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Give me justice, O God,
 and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
 From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
 for you, O God, are my strength. *Psalm 43:1-2*

OPENING HYMN (Sung by Cantor)

HEALING WATERS

Healing waters, flow over me. Mercy's water, renewing me.
 Mercy's ocean, transforming me. Healing water, renew me.
 Renew my heart, O God, come change my hardened heart,
 Come fill my hardened heart with mercy.
 You are the water of life. You are the breath of heaven,
 Come fill my hardened heart with mercy.
 Healing waters, flow over me. Mercy's water, renewing me.
 Mercy's ocean, transforming me. Healing water, renew me.

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FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant, and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the LORD. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 51 :3-4, 12-15

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me. I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners shall return to you.

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:7-9

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ., King of endless glory!

Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, there also will my servant be.

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GOSPEL

John 12:20-33

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.

"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

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

HOMILY

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

**I believe in one God, the Father, the 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 (breath) 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL "Lord, hear our prayer."

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through
Your goodness we have received the bread we offer you:
fruit of the earth and work of human hands,
it will become for us the bread of life.

People: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through
your goodness we have received the wine we offer you:
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it will become our spiritual drink.

People: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father,"

People: **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.**

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION—*ST. ALPHONSUS LIGOURI*

(For those who are unable to physically receive Communion with us today.)

**My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**All: Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat
falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain.
But if it dies, it bears much fruit. *John 12:2***

COMMUNION PROCESSION

*If you are not of the Catholic faith, or do not wish to receive Communion today,
you may join procession, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

CLOSING HYMN (Sung by Cantor) AT THE NAME OF JESUS

At the name of Jesus, ev'ry knee shall bow,
Ev'ry tongue confess him: King of Glory now.
Jesus is Lord, King of Glory now!

vs.2 He humbled himself, and obeyed God's will,
On a cross he died on Calvary's hill;
For you and me he obeyed God's will.

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