
At the Name of Jesus KING’S WESTON/Walker (O/C)
Bendeciremos por Siempre: Sal 145(144) (O/C)
Canción del Cuerpo de Cristo (C)
Come, Christians, Join to Sing MADRID
Holy, Holy, Holy NICAEA
Hoy Nos Reunimos
I Will Rejoice – Brown
Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens HYMN TO JOY
Sing of the Lord’s Goodness – Sands
Somos Una Iglesia
To You, O God, I Lift Up My Soul – Hurd

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28 The Lord spoke through Ezekiel: “Hear now, house of Israel: ...If he turns from the wickedness he has committed, and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life.”

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Remember your mercies, O Lord.

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:1-11 OR 2:1-5 Paul quoted an ancient hymn: “Though Christ was in the form of God, he did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave and obediently accepted death on a cross. So God exalted him and gave him a name above every other name.”
Gospel Verse:  
My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32 Jesus said that outcasts enter God’s reign because of faith but not the righteous who lack repentance: “Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the Kingdom of God before you.”

Prep of Gifts:  
A Place at Your Table – Walther  
At the Sound – Seay  
Digo Sí, Señor/I Say “Yes,” Lord (C)  
Gusten y Vean: Sal 34(33) (C)  
Jesus Christ Is Lord – Canedo  
Litany for the Earth – Bridge  
No Endurezcan el Corazón: Sal 95(94) (C/S)  
Pescador de Hombres (C)  
Turn to Me – Foley  
Vaso Nuevo  
Vine and Branches – Thomson  
What Wondrous Love Is This WONDROUS LOVE  
You Gather in the Outcast – Crandall

Communion Processional: Antiphon: Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low. OR  
By this we came to know the love of God: that Christ laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

Amén. El Cuerpo de Cristo – Schiavone  
I Lift Up My Soul – Manion  
Jesus, the Lord – O’Connor  
Remember Your Love – Ducote  
Renew Me, Lord SAFE HARBOUR  
Supper of the Lamb – Schutte  
The Cry of the Poor – Foley  
To You, O Lord – Joncas  
Unless a Grain of Wheat – Farrell  
Unwavering – Maher

Song of Praise/Sending Forth:  
A Rightful Place – Angrisano  
At the Name – Blakesley  
Bearers of Peace SOMERSTOWN  
Christ before Us SUO GÂN  
Con la Cruz  
Go Make a Difference – Angrisano  
God Has Chosen Me – Farrell  
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service HOLY MANNA  
Rise Up with Him – Vogt  
Tell the Good News GELOBT SEI GOTT  
The Spirit Sends Us Forth AZMON  
Una Mirada de Fe  
Vine Para Que Tengan

Other:

Christ Has No Body But Yours  
For the Life of the World  
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending  
God, Whose Purpose Is to Kindle  
Let Justice Roll like a River  
Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way  
My Elder Son, Go Work Today  
No Greater Love  
Our Father, We Have Wandered  
Send Down the Fire  
The Kingdom of God  
Those Who Love and Those Who Labor  
Turn to the Living God  
Unless a Grain of Wheat

Question of the Week: Considering today’s parable, which son are you more likely to be (the one who commits but doesn’t follow through, or the one who refuses but, in the end, complies?)

Pope’s Intention for October:  
The Laity’s Mission in the Church

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

Calendar

28 Opt. Memorial of St. Wenceslaus, martyr
29 Feast of St. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels
30 Memorial of St. Jerome, priest & doctor

October

1 Memorial of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, virgin & doctor
2 Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels
3 Opt. Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Jewish: Succot, 1st Day

About Liturgical Music

Doing what we sing: As music ministers, we are saturated with words in the performance of our ministry, and it can become very easy to gloss over the meaning of those words as we focus on getting the music right. Today’s gospel is a reminder for us that words aren’t important if we don’t live them in our actions.

For instance, today you might sing “Eye Has Not Seen” by Marty Haugen (GIA) in connection with the second reading verse, “Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus” (Phil 2:5). When you sing “Spirit of love, come, give us the mind of Jesus, teach us the wisdom of God,” what implications do those words have for your life? If we are to have the same attitude as Christ, then how do you live out these words from Philippians: “Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory” (2:3)? In your mind, hear, and actions, do you harbor resentment of your fellow music ministers who might be given a solo or asked to lead the psalm? What consequences do the words you sing have in your life?
October 4 27th Sunday - Ordinary

Living the Paschal Mystery Though the gospel was written two thousand years ago, it unfortunately has been misused throughout history as justification for Christians to persecute Jews. The church tells us that the words here echo words of the prophets and their critiques of the people of God. But when Christians definitively separated from Jews, the words were understood differently, not as an internal critique between members of a family but as a forceful condemnation of the “other.”

But it must be admitted that many of these passages are capable of providing a pretext for anti-Jewish [anti-“other”] sentiment and have in fact been used in this way. To avoid mistakes of this kind, it must be kept in mind that the New Testament polemical texts, even those expressed in general terms, have to do with concrete historical contexts and are never meant to be applied to Jews [“other”] of all times and places merely because they are Jews [“other”].

(Pontifical Biblical Commission, Jewish People 87)

Now in the modern world, especially in light of the Holocaust, we must do all we can to put away any anti-Jewish [anti-other] reading of the text. In so doing, we will walk in the newness of life. – Living Liturgy

Gathering Song: Antiphon: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is no one that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heavens and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Acudamos Jubilosos (C)
Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (O)
Den Gracias AL Señor: Sal 118(117) (O/C)
Fieles Te Alabamos
For the Beauty of the Earth DIX
How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION
Hoy Nos Reunimos
I Sing the Mighty Power of God ELLACOMBE
Lift Up Your Hearts – O’Connor
Our God Is Here – Muglia
Sing to the Mountains – Dufford
Sing, O Sing – Schutte
Table of Plenty – Schutte
The Church’s One Foundation (O/S)
The Kingdom of God (O/S)
This Is the Day – Fisher
Vamos a la Casa del Señor

1st Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7 Isaiah sang of his friend, “My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.” The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are God’s cherished plant.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20
The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.
2nd Reading: Philippians 4:6-9 Paul wrote, “Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition...the God of peace will be with you.” With thanksgiving, make your request known to God.

