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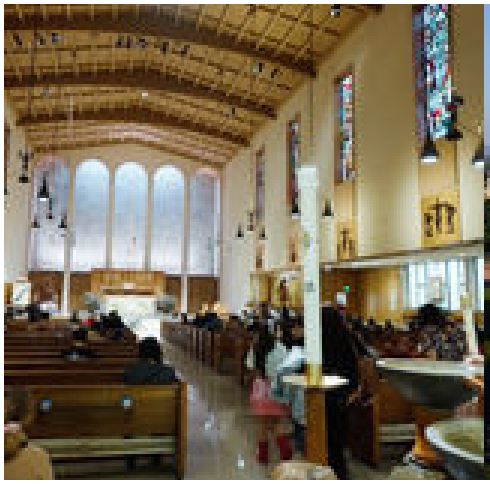
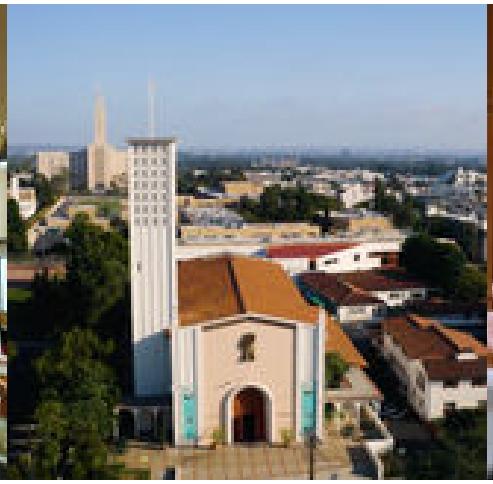
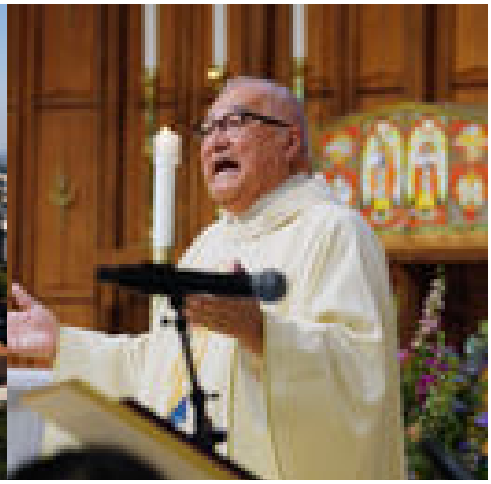
A Ministry of the Paulist Fathers

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2026



Wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome here!

Mass Times

Monday-Friday	7:00am
Saturday	8:30am, 5:00pm
Sunday	7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am, 5:00pm

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday	9:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday	9:00am - 1:00pm
Sunday	Closed

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The Church has the life my heart is thirsting for and that my spirit is in great need of.



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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, August 22
8:30 AM Dalia Marin
5:00 PM +Marlene, Maria & Antonio Del Rosario

Sunday, August 23
7:30 AM +Roy Newkirk
9:30AM Ikkyu Tiranin Takagi
11:30AM For the People
5:00PM +Madeleine Lord

Monday, August 24
7:00AM Irene Reyes (birthday)

Tuesday, August 25
7:00 AM +Jean Musara

Wednesday, August 26
7:00 AM +Ishmael Boquiren

Thursday, August 27
7:00AM +Roman Medina

Friday, August 28
7:00 AM Jessie Spillane (birthday)

