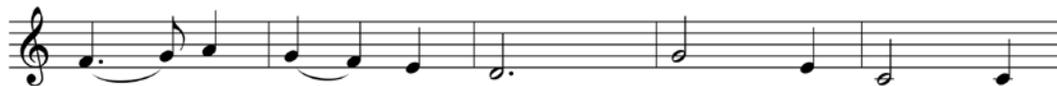


**Gathering Hymn**

God Is Here! As We His People



1. God is here! As we his peo - ple Meet to  
2. Here are sym - bols to re - mind us Of our  
3. Here our chil - dren find a wel - come In the  
4. Lord of all, of Church and king - dom, In an



of - fer praise and prayer, May we find in  
life - long need of grace; Here are ta - ble,  
Shep - herd's flock and fold; Here, as bread and  
age of change and doubt, Keep us faith - ful



ful - ler meas - ure What it is in Christ we  
font, and pul - pit; Here the cross has cen - tral  
wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of  
to the Gos - pel; Help us work your pur - pose



share. Here, as in the world a - round us,  
place. Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing,  
old. Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant  
out. Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion,



All our var - ied skills and arts Wait the com - ing  
Here in si - lence, as in speech, Here, in new - ness  
Seek in wor - ship to ex - plore What it means in  
All we have to give, re - ceive; We, who can - not



of the Spir - it In - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
dai - ly liv - ing To be - lieve and to a - dore.  
live with - out you, We a - dore you! We be - lieve!

## **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**

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

## **Reading 1    **IS 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."

## **Responsorial Psalm    **PS 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8****

**R.** Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

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.** Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

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. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.**

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. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.**

## **Reading 2**    **ROM 11:33-36**

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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.

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## **Alleluia**

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**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**P. The Lord be with you.**

**R. And with your spirit.**

**P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.**

**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **Gospel**    **MT 16:13-20**

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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.

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**P. The Gospel of the Lord**

**R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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## **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**

**P.** Confident in the abiding wisdom and love of the Father, let us turn to him with our petitions:

**LECTOR:** For Pope Francis, Bishop Estévez and all clergy: that God will inspire and make fruitful their efforts in helping others to come to know Christ, we pray to the Lord.

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

**L.** For those in positions of authority: that God may grant them compassion and wisdom in their decision making, we pray to the Lord.

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

**L.** For parents, teachers and catechists preparing for the upcoming school year: that they may be blessed in their ministry as they pass along the faith to our young people, we pray to the Lord.

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

**L.** For our families: that our homes will be places of prayer, unconditional love, forgiveness, and generosity, we pray to the Lord.

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

**L.** For those who are ill, lonely or disheartened: that they may know the renewing and comforting touch of God, we pray to the Lord.

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

**L.** 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.**

**P.** God our Father, we bring you these needs today. Confident in the power of your love and the abundance of your generosity. Through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

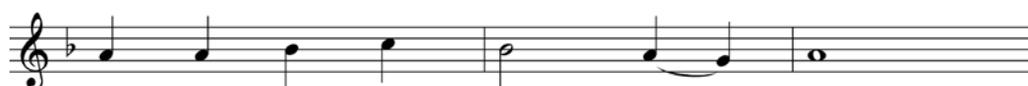
**R.** Amen

### Preparation of the Gifts and Altar

#### Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence,  
2. King of kings, yet born of Mar - y,  
3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en  
4. At his feet the six - winged ser - aph;



And with fear and trem - bling stand;  
As of old on earth he stood,  
Spreads its van - guard on the way;  
Cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye



Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,  
Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,  
As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing  
Veil their fac - es to the Pres - ence,



For with bless - ing in his hand  
In the Bod - y and the Blood  
From the realms of end - less day,  
As with cease - less voice they cry:



Christ our God, to earth de - scend -  
He will give to all the faith -  
Comes, the pow'rs of hell to van -  
"Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -



ing, Comes, our hom - age to de - mand.  
ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.  
quish, As the dark - ness clears a - way.  
ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James, 5th C.; para. by Gerard Moultrie, 1829-1885, alt.  
Tune: PICARDY, 8 7 8 7 8 7; French carol; harm. by Richard Proulx, 1937-2010

**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.

**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.

### **Preface Acclamation**

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 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 (Next Page)**

# Communion Hymn

## Center of My Life

Refrain



O Lord, you are the cen-ter of my life:



I will al-ways praise you, I will al-ways serve you,



I will al-ways keep you in my sight.

Verses 1-3



1. Keep me safe, O God, I take ref-uge in you. I
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me coun-sel, who
3. And so my heart re-joic-es, my soul is glad; 7



say to the Lord, "You are my God. My  
e-ven at night di-rects my heart. I  
e-ven in safe-ty shall my bod-y rest. For



hap-pi-ness lies in you a-lone; my  
keep the Lord ev-er in my sight: since  
you will not leave my soul a-mong the dead, nor



hap-pi-ness lies in you a-lone."  
he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.  
let your be-lov-ed know de-cay.

D.C.

Verse 4



4. You will show me the path of life, the



full-ness of joy in your pres-ence, at your right hand,



at your right hand hap-pi-ness for ev-er.

D.C.

## Concluding Rites

**P.** The Lord be with you.

**R.** And with your spirit.

**P.** Go forth, the Mass is ended. **OR**

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord. **OR** Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life. **OR** Go in peace.

**R.** Thanks be to God.

## Closing Hymn

### The Church's One Foundation



1. The Chur-ch's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her  
2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the  
3. Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her  
4. Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in



Lord; She is his new cre - a - tion By wa - ter  
earth; Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one  
war She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for -  
One, And mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion With those whose



and the Word. From heav'n he came and sought her To  
faith, one birth. One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par -  
ev - er - more Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her  
rest is won. O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord,



be his ho - ly bride; With his own blood he  
takes one ho - ly food, And to one hope she  
long - ing eyes are blessed, And the great Church vic -  
save us by your grace That we, like saints be -



bought her, And for her life he died.  
press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.  
fore us, May see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900, alt.  
Tune: AURELIA, 7 6 7 6 D: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876