Gospel Verse:
I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go and bear fruit that will remain.

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43 Jesus told the parable of the vineyard owner who sent out slaves and finally his son to the rebellious tenants who killed them. “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes.”

Prep of Gifts:
Al Partir el Pan (C)
All Good Gifts HEISLMAN
Busca Primero
Ofertorio Nicaragüense (C)
Prayer of Saint Francis – Temple (S)
Remain in Me, I Am the Vine – Stephen
Save Us, O Lord – Dufford
Take, Lord, Receive – Foley
These Alone Are Enough – Schutte
This Day, This Day – Walker
Vine and Branches – Thomson

Communion Processional: Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him. OR Though many, we are one bread, one body, for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.

Alleluia No. 1 ALLELUIA NO. 1
Estamos Reunidos
I Will Choose Christ – Booth
In the Breaking of the Bread – Hurd, Smith
Many and Great – Manalo
Pan de Vida – Hurd
Peace I Leave with You – Bridge
The Vineyard of the Lord – Keil
This Day Was Made by the Lord – Walker
We Praise You – Ducote

Song of Praise/Sending Forth:
God of Our Fathers NATIONAL HYMN
Go Out, Go Out – Stephan
Id y Enseñad
Laudato Si! Be Praised, O God! – Manalo
Los Caminos
Praise God in His Holy Dwelling – Vermulst
Rise Up with Him – Vogt
Siempre Unidos
The Wondrous News – Schutte
This Is the Day – Soper
To Live with Him Forever – Hart/Feduccia

OTHER:
All Are Welcome
Bring Forth the Kingdom

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
Father, We Thank Thee Who Have Planted
God of Day and God of Darkness
God, Whose Purpose Is to Kindle
Healer of Our Every Ill
I Will Be the Vine
Lead Me, Guide Me
O Christ, the Great Foundation
The Harvest of Justice
The Keeper of a Vineyard
Tree of Life

Question of the Week: In the gospel, Jesus quotes the Scripture passage, “The stone that the builders rejected / has become the cornerstone.” Can you think of an example in your life where this proved to be the case?

Calendar
4 Respect Life Sunday
World Communication Sunday
Diocesan: Marriage Day
Jewish: Succot, 2nd Day
5 Opt. Memorial of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, priest
Opt. Memorial of St, Bruno, priest
Opt. Memorial of Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, virgin
7 Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary
9 Opt. Memorial of St. Denis, bishop, & Companions, martyrs
10 Opt. Memorial of St. John Leonardi, priest

Jewish: Shemini Atzeret

About Liturgical Music
The fruit of liturgical music: In their document on liturgical music, the United States bishops said, “Charity, justice, and evangelization are thus the normal consequences of liturgical celebration. Particularly inspired by sung participation, the body of the Word Incarnate goes forth to spread the Gospel with full force and compassion” (Sing to the Lord 9).

Music ministers have a role to play in cultivating the fruits of liturgical celebration, which are “charity, justice, and spreading the gospel “with full force and compassion,” we will be good stewards of the vineyard God has given us to tend.
Living the Paschal Mystery

In a story filled with such violence as we have today, it might be easy to forget we are dealing with a merciful God! God calls a people to himself and desires that they come to him. The destruction of the city of Jerusalem with its temple was interpreted at the time by Christians as God’s judgment on Judah. A violent world saw stories of violence. Though we may wish to minimize the violence, unfortunately it has been part of human history from the beginning and continues to this day.

It might be difficult [and uncomfortable] to strip away the violent imagery and focus instead on the kernel underneath it all. Matthew’s church has the wisdom and experience of decades since the death and resurrection of Jesus. It has learned that there are some in the church who do not belong, as indicated in several parables. Sadly, our modern experience reflects this too. Simply being in the church does not make one holy, God’s chosen, or a paragon of virtue. There are weeds within the wheat. The sobering reminder that “many are invited but few are chosen” should cause us to pause, reflect, and reexamine our lives. [And take action to change.] - Living Liturgy

Gathering Song: Antiphon: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

A los Hombres Amó Dios (Es Mi Cuerpo) (O/C/S)
All Are Welcome – Manibusan
Amenecer – Rubalcava
Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life THE CALL
Gather the People – Schutte
Gathered In HARK MY SOUL
Hoy Nos Reunimos
Table of Plenty – Schutte
10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) – Myrin
The King of Love My Shepherd Is ST. COLUMBA
Ven al Banquete/Come to the Feast – Hurd
Venimos ante Ti
You Are Welcome Here – Muglia

1st Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10a Isaiah prophesied, “On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide...a feast of rich food and choice wines...The LORD GOD will wipe away the tears from every face...The hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.”

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 Paul wrote, “I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry.” When people share each other’s hardships, God supplies their needs fully in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Verse:
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.
Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14 OR 22:1-10 Jesus likened God’s reign to a great wedding banquet that a king gave for his son. Many were invited; some ignored the invitation. One guest was thrown out for disrespectful dress. In God’s reign “many are invited, but few are chosen.”

Law: Matthew 5:20-24 OR 5:17-20 Jesus likened the kingdom of heaven to salt that has lost its taste. If salt has lost its flavor, it’s no good for anything. It is thrown out and trampled on by men.

