Opening Song

For the Beauty of the Earth

1. For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies,
2. For the beauty of each hour Of the day and of the night,
3. For the joy of human love, Broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
4. For your Church, that ev-er-more Lifts its ho-ly hands a-bove,
5. For Your-self, O Gift Di- vine To our world so free-ly giv’n, 

1. For the love which from our birth O-ver and a-round us lies:
2. Hill and vale, and tree and flow’r, Sun and moon, and stars of light:
3. Friends on earth and friends a-bove; For all gen-tle thoughts and mild:
4. Of-f’ring up on ev-ery shore A pure sac-ri-fice of love:
5. For that love from which will shine, Peace on earth and joy in heav’n:

1-5. Lord of all, to you we raise This our hymn of grate-ful praise.

Glory to God

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

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

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.
First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

The night of the passover was known beforehand to our fathers, that, with sure knowledge of the oaths in which they put their faith, they might have courage. Your people awaited the salvation of the just and the destruction of their foes. For when you punished our adversaries, in this you glorified us whom you had summoned. For in secret the holy children of the good were offering sacrifice and putting into effect with one accord the divine institution.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Blessed The People the Lord Has Chosen (Psalm 33)

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Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Brothers and sisters:
Faith is the realization of what is hoped for
and evidence of things not seen.
Because of it the ancients were well attested.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place
that he was to receive as an inheritance;
he went out, not knowing where he was to go.
By faith he sojourned in the promised land as in a foreign country,
dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs of the same promise;
for he was looking forward to the city with foundations,
whose architect and maker is God.
By faith he received power to generate,
even though he was past the normal age
—and Sarah herself was sterile—
for he thought that the one who had made the promise was
trustworthy.
So it was that there came forth from one man,
himself as good as dead,
descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky
and as countless as the sands on the seashore.

All these died in faith.
They did not receive what had been promised
but saw it and greeted it from afar
and acknowledged themselves to be strangers and aliens on earth,
for those who speak thus show that they are seeking a homeland.
If they had been thinking of the land from which they had come,
they would have had opportunity to return.
But now they desire a better homeland, a heavenly one.
Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God,
for he has prepared a city for them.

By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac,
and he who had received the promises was ready to offer his only son,
of whom it was said,
“Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name.”
He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead,
and he received Isaac back as a symbol.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.
Gospel Acclamation

Gospel: Lk 12:32-48

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Do not be afraid any longer, little flock,
for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom.
Sell your belongings and give alms.
Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out,
an inexhaustible treasure in heaven
that no thief can reach nor moth destroy.
For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.

“Gird your loins and light your lamps
and be like servants who await their master’s return from a wedding,
ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks.
Blessed are those servants
whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival.
Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself,
have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them.
And should he come in the second or third watch
and find them prepared in this way,
blessed are those servants.
Be sure of this:
if the master of the house had known the hour
when the thief was coming,
he would not have let his house be broken into.
You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.”
Then Peter said,
“Lord, is this parable meant for us or for everyone?”
And the Lord replied,
“Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward
whom the master will put in charge of his servants
to distribute the food allowance at the proper time?
Blessed is that servant whom his master on arrival finds doing so.
Truly, I say to you, the master will put the servant
in charge of all his property.
But if that servant says to himself,
‘My master is delayed in coming,’
and begins to beat the menservants and the maidservants,
to eat and drink and get drunk,
then that servant’s master will come
on an unexpected day and at an unknown hour
and will punish the servant severely
and assign him a place with the unfaithful.
That servant who knew his master’s will
but did not make preparations nor act in accord with his will
shall be beaten severely;
and the servant who was ignorant of his master’s will
but acted in a way deserving of a severe beating
shall be beaten only lightly.
Much will be required of the person entrusted with much,
and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.”

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

Servant Song

Verses

1. What do you want of me, Lord? Where do you want me to serve you? Where can I sing your praises?
2. I hear you call my name, Lord, and I am moved within me. Your Spirit stirs my deepest self. Sing your songs in me.
3. Above, below, and around me, before, before, and all through me, your Spirit burns deep within me. Fire my life with your love.
4. You are the light in my darkness. You are my strength when I’m weary. You give me sight when I’m blind.
5. I am your song and servant, singing your praise like Mary. Surrendered to your Spirit, “Let it be done for me.”

Refrain

1. Jesus, Jesus, you are the Lord.
2. Jesus, Jesus, you are my Lord.
3. Jesus, Jesus, be the warmth of my heart.
4. Jesus, Jesus, you are my Light.
5. Jesus, Jesus, “Let it be done for me.”

1-5. Jesus, Jesus, you are the way.

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Holy, Holy, Holy

When We Eat This Bread

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Amen

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.
Communion Songs

Tend the Ground

Refrain
We till the earth, we tend the ground, sowing hope and peace where none is found. In selfless love God’s life abounds. We till the earth, we tend the ground.

Verses
1. As God provides our every need, with grateful hearts, let us receive these gifts of love, and make room.
2. All creatures share one common home, one loving God, one song of hope. The rocks cry out and praises ring, rise up and sing!
3. With open hand our Lord has given his life for all that we might live. No greater love is there than this, no greater love.
4. Where hardened hearts have turned to greed, trampling up onto the fledgling seed, help us to tend to others’ ground where thorns have grown. Give us the grace to follow low.
5. On rock paths and trodden roads, Lord, clear the war be shaped to till and break the hard and stony.
6. Let plows be forged from swords that kill. Let tools of air and heal the pain. Where sin has broken bonds of
to Refrain
1. turn to bless the world, to bless the world.
2. ring, rise up and sing, rise up and sing!
3. this, no greater love, no greater love.
4. needs, open our eyes, open our eyes.
5. you. Make straight the way, make straight the way.
6. ground. Lord, bring your peace, Lord, bring your peace.
7. love let mercy reign, let mercy reign.

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Sending Forth

Celtic Alleluia: Sending Forth

Refrain

\[\text{Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.} \]

Verses

1. Now with the strength of your Word, send us to
2. Fed with the Bread of new life, filled with the
3. Now make us steadfast in faith, joyful in

*1. Now he is living, the Christ. Out of the
2. Christ is the first-fruits from death, filling the

1. be your disciples, to bring all the world
2. wine of compassion, send us out to serve
3. hope of Christ’s coming, and by unity

1. tomb he is risen; he has conquered death,
2. church with his glory! Darkness vanishes

1. to the joy of your kingdom.
2. all the world in your name.
3. let your love fill our lives.

1. opened heaven to all believers.
2. in the light of his power.

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*Verses for the Easter Season