Saturday, August 29
8:30 AM +Penny Tafoya
5:00 PM +Andrew Politz

Sunday, August 30
7:30 AM Wynne Family
9:30 AM +Don Jones
11:30 AM +Don Jones
5:00 PM For the People
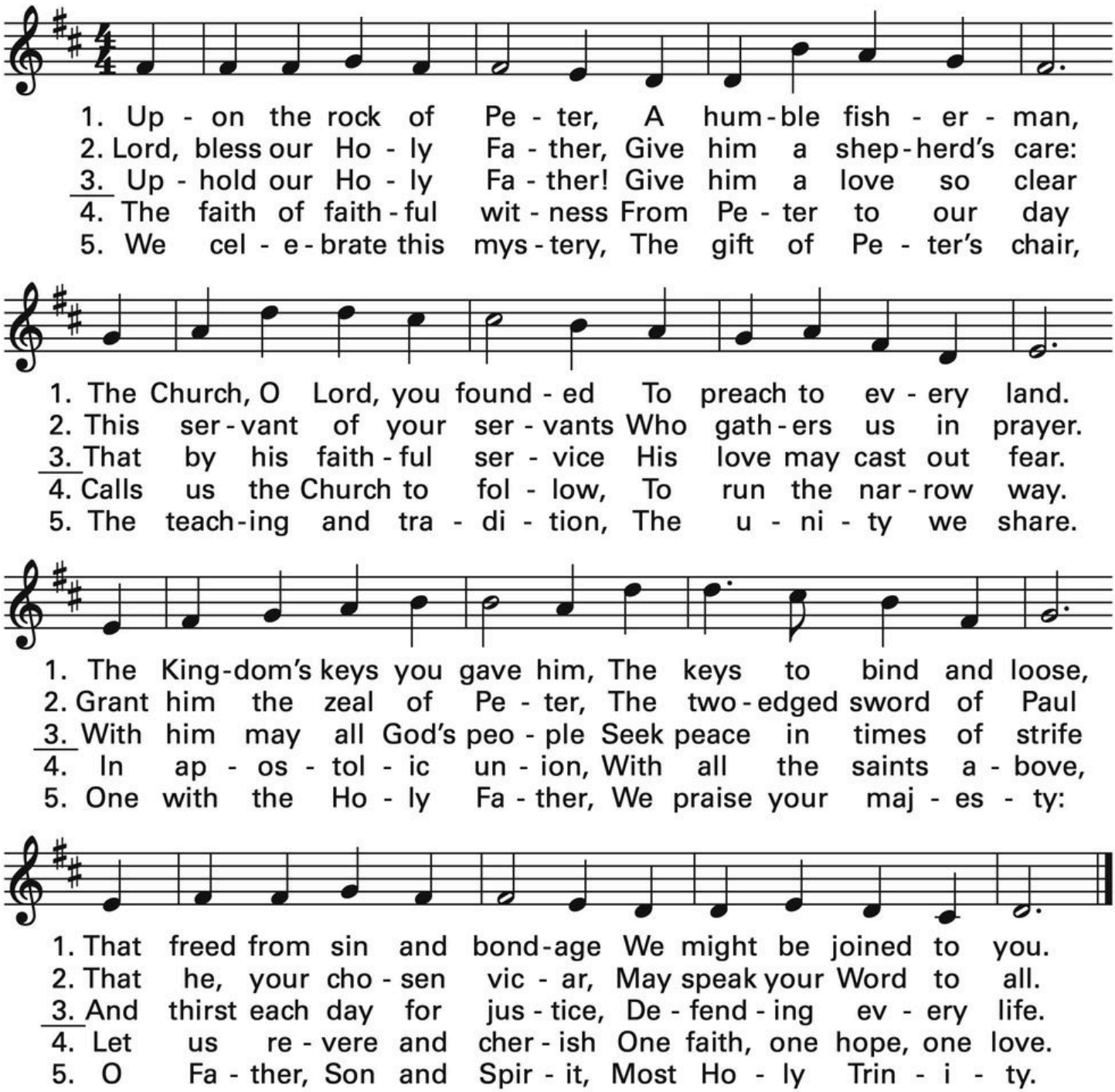
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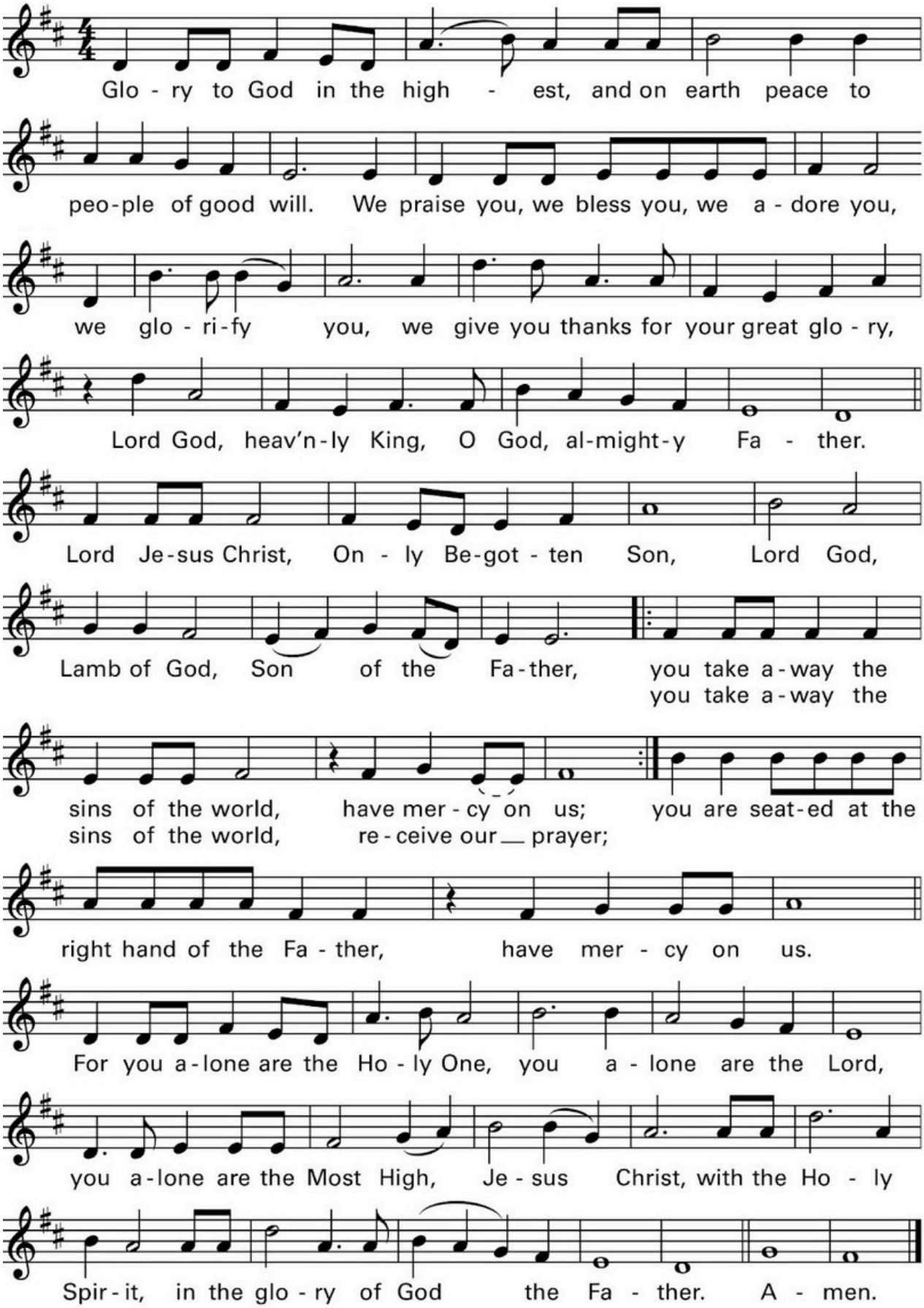
THE PRELUDE

The Introductory Rites

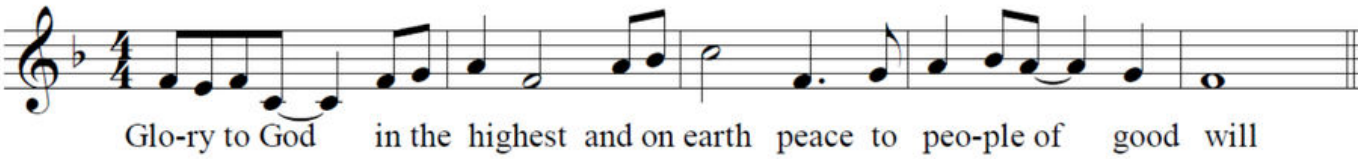
ENTRANCE HYMN *Upon the Rock of Peter*



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Music: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876.


Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to
peo-ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you,
we glo - ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,
Lord God, heav'n-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa - ther.
Lord Je-sus Christ, On - ly Be-got - ten Son, Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-way the
you take a-way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the
sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer;
right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us.
For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

9:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. - *Mass of the Sacred Heart* by Timothy Smith



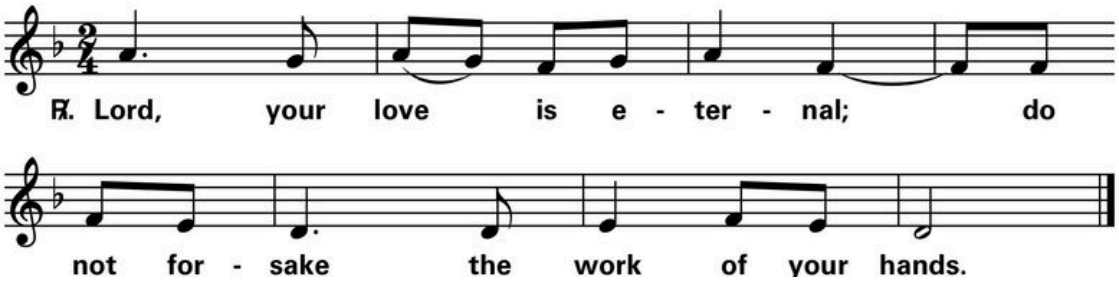
The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING **Isaiah 22:19-23**

Thus says the LORD to Shebna, master of the palace: "I will thrust you from your office and pull you down from your station. On that day I will summon my servant Eliakim, son of Hilkiah; I will clothe him with your robe, and gird him with your sash, and give over to him your authority. He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut, when he shuts, no one shall open. I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot, to be a place of honor for his family."

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM **Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8**



Verses: I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth; in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple. ***R.***

I will give thanks to your name, because of your kindness and your truth:
When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me. ***R.***
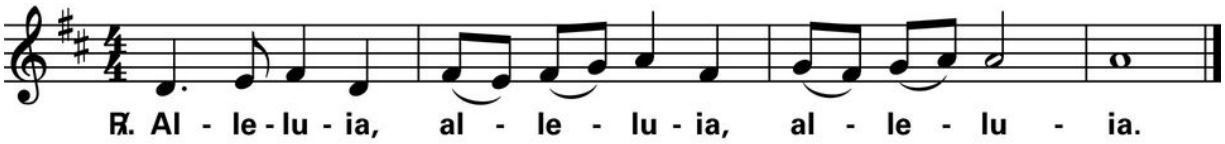
The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees, and the proud he knows from afar.
Your kindness, O LORD, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands. ***R.***

SECOND READING **Romans 11:33-36**

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor? Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid? For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA **Matthew 16:18**



You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church
and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. ***R.***

GOSPEL **Matthew 16:13-20**

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

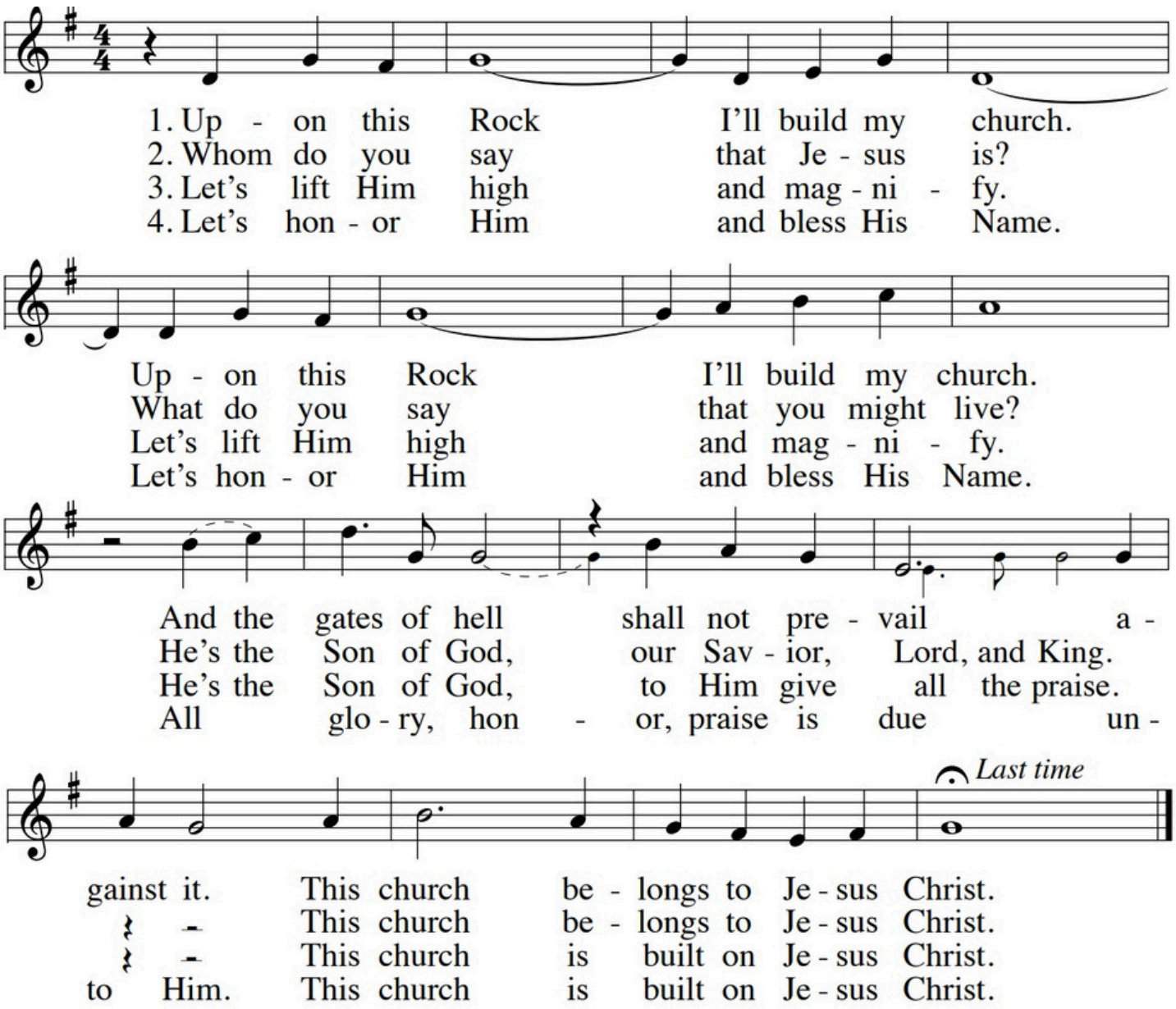
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