Prep of Gifts:
A Place at Your Table – Walther
Christ the Good Shepherd – Hurd
El Señor Es Mi Pastor: Sal 23(22) (C)
Gusten y Ven: Sal 34(33) (C)
Here at This Table – Whitaker
Litany of Peace – Bridge
Many and Great – Manalo
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need RESIGNATION
Pastures of the Lord – Stephan
Un Mandamiento Nuevo (C)
You Are the Light – Hart

Communion Processional: Antiphon: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing. OR When the Lord appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Christ, Be Our Light – Farrell
Estamos Reunidos
Pan del Cielo
Señor, Tú Eres el Pan
Shepherd Me, O God – Haugen
Taste and See – Moore, Angrisano, Kendzia, Hurd
The Feast Meant for Everyone – Booth
The Lord Is My Shepherd – Reza
With the Lord – Joncas
With the Lord There Is Mercy – Modlin

Song of Praise/Sending Forth:
City of God – Schutte
Drawn by His Word VAN SLOUN
For the Healing of the Nations ST. THOMAS
Hallelujah Is Our Song – Hart
Laudate, Laudate Dominum – Walker
Lead Me, Lord – Becker
Psalm 23 – Conry
Siempre Unidos
Te Den Gracias
Thanks Be to God CHARIS
We Are the Light of the World GREIF
We Belong to You – Thomson

In Christ There Is No East or West
May We Be One
Praise the Lord, My Soul
Sing a New Church
The Kingdom of God
The Love of the Lord
To the Wedding Feast
We Come to Your Feast

Question of the Week: In today’s parable, Jesus liken the kingdom of God to a wedding feast. In what ways do you think this might be an apt description of heaven?

Calendar
11 Jewish: Simchat Torah
12 Indigenous Peoples Day
13 Canada: Thanksgiving Day
14 Opt. Memorial of St. Callistus, pope & martyr
15 Memorial of St. Teresa of Jesus, virgin & doctor
16 Opt. Memorial of St. Hedwig, religious
17 Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop & martyr

About Liturgical Music
Choir robes: The same principles outlined in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal on proper attire for liturgical ministers apply for music ministers as well. The United States bishops speak specifically to liturgical vesture for music ministers in “Sing to the Lord.” There, they state that “[c]hoir and ensemble members may dress in albs or choir robes, but always in clean, presentable, and modest clothing. Cassock and surplice, being clerical attire, are not recommended as choir vesture” (33). They give the same recommendation for the psalmist (36) and the cantor (40).

Different ensembles might choose different attire when serving at their proper Masses. However, whenever a parish’s various music ministers gather together to assist at the same Mass, they should all be vested similarly to show their unity of liturgical function. [For example, asking all to wear red on Pentecost, or muted clothing colors during Lent.]
Living the Paschal Mystery In the modern, rather individualistic world in which we live, [even during global pandemic], there is a temptation to believe that what we have, we have earned. My possessions are mine, a result of my own hard work or that of others, such as family. But today’s gospel is a good reminder that all we have is from God. As such, we should not and cannot be hoarders of God’s good gifts. Even money itself should not be thought of as ours.

Jesus calls us to an entirely new way of thinking [as COVID-19 has called us to new ways of being community]. We return to be fed at the table of his word and at the table of his Eucharist so often in part because we need to be reminded of this way of thinking when we are so immersed in the world with its ways.

Any resources we have are truly not our own. Even what we acquired through our own labor and efforts cannot be taken with us when we pass on from this life. Let us die to the notion of possessions – what is mine versus yours – and let us instead engage in a lifestyle of discipleship, which shares what we have with the least among us. In that way we will be living the paschal mystery. – Living Liturgy

Gathering Song: Antiphon: To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Alaben Todos: Sal 148 (C)
Aleluya, Cantemos al Señor (S)
All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name CORONATION
All the Ends of the Earth – Dufford
All People That on Earth Do Dwell OLD HUNDREDTH
Alleluia! Give the Glory – Canedo
Bendeciremos por Siempre: Sal 145 (144) (O/C)
Come, Follow Me – Berberick
Glory and Praise to Our God – Foley
Hoy Nos Reunimos
Sing a New Song – Schutte, Brown
Venimos ante Ti (O/C)
With All Your Strength – Muglia

1st Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 The Lord anointed Cyrus of Persia to subdue the nations and free Israel. God made Persia great so that everyone might know that there is no god besides the Lord God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10
Give the Lord glory and honor.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b The Thessalonians believed in the gospel, lived in the Holy Spirit, and labored in love with full conviction. Paul thanked God for the faith of the Thessalonians and remembered them in prayer.

Gospel Verse: Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word of life.

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21 When some Pharisees tried to trap Jesus into saying something negative about the emperor, Jesus used a Roman coin to teach them, “Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.”
Prep of Gifts:

Al Partir el Pan
Cantemos al Amor de los Amores
Do Not Fear to Hope – Cooney
God, Be in My Head – Brown
Hold On to Love – Manibusan
Lord, I Love You – Jansen
Shelter Me, O God – Hurd
Te Alabamos, Señor
To Live with Him Forever – Hart/Feduccia
To Praise You – Schutte
Tomado de la Mano
You Gather in the Outcast – Crandal

Communion Processional: Antiphon: Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. OR
The Son of Man has come to give his life as a ransom for many.

As We Remember – Cooney
Blessed the People – DeBruyn
Bread of Angels – Stephan
Bread of Life – Fisher
Many and Great – Manalo
Spirit and Grace – Manalo
Turn to Me – Foley

Song of Praise/Sending Forth:

Act Justly – Farrell
Anthem – Conry
Con la Cruz
For the Fruits of This Creation AR HYD Y NOS
Forever – Tomlin
Id y Enseñad
Laudate, Laudate Dominum – Walker
Los Caminos
Siempre Unidos
Somos el Cuerpo de Cristo – Cortez
Stand by Me – Kendzia
With One Voice – Manalo
Your Grace Is Enough – Maher

You Have Anointed Me

Question of the Week: Jesus tells the Pharisees, “[R]epay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar / and to God what belongs to God.” What do you think he means by this teaching?

Calendar

18  World Mission Sunday
19  Laity Sunday
19  Memorial of SS. John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues, priests, & Companions, martyrs
20  Opt. Memorial of St. Paul of the Cross, priest
22  Opt. Memorial of St. John Paul II, pope
23  Opt. Memorial of St. John of Capistrano, priest
24  Opt. Memorial of St. Anthony Mary Claret, bishop
24  Opt. Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

About Liturgi
cal Music

Song suggestions: Fred Kaan’s text “For the Healing of the Nations,” set to ST THOMAS (Hope Publishing), would be a good song for sending that connects our Christian faith to our call to exercise it in concrete ways in our daily life. Another excellent sending forth text that calls us to live our faith is Marin Willett’s “Go, Be Justice,” which is set to the familiar hymn BEACH SPRING (WLP).

