

Gathering Hymn

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



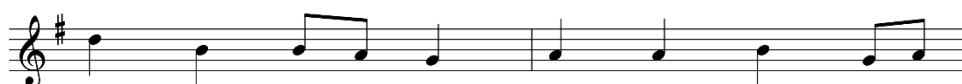
1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come  
2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be -  
3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I



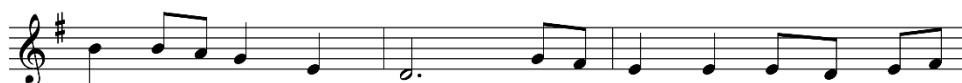
un - to me and rest; Lay down, O wea - ry  
hold, I free - ly give The liv - ing wa - ter;  
am this dark world's light; Look un - to me, your



one, lay down Your head up - on my breast." I  
thirst - y one, Stoop down and drink and live." I  
morn shall rise, And all your day be bright." I



came to Je - sus as I was, So  
came to Je - sus, and I drank Of  
looked to Je - sus, and I found In



wea - ry, worn, and sad; I found in him a  
that life - giv - ing stream; My thirst was quenched, my  
him my star, my sun; And in that light of



rest - ing place, And he has made me glad.  
soul re - vived, And now I live in him.  
life I'll walk Till trav - 'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889

Tune: KINGSFOLD, CMD; English melody; harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

## **Greeting**

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

## **Penitential Act Form A (Confiteor)**

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

## **Gloria**

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. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. Amen.

## **Collect**

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, you Son handed himself over to death. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

## **Reading 1: Is 43:16-21**

Thus says the LORD, who opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters, who leads out chariots and horsemen, a powerful army, till they lie prostrate together, never to rise, snuffed out and quenched like a wick. Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? In the desert I make a way, in the wasteland, rivers. Wild beasts honor me, jackals and ostriches, for I put water in the desert and rivers in the wasteland for my chosen people to drink, the people whom I formed for myself, that they might announce my praise.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6**

**R. (3) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion, we were like men dreaming. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with rejoicing.

**R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad indeed.

**R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the torrents in the southern desert. Those that sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.

**R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

Although they go forth weeping, carrying the seed to be sown, They shall come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves.

**R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

**Reading 2: Phil 3:8-14**

Brothers and sisters: I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having any righteousness of my own based on the law but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God, depending on faith to know him and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by being conformed to his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have already attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ Jesus. Brothers and sisters, I for my part do not consider myself to have taken possession. Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus.

**Alleluia: Jl 2:12-13**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart; for I am gracious and merciful.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

### **Gospel: Jn 8:1-11**

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle. They said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they could have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So he was left alone with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more."

P. The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Homily**

### **Profession of Faith**

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.

## **Universal Prayer**

**“The Lord has done great things for us,” we sang in the psalm today, and so we call to mind our needs and the needs of our sisters and brothers confident that God will continue to bless us with great things.**

**LECTOR : For the Church, that we may mercy and forgiveness to all, giving new life to sinners and showing the world alternatives to retribution and punishment, we pray to the Lord.**

**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**For those in authority, particularly in our judicial system, that they may temper justice with mercy as they seek the common good, we pray to the Lord.**

**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**For those who have been sentenced to death or to life without parole, that they may find comfort and peace as children of God, we pray to the Lord.**

**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**For those who will be welcomed into the Church at Easter, that they may be a sign for all of us of the constant renewal of God’s creation, we pray to the Lord.**

**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**That our prayers, joined with those of people around the world, will help guide those waging war against the people of the Ukraine to end the meaningless suffering and restore peace, we pray to the Lord.**

**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**For all those suffering from the effects of the Coronavirus, especially those hospitalized, may the healing touch of God reach them and comfort their loved ones, we pray to the Lord.**

**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**For the silent prayers we hold in our hearts and for the intentions in the book of prayers: that they will be joined to those of our Blessed Virgin Mary, our patron St. Matthew, and all the saints, we pray to the Lord.**

**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**PRIEST: God of boundless mercy, look with kindness upon your children here and throughout the world. Grant our prayers through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

## Preparation of the Gifts and Altar

### Help Us Accept Each Other



1. Help us ac - cept each oth - er As Christ ac - cept - ed us;
2. Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, As in our dai - ly life
3. Let your ac - cep - tance change us So that we may be moved
4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters With all who are in need,



Teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, Each per - son to em - brace.  
We strug - gle to be hu - man And search for hope and faith.  
In liv - ing sit - u - a - tions To do the truth in love;  
Who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, For jus - tice, and for bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us, And bring us to be - lieve:  
Teach us to care for peo - ple, For all, not just for some;  
To prac - tice your ac - cep - tance Un - til we know by heart  
We need new eyes for see - ing, New hands for hold - ing on:



We are our - selves ac - cept - ed And meant to love and live.  
To love them as we find them, Or as they may be - come.  
The ta - ble of for - give - ness And laugh - ter's heal - ing art.  
Re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us, make us one!

P. 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.

*Then he places the paten with the bread on the corporal. If, however, the Offertory Chant is not sung, the Priest may speak these words aloud; at the end, the people may acclaim:*

**R. Blessed be God for ever.**

*The Deacon, or the Priest, pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying quietly:*

P. By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

*The Priest then takes the chalice and holds it slightly raised above the altar with both hands, saying in a low voice:*

P. 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.

*Then he places the chalice on the corporal. If, however, the Offertory Chant is not sung, the Priest may speak these words aloud; at the end, the people may acclaim:*

**R. Blessed be God for ever.**

### **Invitation to Prayer**

P. With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, Lord God.

*If appropriate, he also incenses the offerings, the cross, and the altar. A Deacon or other minister then incenses the Priest and the people.*

Then the Priest, standing at the side of the altar, washes his hands, saying quietly:

P. Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

*Standing at the middle of the altar, facing the people, extending and then joining his hands, he says:*

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

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R. 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.

*Then the Priest, with hands extended, says the Prayer over the Offerings, at the end of which the people acclaim:*

R. Amen.

### **Preface Dialogue**

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

### **Sanctus**

R. Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

### **The Mystery of Faith**

P. The mystery of faith.

R. When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

P. At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

R. 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.

### **Doxology**

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

R. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.



### **Sign of Peace**

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles; Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

If appropriate, the Deacon, or the Priest, adds:

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*Comment: If the priest says "Let us offer each other the sign of peace." The congregation should avoid any contact with each other, and instead offer some other appropriate gesture. Then he takes the host, breaks it over the paten, and places a small piece in the chalice, saying quietly:*

P. May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

### **Invitation to Communion**

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

ALL: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

## Communion Hymn

### Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling,  
2. Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er,  
3. Fin - ish then your new cre - a - tion,



Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Let us all your life re - ceive;  
Pure and spot - less, gra - cious Lord.



Fix in us your hum - ble dwell - ing,  
Sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er,  
Let us see your great sal - va - tion



All your faith - ful mer - cies crown.  
Nev - er - more your tem - ples leave.  
Per - fect - ly in you re - stored.



Je - sus, source of all com - pas - sion,  
You we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



Love un - bound - ed, love all pure;  
Serve you as your hosts a - bove,  
Till in heav'n we take our place,



Vis - it us with your sal - va - tion,  
Pray, and praise you with - out ceas - ing,  
Till we sing be - fore the Al - might - y,

## Concluding Rites

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

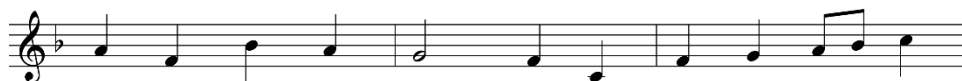
R. Thanks be to God.

## Closing Hymn

### The Master Came to Bring Good News



1. The Mas - ter came to bring good news, The  
2. The Law's ful - filled through Je - sus Christ, The  
3. To seek the sin - ners Je - sus came, To  
4. For - give us, Lord, as we for - give And



news of love and free - dom, To heal the sick and  
man who lived for oth - ers. The law of Christ is:  
live a - mong the friend - less, To show them love that  
seek to help each oth - er. For - give us, Lord, and



seek the poor, To build the peace - ful king - dom.  
Serve in love Our sis - ters and our broth - ers.  
they might share The king - dom that is end - less.  
we shall live To pray and work to - geth - er.



Fa - ther, for - give us! Through Je - sus hear us!



As we for - give one an - oth - er!

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