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OFFERTORY SONG — ***Upon This Rock*** **by Cheryl M. Young**



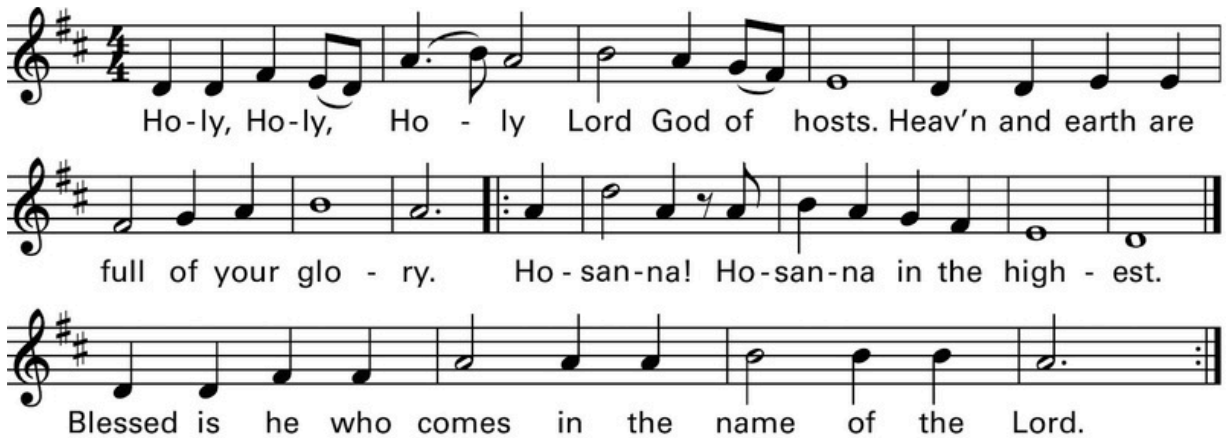
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Celebrant: ...that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

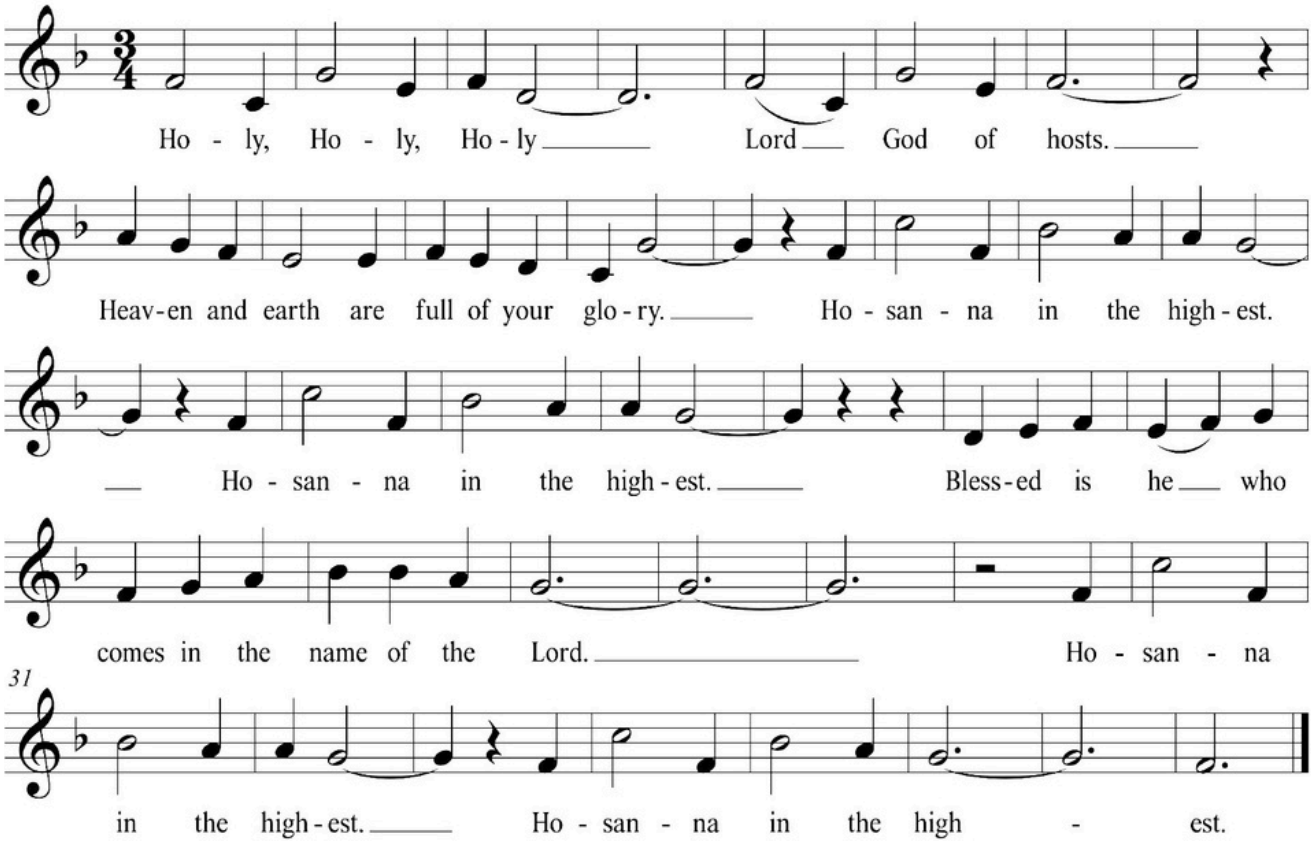
All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