Though we may be citizens of both heaven and earth, our first loyalty is to God. The antiphon text of Psallite’s “You Alone Are Lord” (Liturgical Press) builds on today's first reading from Isaiah: “You alone are Lord, there is no other; we belong to you, chosen in love.”

OTHER:

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
All That We Have
Baited, the Question Rose
Bless the Lord
City of God
God Has Chosen Me
Holy God, We Praise Thy Name
How Can I Keep from Singing
How Firm a Foundation
How Great Thou Art
I Have Loved You
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
Only in God
Sing of the Lord’s Goodness
Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above
The Love of the Lord
To God with Gladness Sing
October 25 30th Sunday - Ordinary

**Living the Paschal Mystery** Getting to the crux of the matter can be an important exercise. Pruning away extraneous detail to reveal the core issue is essential in many cases. For Christians, we recall that Jesus’ teachings were rooted in Mosaic Law and the prophets. Yet he emphasized or combined aspects of each that made them see, to come alive, or to be read and understood in a new way. It’s certainly true that loving God and loving one’s neighbor were commandments in Mosaic Law. But who had ever combined them like this before? Ultimately, it’s a good reminder of the core of the religious message. All of our actions ought to flow from this twofold love. Loving God and loving neighbor go together, and they cannot be reduced one to the other or one over the other. When we live by this guiding principle, we are living the paschal mystery. – Living Liturgy

**Gathering Song:** *Antiphon: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.*

- Amar Es Entregarse (O/S)
- Christ before Us SUO GÁN
- El Señor Es Mi Luz: Sal 27(26) (C)
- Gather Us In – Haugen
- Gather Your People – Hurd
- Gathered In HARK MY SOUL
- God Is Love – Joncas
- Hoy Nos Reunimos
- In Christ Alone – Getty
- Let Us Go Rejoicing – Hurd
- Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace (O/S)
- Our God Is Here – Muglia
- Shall We Gather at the River HANSON PLACE
- Shout to the Lord – Zschech
- Vamos a la Casa del Señor (S)
- Venimos ante Ti (O/C)
- Where Charity and Love Prevail (O)

1st Reading: Exodus 22:20-26 The faithful and gracious Lord said, “You shall not wrong any widow or orphan…If you take your neighbor’s cloak…return it before sunset. If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate.”

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

* I love you, Lord, my strength.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10 Paul commended the Christians of Thessalonica: “You became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in great affliction, with the joy from the Holy Spirit. So that you became a model for all believers…the word of the Lord has sounded forth.”

Gospel Verse:

*Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.*

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40 In response to a question from some Pharisees who wanted to trip him up, Jesus said, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart…soul…and mind. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” These are the two great commandments.
Prep of Gifts:

Age to Age – Vogt
All I Ask of You – Norbet
Amémonos de Corazón (C)
Bendigamos al Señor
Christians, Let Us Love One Another PICARDY
El Señor Es Compasivo: Sal 103(102) (C)
Faith, Hope and Love
In God Alone – Farrell
Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love
Jesus, My Everything – Maher
Only This I Want – Schutte
These Alone Are Enough – Schutte
This Alone – Manion
Un Mandamiento Nuevo (C)

Communion Processional: Antiphon: We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God. OR Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, as a fragrant offering to God.

Estamos Reunidos
God Be in My Head – Brown
Healing Waters – Thomson
I Love You, Lord, My Strength - Honoré
Restless – Assad
Restless Is the Heart – Farrell
The Cry of the Poor – Foley
The Eyes and Hands of Christ – Kendzia
Ubi Caritas – Hurd, Rosania
Without You – Kendzia

Song of Praise/Sending Forth:

City of God – Schutte
For the Healing of the Nations
Go Make a Difference – Angrisano
Go Out, Go Out – Stephan
How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION
I Send You Out – Angotti
Lord, I Need You – Maher
Los Caminos
Take the Word of God with You – Walker
Tell the Good News GELOBT SEI GOTT
Tend the Ground – Stephan

OTHER:

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning
Christ, Be Our Light
God of Day and God of Darkness
Healer of Our Every Ill
Love Is the Law That Jesus Taught
Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
Set Your Heart on the Higher Gifts
The Cry of the Poor
They’ll Know We Are Christians

Pope’s Intention for November:

Artificial Intelligence
We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

Calendar

25 Reformation Day
28 Feast of SS. Simon and Jude, apostles
31 Opt. Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

About Liturgical Music

Preparing for the new liturgical year: As November approaches, you are probably beginning to prepare your choirs for the Advent and Christmas seasons. In these last few weeks before the new liturgical year, do not overlook spiritual preparation for your music ministers as well.

Take some time at each upcoming rehearsal to invite music ministers to reflect on the past liturgical year [memories of COVID-19?] and to prepare their hearts for the new year. Where have they encountered God's presence in their ministry? What do they need from the Spirit in order to become more faithful disciples in the new liturgical year? Each week you might write down their responses in a journal.

Then at the rehearsal for the Thanksgiving Day liturgy or for Christ the King, you might incorporate these responses as part of the prayer you use to begin or end that rehearsal. These can become a “litany of thanksgiving” interspersed with a sung refrain from an appropriate psalm or acclamation.

Alternatively, if you are able, consider hosting a retreat for music ministers near the feast of St. Cecilia (November 22), which is Christ the King Sunday this year. Use that time for spiritual preparation, reflection, and prayer.