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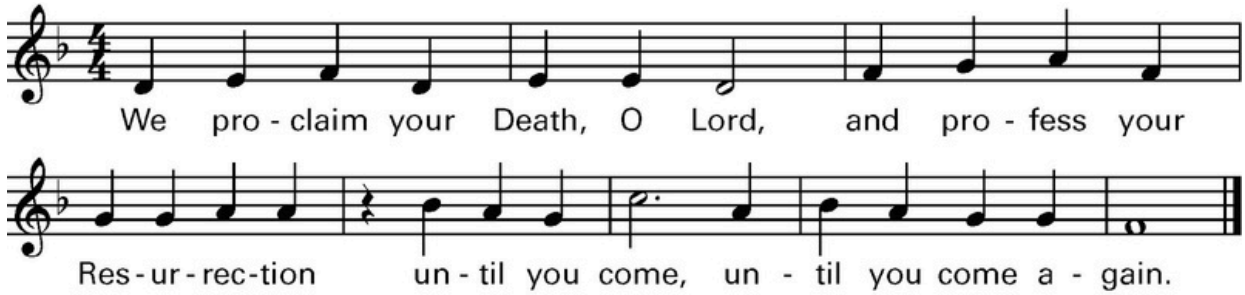


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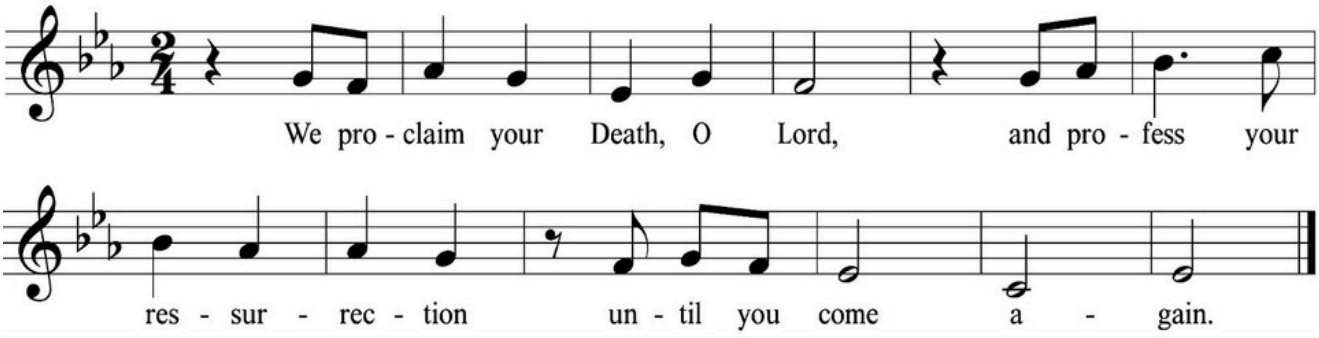


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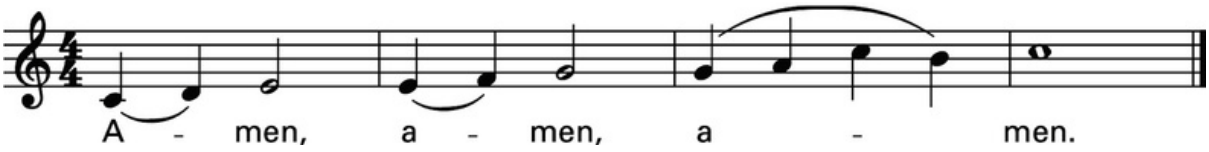
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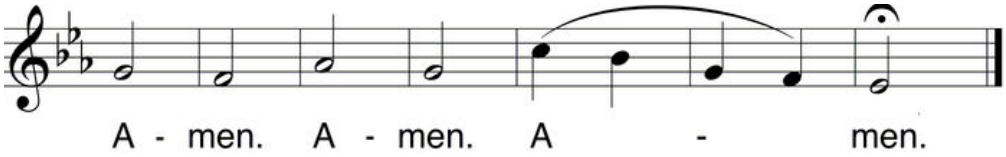


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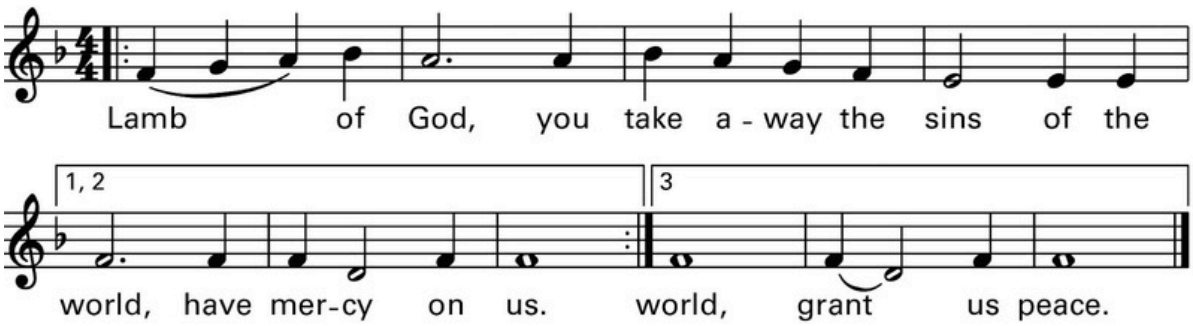