Question of the Week: Jesus tells us the greatest and first commandment is “You shall love the Lord, your God.” How do you keep your life centered around this commandment?
**November 1**  
**All Saints**

*Living the Paschal Mystery*  
Holiness and sanctity can seem so out of reach when we have as examples those whose lives are so different from the vast majority. Sanctity is not a prize given to those who complete a marathon, something most people cannot do. Instead, sanctity is something each of us is called to. Holiness is something each Christian can live. It is nothing more than living the paschal mystery, a daily dying to self so that we put others before us. Family members practice this daily! (Or at least they have many chances to practice this each day.) When parents sacrifice their own wants for the sake of their children, or when siblings put the needs of their brothers and sisters before their own, these are acts of sanctity. It is through such acts that we live the gospel passage today as “peacemakers.” Division and strife are not marks of sanctity; unity and peace are. Let us live the gospel message toady and, in so doing, live the paschal mystery into our own sanctity. - *Living Liturgy*

**Gathering Song: Antiphon:** Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honor of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

- Alabar, Siervos de Dios: Sal 113(112) (O)
- Alaben Todos: Sal 148(147) (C)
- All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name CORONATION
- Canción del Cuerpo de Cristo (C)
- For All the Saints (S)
- For All the Saints Who’ve Shown Your Love (O/S)
- God, We Praise You NETTLETON
- How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION
- Jerusalem, My Happy Home (O/S)
- Lift High the Cross CRUCIFER
- Lord, Who at Thy First Eucharist UNDE ET MEMORES
- Rejoice in the Promise of Jesus – Crandal
- Rejoice with All the Saints – Smith
- Santo, Santo, Santo (O/S)
- Shall We Gather at the River (O/S)
- Sing with All the Saints in Glory HYMN TO JOY (O/S)
- Table of Plenty – Schutte
- Venimos ante Ti (C)
- Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones LASST UNS ERFREUEN (O/S)

**1st Reading:** Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14  
*Saint John had a vision that reaffirmed the belief that all who remain faithful to the Lamb of God receive fulfillment and glory after their trial.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6  
*Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.*

**2nd Reading:** 1 John 3:1-3  
*John exhorted his brothers and sisters, God’s children in the faith, to place their hope in the light of the world and in that way to keep themselves pure.*

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

**Gospel:** Matthew 5:1-12a  
*Jesus offered the beatitudes as the charter of the heavenly reign. The poor in spirit, the sorrowing, the lowly, the peacemakers – all these receive God’s love.*
Prep of Gifts:

Cantemos al Amor de los Amores
Eye Has Not Seen (C)
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light HOUSTON
In God Alone – Farrell
Pueblo de Reyes (S)
Qué Grande Es Mi Dios
Saints and Beloved of God – Schutte
The Feast Meant for Everyone – Booth
We Are the Light of the World GREIF
Where My Father Lives – Ridge
With All the Saints – Hurd

Communion Processional: Antiphon: Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Amen, Let It Be Done – Stephan
Be Not Afraid – Dufford
Gift of Finest Wheat BICENTENNIAL
Keep in Mind – Deiss
Litany of the Saints – Becker
O How Blessed – Schutte
Saints of God – Hurd
To Serve Is to Reign – Willcock
Worthy Is the Lamb – Manalo

Song of Praise/Sending Forth:

Beatitudes – Ducote
For All the Saints SINE NOMINE
For the Healing of the Nations ST. THOMAS
Holy God, We Praise Thy Name GROSSER GOTT
How Can I Keep from Singing ENDLESS SONG
Jerusalem, My Happy Home LAND OF REST
Lead Me, Guide Me – Akers
Lead Me, Lord – Becker
Let There Be Peace on Earth – Miller
One Heart – Stephan

OTHER:

As Stars Adorn the Night-Veiled Sky
Come and See the Many Wonders
How Firm a Foundation
Lord of All Hopefulness
Precious Lord, Take My Hand
We Shall Rise Again

Question of the Day: Which beatitude is the most difficult for you to live out? Which is the easiest?

Calendar

November

1 National Vocations Awareness Week begins
   Daylight Savings Time Ends
2 Feast of the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls’ Day)
3 Opt. Memorial of St. Martin de Porres, religious

4 Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo, bishop
6 World Community Day
7 Opt. Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

About Liturgical Music

Litany of Saints: In addition to using it at baptismal liturgies, ordinations, and the First Sunday of Lent, today is the premier day for singing the Litany of the Saints. Whether the traditional chant found in the Roman Missal (see also the appendix in the Rite of Baptism) or another contemporary setting, the litany can be appropriate in several different places during the Mass.

As a gathering song, it recalls that it is not only we from this parish community but all the saints who gather to give praise to God. As a song during the preparation of the gifts, it extends the intercessions just prayed. At Communion, we remember that in the Eucharist we join with the saints and angels now rejoicing at the heavenly banquet of the Lamb. When it’s used as a sending forth song, the saints remind us that at our baptism we each were given a unique mission that we are to live out in works of mercy so that our lives, like theirs, may be witnesses of God’s mercy.

Whatever setting you use, be sure to include your parish’s patron saint. Also, omit any intercessory verses that are specific for other liturgical rites, such as baptism.
November 2
Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

Living the Liturgy We live with markers of the past all around us. Our lives are built on the good work of others. The homes we purchase, roads we drive on, monuments, churches, and cathedrals were likely all built before us. We owe much to those who came before us. We owe not only our material blessings but our spiritual blessings as well! We are connected to those ancestors in faith. The world is about so much more than us. And after we depart this earthly life, there will be others who come after us, whose faith might even be built upon our own.

This passing down the Christian faith from generation to generation began with the first disciples and apostles, and continues into our own day. The death and resurrection of the Lord becomes the message we share with others. Death is not the end; new life awaits. For centuries past and centuries still to come, a “cloud of witnesses” (Heb 12:1) proclaims the glory of God. – Living Liturgy

Music choices may be made from “November 1st” or “Funeral”

Question of the Day: On All Souls’ Day, who are the family or friends that have died who you celebrate and remember on this day?

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Remembering all holy women and men: Today we recall our ancestors in faith who have died and recognize them as yet-to-be-named saints awaiting the resurrection.

Today, why not also include a sung litany of saints? Bernadette Farrell’s “Saints of God in Glory” (OCP) would be an excellent gathering song. This is the refrain: “Saints of God in glory, be with us, rejoice with us, sing praise with us, and pray with us now.” The verses have no sung text but include suggested lists of saints and other holy people that are spoken by a cantor or reader.

Use the suggested verses, or prepare your own verses of saints important to your community. For one of the verses, invite the assembly to speak out loud the names of their beloved dead. Or if you gather such names from your parishioners throughout the year, the cantor might read a prepared list of these names as one of the verses. If you use this as a gathering song, you can also invite the assembly to bring forward a picture of their beloved dead and place it upon a separate altar space near the sanctuary during the song.
November 8  32nd Sunday - Ordinary

Living the Paschal Mystery: The meaning of Jesus’ parables can be difficult [and discomfiting] to discern. And the meaning is polyvalent [multi-faceted]. One can read into them almost anything. The parable we read today should be a clarion call to “be prepared” for the coming of Jesus at the end of times. And even if we think the end times are far, far away, my own personal end (death) may come when I least expect it. So it can be a fruitful exercise to read these parables in terms of my own death: Am I prepared for that? How would I live on this earth if today were my last? Or if this week were my last? Would my priorities shift? This kind of exercise can clarify our own priorities and behaviors. Jesus reminds us that the fools are the ones who were not prepared for the coming of the master. Let us be like the wise ones, attentive to the coming of the Lord, for we know not when that day might be. - Living Liturgy

Gathering Song: Antiphon: Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

A Rightful Place – Angrisano
Bendeciremos por Siempre: Sal 145(144) (O/C)
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR
Find Us Ready – Booth
Hoy Nos Reunimos
Let Us Go to the Altar – Schutte
Lord of All Hopefulness SLANE
Praise to the Lord LOBE DEN HERREN
Rain Down – Cortez
Sing a New Song – Schutte (O/S)
Sing Alleluia, Sing – Ault
Soon and Very Soon (O/S)
Vamos a la Case del Señor (S)
Wake, O Wake, and Sleep No Longer WACHET AUF
We Gather Together KREMESER

1st Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16 Wisdom is there for those who love and seek her: resplendent, unfading, responsive, eager, patient, perfect, gracious, and caring.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 OR 4:13-14 Those who have died in Christ will rise first. Believers will be with Christ forever. Christians can comfort one another with this knowledge.

Gospel Verse: Stay awake and be ready! For you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13 Jesus told the disciples the parable of the bridesmaids, emphasizing the urgency of keeping alert to the coming of God’s reign: “Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

Prep of Gifts:

Al Partir el Pan
All Is Well with My Soul – Landry
As the Deer – Farrell
Busca Primero

Communion Processional: Antiphon: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me. OR
The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread.

Christ, Be Our Light – Farrell
Give Us, O Lord – Hurd
In Memory of You – Peloquin
Jesus Died upon the Cross – Brown
My Shepherd Is the Lord – Gelineau
Parable – Ridge
Psalmody: As Morning Breaks – Joncas
Supper of the Lamb – Schutte
The Lord Is My Shepherd – Blakesley

Song of Praise/Sending Forth:

Carry Me Home – Modlin
City of God – Schutte
Do Not Fear to Hope – Cooney
Eternal Father, Strong to Save MELITA
Give Me Jesus – Hansen
I Know That My Redeemer Lives DUKE STREET
In the Day of the Lord – Ridge
Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC
Shall We Gather at the River HANSON PLACE
Vamos Cantando al Señor

OTHER:

Awaken, Sleepers
City of God, Jerusalem
Come, Lord, and Tarry Not!
Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life
Eye Has Not Seen
God Is Working His Purpose Out
O Come, Divine Messiah!
Sing a New Song to the Lord Sleepers, Wake!
The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns
Wait for the Lord
We Shall Rise Again
We Walk by Faith
Who Can Measure Heaven and Earth
Wisdom, My Road
Question of the Week: Today’s gospel could be seen as a call to be ready for the hour of our own death, when we meet the heavenly Bridegroom. How does living with death in mind shape your life and decisions?

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About Liturgical Music

**Being prepared and agile:** What is a good timeframe for having music selected and prepared for Mass? May effective music directors plan out the music for an entire liturgical season. Several month in advance, they dedicate a full day or two to read through all the readings for that season, study music planning guides [such as this one] and liturgical resources, review what had been sung by the parish in the past, and finally pray and discern what should be sung this year for this season. A benefit to doing this is that you get a full view of how you can unify and develop the focus of each season through your liturgical music choices. You can also be sure that you are not scheduling the same music or new music too often.

Though you want to be prepared in advance, you also want to be flexible enough to make last-minute changes in order to connect with a current event or issue affecting the parish [like COVID-19]!
Living the Paschal Mystery: Life in a community can be a gift. We join others who share a common purpose. We combine effort to achieve a common goal. But in these cases, much like “group work” assigned to schoolchildren, there can be freeloaders who live of the largesse of others’ efforts while contributing little to no effort of their own. [Or actively tearing down or disparaging them.] The parable today reminds us that there will come a time when God will take stock of each person’s efforts. This is not our work to do, but God’s.

When we hear this parable and others like it, we can be moved to action, investing ourselves more fully in the Christian life. And for the Gospel of Matthew that means service of others, especially the less fortunate [the ones that cannot realistically contribute to the efforts]. May this gospel motivate us to continue serving without accounting the cost, investing fully of ourselves and our talents. There will be an accounting and when there is, we want to hear the words, “Come, share your master’s joy.” – Living Liturgy

Gathering Song: Antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

1st Reading: Proverbs 31:1-13, 19-20, 30-31. A worthy wife has value far beyond pearls. She deserves payment for her labor and praise for her work: Let her works praise her at the city gates.”

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6. According to Paul, Christians are children of light. They belong not to dark nor to night but, rather, to day and light. They should be awake, sober, and alert.

Gospel Verse:
Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me bears much fruit.

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30 OR 25:14-15, 19-21. Jesus told the parable about a man who went on a journey and gave his servants money. One his return he said to the one who made the greatest profit, “Well done… I will give you great responsibilities.”

Communion Processional: Antiphon: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord. OR Amen, I say to you”: Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you will receive, and it shall be given to you, says the Lord.