The Communion Rite

THE LORD'S PRAYER

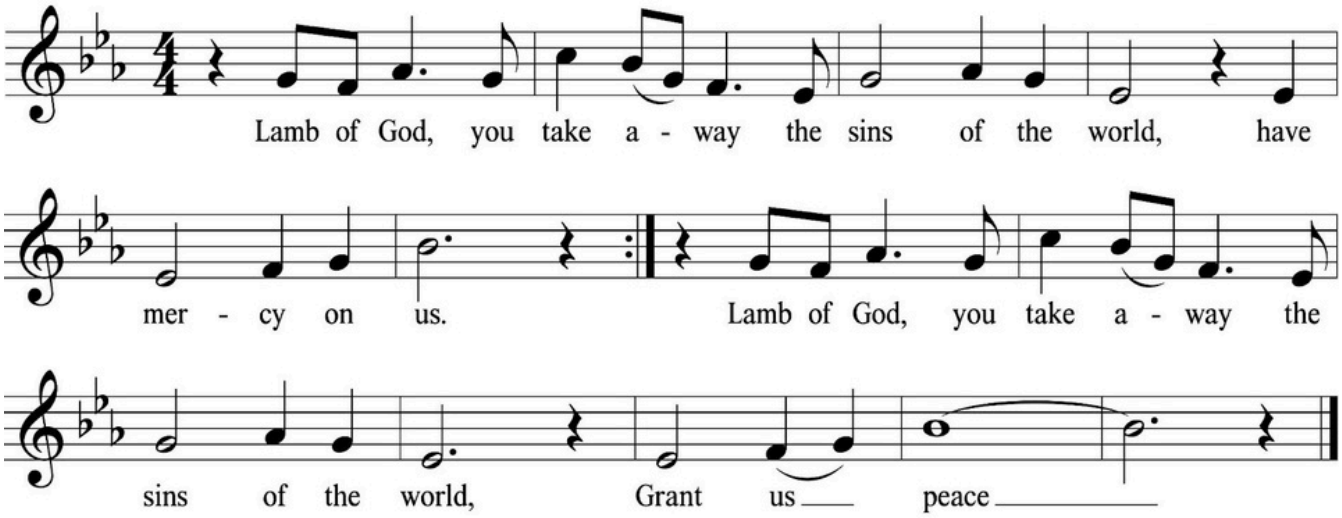
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

SIGN OF PEACE

AGNUS DEI *Heritage Mass*

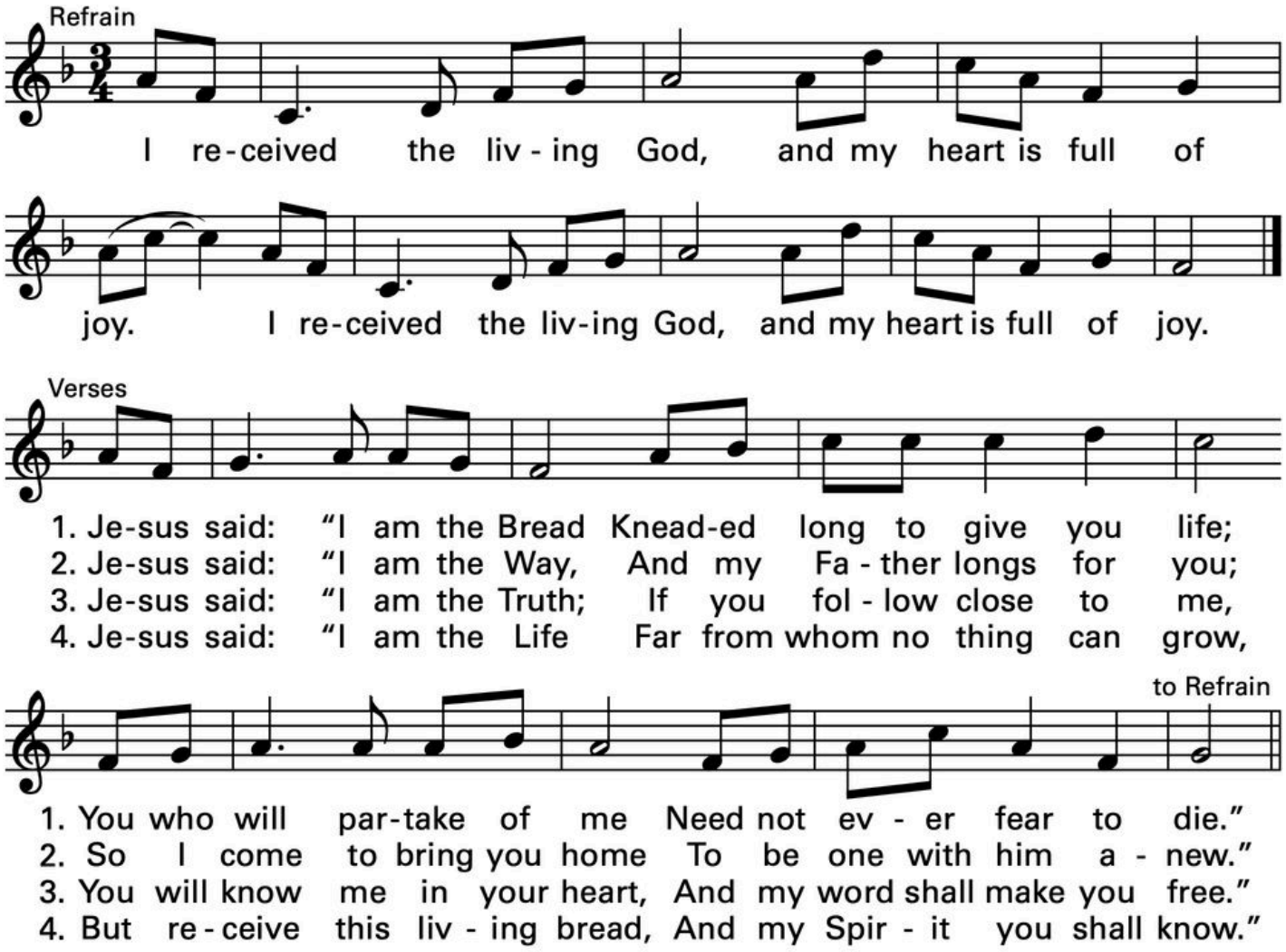


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***We warmly invite you to receive communion, beginning from the back rows.**