As Grains of Wheat – Rosania
Eye Has Not Seen – Haugen
Come to Us – Cooney
God with Us – Hart
God’s Holy Gifts – Schutte
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light HOUSTON
O Blessed Are Those – Inwood
Pan del Cielo
Peace – Norbet
Taste and See – Hurd
Unless a Grain of Wheat – Farrell

Song of Praise/Sending Forth:

Con la Cruz
Faithful Family – Cooney
For You Are My God – Foley
Forever – Tomlin
Give Me Jesus – Hansen
In the Day of the Lord – Ridge
Lord of the Dance – Carter
River of Glory – Schutte
Soon and Very Soon SOON AND VERY SOON
Te Den Gracias
Tend the Ground – Stephan
Un Pueblo Que Camina

Other:

Abundant Life
For the Healing of the Nations
God Has Chosen Me
God Is Working His Purpose Out
God of Day and God of Darkness
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Sign Me Up
This Is the Feast of Victory
Wait for the Lord
Walk in the Reign
We Walk by Faith
What Does the Lord Require
When the Lord in Glory Comes
With Gifts That Differ by Your Grace

**Question of the Week:** What is one gift or talent that you have received from the hand of God and are using to serve God’s people?

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**Song suggestions:** Look for music that speaks of putting your gifts to use for the mission of Christ. Some suggestions are “Come and See the Many Wonders,” a hymn text by Harry Hagan, OSB, set to HYFRYDOL (St. Meinrad’s Archabbey). This would be a fitting song for sending forth. “We Are Called” by David Haas (GIA) is also a good option for the end of Mass. Another suggestion is James Seddon’s text “Church of God, Elect and Glorious” (Hope Publishing). This can be set to HYFRYDOL or NETTLETON and works well as a gathering hymn.

In these last Sundays of Ordinary Time, you might also use music that looks toward the coming of Christ. An excellent, joyful example is “Soon and Very Soon” by André Crouch. You can also bring this back toward the end of the Advent season.
Living the Paschal Mystery It is a bold thing to identify with Christ. From the Sermon on the Mount with the Beatitudes, to this concluding teaching of Jesus on judgment, being a follower of Christ is not for the faint of heart. Self-sacrifice, love of the other, and service are central to the identity of a Christian. How mortally dangerous it is, then, to call oneself Christian, to claim the role of disciple, without performing the actions required by one. It would be better not to claim the title at all.

Essential Matthean themes are expressed in this story: doing versus merely saying, is one. Doing the will of God – caring for the poor and for the stranger – is not merely about performing kind acts but is the basis of salvation, for Christian and non-Christian alike. As we live the paschal mystery, let us keep before us the awesome call and responsibility to express our faith in action, not merely words.

Gathering Song: Antiphon: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honor. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

Aleluya, Cantemos al Señor (O)
Behold the Lamb of God – Dufford
Bendeciremos por Siempre: Sal 145(144) (O/C)
Canten a Dios con Alegría (S)
Christ Is Lord – Walther
Crown Him with Many Crowns DIADEMATA (O/S)
Hoy Nos Reunimos
In Christ Alone – Getty
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need RESIGNATION
Rejoice, the Lord Is King DARWALL’S 148TH (O/S)
The Church of Christ in Every Age (O/S)
The King of Kings, Christ Jesus Reigns ICH GLAUB AN GOTT
The King Shall Come when Morning Dawns MORNING SONG

Three Days THAXTED
Ven al Banquete – Hurd
Venga Tu Reino (S)

1st Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 The Lord said, “I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock… I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy or dark.” I will pasture them, give them rest, bring back the strays, and heal the sick.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 Paul wrote to the Corinthians, “Just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life.” Christ must reign until the last enemy, death, is destroyed, “so that God may be all in all.”

Gospel Verse: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46 As a shepherd separates sheep from goats, so will the Son of Man come in glory to separate those who fed the hungry from those who did not: “Whatever you did for one of the least…you did for me.”

Prep of Gifts:
Al Partir el Pan (C)
Gloria, Honor a Ti (C)
He Is Exalted – Paris (S)
Hymn to Christ the King – Hart
O How Blessed – Schutte
The King of Love My Shepherd Is ST. COLUMBA
The Least of These – Hurd
Worthy Is the Lamb – Manalo
You Gather In the Outcast – Crandal

Communion Processional: Antiphon: The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Altísimo Señor
At the Name of Jesus – Walker
Bendito Seas Tú, Señor
Bread for the World – Farrell
Jesus Christ Is Lord – Canedo
Jesus, the Lord – O’Connor
Like a Shepherd – Dufford
Litany for the Earth – Bridge
My Shepherd Is the Lord – Gelineau
Para Ama como Tú – Fernandez/Manibusan
Pastures of the Lord – Canedo
Shepherd Me, O God – Haugen
Whatsoever You Do – Jabusch
Yo oy el Pan de Vida (S)

Song of Praise/Sending Forth:
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR
¡Cristo Vence!
El Vive, Él Reina
God of the Hungry – Soper
Grant Us Peace – Canedo
Hallelujah Is Our Song – Hart
Jesus Shall Reign DUKE STREET
Laudate, Laudate Dominum – Walker
Laudato Sí! Be Praised, O God! – Manalo
To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King ICH GLAUB AN GOTT
¡Tú Reinarás!

OTHER:
All the Ends of the Earth
Amen to the Body of Christ/Amén, Recibimos el Cuerpo del Señor
God of Day and God of Darkness
Here Am I
Jesus, the Lord
Like a Shepherd
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service
Sing a New Song (revised text)
Sing a New Song to the Lord
Sing with All the Saints in Glory
To Be Your Presence
With a Shepherd’s Care
Question of the Week: How would you like to incorporate the corporal works of mercy into your life in the coming year?