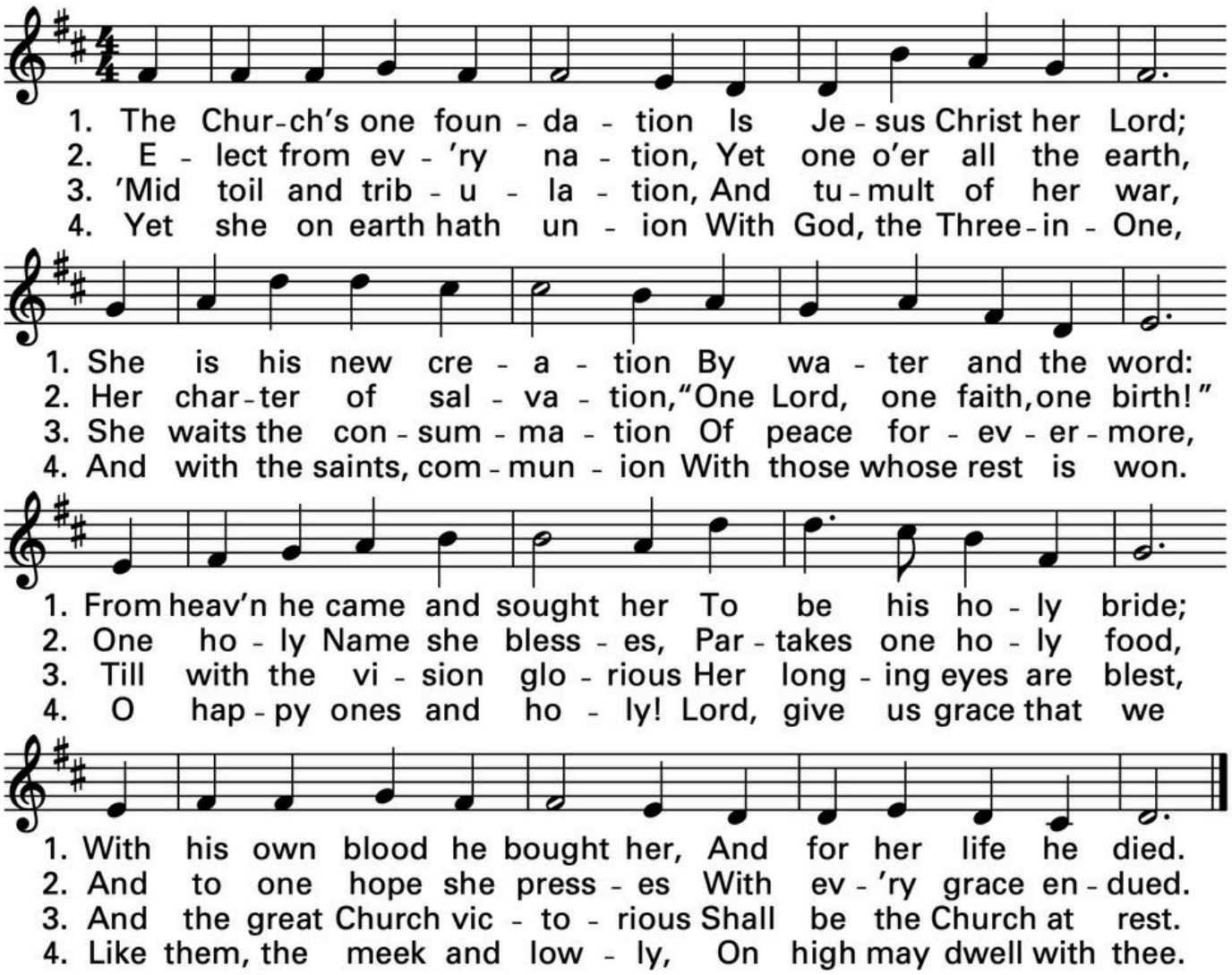
COMMUNION SONG *I Received the Living God*



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The Concluding Rites

ENDING HYMN *The Church's One Foundation*



Text: 76 76 D; Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900. Music: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876.

Join the St. Paul the Apostle Music Ministry

Music has the power to lift hearts, deepen prayer, and reveal the beauty of the sacred liturgy. If you feel called to share your musical gifts in service to the Church, we warmly invite you to become part of the Music Ministry at St. Paul the Apostle.

The Schola Cantorum is dedicated to the rich musical heritage of the Catholic Church, offering a repertoire that includes Gregorian chant, Renaissance polyphony, sacred motets, and masterworks from the choral tradition. Through prayerful musicianship and artistic excellence, the choir seeks to enrich the liturgy and inspire the faithful through the timeless beauty of sacred music.

For those drawn to contemporary worship, the **Caritas Choir** leads the congregation with vibrant and engaging music that fosters joyful participation in the liturgy. Throughout the season, the choir also collaborates with the St. Paul the Apostle School Children's Choir, celebrating the gifts of multiple generations in worship.

Our 2026–2027 season begins in the second week of September, and we welcome singers of all backgrounds who are committed to serving the liturgy with both excellence and devotion. If you are passionate about sacred music and feel called to serve our parish through singing, we would love to hear from you.