For background and formation – Catechism [http://w2.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism/p3s2c2a7.htm](http://w2.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism/p3s2c2a7.htm) - for background and formation


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    | Opt. Memorial of Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, priest & martyr |
| 24   | Memorial of St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, priest & Companions, martyrs |
| 26   | Thanksgiving Day |
| 28   | Opt. Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary |

*Here ends the Year of Grace, 2020*

**About Liturgical Music**

**Suggestions:** We have many songs that build upon today’s gospel passage, and your music today should have at least one in addition to some of the traditional hymns for the solemnity.

One beautiful bilingual setting is “Para Amar Como Tú” (which means “to love like you”) by Jesse Manibusan and Santiago Fernandez (OCP). The simple refrain reads, “O God, great is your love, everlasting and true. Señor, danos tu amor para amar como tú.” The bilingual verses describe acts of mercy that reveal what true discipleship looks like. Interspersed within the verses is a short acclamation: “y amar como tÚ.” This would be appropriate for preparation of gifts or Communion.

Because this is the last Sunday before Advent, enhance the Gloria by adding more to the instrumentation. Today is also a good day to sing a song of praise with the assembly after Communion. If you do, you can send the assembly out with a grand instrumental or choral piece for the closing procession.
November 26  Thanksgiving Day

Living the Paschal Mystery  It is easy to become comfortable with the lifestyles we have created or try to create for ourselves. Then, tragedy [or pandemic] can come in an instant [and hang on seemingly forever]. Loss of life – whether spouse, child, parent, or friend – can happen unexpectedly. Loss of job, income, or wealth may also loom as a specter just out of range of our awareness. When catastrophe strikes, we can be unprepared. One reminder of how fleeting our lives and possessions are is the reality of death. We cannot take it with us.

So it is good to develop an attitude of detachment toward material things or, better, an attitude of gratitude. When we recognize that everything we have is a gift, we come closer to living the paschal mystery where death and loss lead to new life and gain. – Living Liturgy

Gathering Song: Sing and make music to the Lord in your hearts, always thanking God the Father for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A Place at Your Table – Walther
Alabemos a Dios
Alabén Todos: Sal 148 (C)
All Things Bright and Beautiful (O/S)
Bendecirnemos por Siempre: Sal 145(144) (O/C)
Canten a Dios con Alegría (S)
Canto de María (O/S)
Come, Let Us Ring Out – Smith
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come ST GEORGE’S WINDSOR
Father, We Thank Thee Who Hast Planted (O/S)
For the Beauty of the Earth DIX (O/S)
For the Fruits of This (All) Creation (O/S)
Gathered In HARK MY SOUL
Hoy Nos Reunimos
Let All Things Now Living ASH GROVE (O/S)
Sing to the Lord of Harvest WIE LIEBLICH IS DER MAIEN
Thanks Be to God CHARIS
Ven al Banquete/ Come to the Feast
We Gather Together KREMSER

1st Reading: Sirach 50:22-24 Give God thanks, blessing, and praise for doing wondrous things on earth. The Lord God grants joy of heart and peace among all people.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Blessed be the name of the Lord for ever.
OR
Alleluia!

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Paul gave thanks to God for the saints of the church at Corinth because Christ endowed them richly with gifts of speech and knowledge. Paul called them to fellowship with the Lord.

Gospel Verse:
In all circumstances, give thanks,
for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19 Jesus cured ten people, and only one, a Samaritan, came back to give thanks and praise to God in a loud voice. Jesus told him, “Stand up and go; your faith has saved you.”

Prep of Gifts:

All Good Gifts HEISLTMAN
Because the Lord Is My Shepherd – Walker
Carry Me Home – Modlin
Demos Gracias al Señor
Gift of Finest Wheat BICENTENNIAL
Gracias
Litany for the Earth – Bridge
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDREDTH
Seed, Scattered and Sown – Feiten
Tend the Ground – Stephan

Communion Processional: I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth. OR How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me? The chalice of salvation I will raise, and I will call on the name of the Lord.

Amazing Grace NEW BRITAIN
Christ, Be Our Light – Farrell
Give Thanks to the Lord/This Is the Day – Smith
Grant Us Peace – Canedo
On the Day I Called – Cooney
Our Blessing Cup – Soper
Pan de Vida – Hurd
Pan del Cielo
Spirit and Grace – Manalo
Taste and See – Moore
Unless a Grain of Wheat – Farrell

Song of Praise/Sending Forth:

All Praise and Glad Thanksgiving GOTT VATER SEI GEPRIESEN
City of God – Schutte
For the Fruits of This Creation AR HYD Y NOS
For the Healing of the Nations ST THOMAS
Give Thanks to the Lord – Schutte
I Will Rejoice – Brown
Now Thank We All Our God NUN DANKET
Our God Is Good – Blakesley
Por Tu Misericordia
Te Den Gracias

OTHER Choices for Scripture Readings may be found in the Lectionary for Mass, vol. IV, “In Thanksgiving to God,” nos.943-947.

OTHER Choices for Music may be found in the indices of hymnals under “Gratitude,” “Thanksgivings,” or other appropriate themes.

All You Works of God
Come and See the Many Wonders
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending
In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful
Laudate, Laudate Dominum
Praise and Thanksgiving / Te Damos Gracias
We Give You Thanks

Question of the Day: Where is God calling you to use your gifts to build his kingdom?
About Liturgy

Setting the table: The dinner table is the domestic church’s “altar” around which the household community gathers. It is often where we recount the moments of our day and retell the stories of our ancestors. Here, whether over a meager meal or feast, we find hospitality, mercy, and forgiveness. Strangers welcomed here become friends, and estranged loved ones reconcile. It is truly a sacred place.

Help your community recognize the connection between their dinner table and the eucharistic altar. At today’s liturgy, honor the altar table in simple but familiar ways. As part of the preparation of the gifts procession, invite community members of various ages to “set” the altar table. Some carry forward a beautiful cloth and place it on the altar. Others bring flowers and light candles. Invite community members to carry Communion vessels in procession to place them on the altar. Then highlight the procession of bread and wine with candles, cross, and incense.

At the invitation to Communion, the presider might offer some words that connect what we do at the church’s altar with what we will do at our Thanksgiving meals around our tables at home.