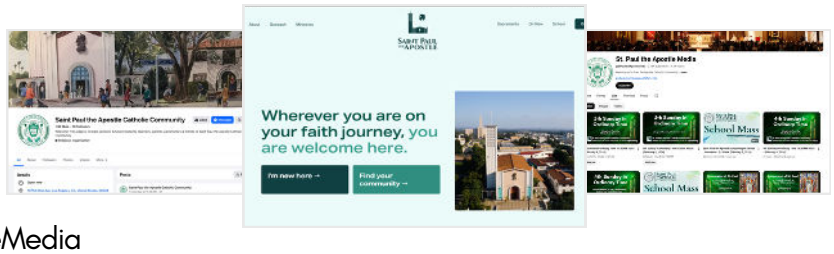
For more information, please contact: Dr. Joung-A Monica Yum Director of Music Ministry **jyum@sp-apostle.org**

Upcoming Events

View Online Parish Calendar
sp-apostle.org/calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
23 **End of Summer Community Picnic** 5:30pm, School Playground	24	25 **Women's Faith Sharing** 8:00am, MPR & Zoom **VIRTUS Protecting God's Children Training** 6:00pm, Parish Center (JCPC)	26 **Men's Faith Sharing** 8:00am, Zoom **STARS Bible Study** 10:00am, MPR **VIRTUS Keeping the Promise Training** 6:00pm, Parish Center (JCPC) **Weekly Meditation** 7:00pm, Zoom	27 **PALM Reading Group: *Magnifica Humanitas*** 7:00pm, MPR	28	29 **Reconciliation** 4:00pm, Church
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End of Summer Picnic





Sunday, August 23
5:30pm-8:00pm
School Playground







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2026-2027

Order of Christian Initiation for *Children*





Are you seeking to have your child received into the Catholic Church? Is your child no longer an infant but in need of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation?

OCIC welcomes older children into the Catholic Church and prepares them to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. At St. Paul the Apostle, OCIC meets on Sundays around Mass time and is led by Master Catechist Sr. Louise Hlavac, S.N.D.





To register, please scan the QR code on the right. For more information, contact Michelle O'Donnell at **modonnell@sp-apostle.org**

Come & See

Becoming Catholic







Why?

To help you explore Catholicism and then decide whether to become full members of the Roman Catholic Church at the Church of Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Community.

For Whom?

This program is for unbaptized adults and baptized members of other Christian communities who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith.

How?

Learn more about the Bible, the church, Catholic Christian-practices, and lifestyle through weekly meetings on **Wednesdays at 7:30 PM** beginning **September 16, 2026**.

Participants will be able to talk with "old" Catholics about their experience as Catholics and with "new" Catholics about why and how they joined the Church. Resources for personal reading and study are provided. Opportunities for private consultation are available.

Contact Fr. Mark at **mvillano@sp-apostle.org** for more information.

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UCLA Health
Blood & Platelet Center

Blood Drive

Thursday, Sept. 10th, 2026
7:30am - 12:30pm
St. Paul the Apostle Parish Center (JCPC)

Help save lives by donating blood for patients in need!

Donors will receive a $10 gift card of choice.

Please scan the QR code below to make an appointment.

Reminders

- **Photo ID required.**
- Remember to eat well and increase your fluid intake a couple of days before and the day of your donation.
- For any eligibility questions, please visit uclahealth.org/gotblood or call 310-825-0888 x2.

Altar Servers

2026-2027 Registration







Altar Server Registration for 2026-2027 is now open for all children in 4th grade and above and adults who are Roman Catholic and have received their First Eucharist.

The training sessions are **Friday, September 18, 1-3 PM**; **Sunday, September 20, 1-3 PM**; and **Monday September 21, 6:15-8:15 PM** in the church. You need to attend only **one** of the three trainings.

Registration closes on **Friday, September 18**. Scan the QR code above to register. For more information, please see our website at **sp-apostle.org/altar-servers** or contact Jennifer Kozakowski at **jkozakowski@sp-apostle.org**

2026-2027

Religious Education



Grow your child's faith with Religious Education at St. Paul the Apostle. We meet **Wednesdays** during the school year from **3:45–5:15 p.m.**

All catechists are experienced teachers. We have Gospel-based catechism, crafts, music and liturgy. Sacrament preparation includes First Reconciliation and First Communion. Registration is now open! **$125** per family. Contact Michelle O'Donnell at **modonnell@sp-apostle.org** for more information.

2026-2027

Teen Confirmation



Registration for the 2026-2027 teen confirmation program (grades 9-12) is now open. The orientation session is **Sunday, September 13, 2026,** 1:30-3 PM in the JCPC.

Please register for the Year 1 track if you have not completed Year 1 here or at another parish. Please register for the Year 2 track if you have completed the year 1 program.

Our program will be in person in the Parish Center on Sundays from 6:15-7:15 PM, with attendance at the 5 PM Mass before.

Visit sp-**apostle.org/confirmation** for form links and more information. If you have questions, please email **jkozakowski@sp-apostle.org** (Jennifer Kozakowski) or call 310-780-7001.

Year 1 Registration

Open to all teens entering grade 9 in the fall or any teen who has not completed Year 1 and is in grades 10-11.

Year 2 Registration

Open to all teens in grades 10-12 in the fall who have already completed Year 1 at St. Paul's or another parish.

Ignatians West
Service • Community • Reflection

You can make a difference in the lives of others!

Are you a mature adult looking to join others for meaningful service opportunities?

Share your skills, wisdom and life experiences with poor and marginalized people. We will match your interests and talents with the needs of children and adults in a variety of non-profit settings, or you can bring your current volunteer work with you. Our volunteers give 1-2 days a week from September through June in schools, food pantries, hospitals, shelters and many social service centers

In addition, volunteers also meet once a month in either Los Angeles or Orange County to reflect on their service in the Ignatian tradition. This Jesuit-affiliated ministry invites you to assist those in need, work for a more just society, care for the earth and grow deeper in your faith. The benefits are priceless!

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Contact Anne Hansen: 805-443-0812 or email: ahansen@ignatianswest.org





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WEEK OF 8/8/26 - 8/14/26

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Mass	$5,187.00
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Total	$19,668.42

Food Pantry Donations

Your donations of rice, beans, vegetable oil, cereals, canned goods, and soups are greatly appreciated and help more than 35 families and others. Bring donations to the **foyer of the Parish Office**. Our foyer doors are normally open daily from 9:00am-3:00pm.

