

### Gathering Hymn

#### As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

1. As a fire is meant for burn - ing With a  
2. We are learn - ers; we are teach - ers; We are  
3. As a green bud in the spring - time Is a

bright and warm - ing flame, So the Church is meant for  
pil - grims on the way. We are seek - ers; we are  
sign of life re - newed, So may we be signs of

mis - sion, Giv - ing glo - ry to God's name.  
giv - ers; We are ves - sels made of clay.  
one - ness Mid earth's peo - ples, man - y hued.

As we wit - ness to the gos - pel, We would  
By our gen - tle, lov - ing ac - tions, We would  
As a rain - bow lights the heav - ens When a

build a bridge of care, Join - ing hands a - cross the  
show that Christ is light. In a hum - ble, lis - t'ning  
storm is past and gone, May our lives re - flect the

na - tions, Find - ing neigh - bors ev - 'ry - where.  
Spir - it, We would live to God's de - light.  
ra - diance Of God's new and glor - ious dawn.

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### 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.

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## **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 show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honor. 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    **AM 7:12-15****

Amaziah, priest of Bethel, said to Amos, “Off with you, visionary, flee to the land of Judah! There earn your bread by prophesying, but never again prophesy in Bethel; for it is the king’s sanctuary and a royal temple.” Amos answered Amaziah, “I was no prophet, nor have I belonged to a company of prophets; I was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people Israel.”

## **Responsorial Psalm    **PS 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14****

**R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD —for he proclaims peace. Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land.

**R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.

**R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

The LORD himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase. Justice shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps.

**R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

## **Reading 2    **EPH 1:3-14 OR 1:3-10****

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved. In him we have redemption by his blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the riches of his grace that he lavished upon us. In all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us the mystery of his will in accord with his favor that he set

forth in him as a plan for the fullness of times, to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth. In him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will, so that we might exist for the praise of his glory, we who first hoped in Christ. In him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised holy Spirit, which is the first installment of our inheritance toward redemption as God's possession, to the praise of his glory.

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**Alleluia**    **CF. EPH 1:17-18**

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**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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

**R. And with your spirit.**

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

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

**Gospel**    **MK 6:7-13**

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Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them.” So they went off and preached repentance. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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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

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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.** Called in baptism to be disciples, let us offer our prayers to God in the confidence that we will be heard.

**LECTOR:** For the Church, the body of Christ, that we may be faithful witnesses of the gospel in what we say and do, sharing the blessings that we have received from God with all those in need, we pray to the Lord.

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

**L.** For those in positions of authority, that they may use their influence to bring honesty, justice and peace to every corner of the world, we pray to the Lord.

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

**L.** For those discerning their life's journey, that they may be open to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in their lives and respond freely and generously, we pray to the Lord.

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

**L.** That we may respond with hospitality and generosity to those who come to us in need, like the Twelve hoped to encounter when they came empty-handed to people's homes, we pray to the Lord.

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

**L.** For those who have served in our armed forces, and those who continue to serve, we pray to the Lord.

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

**L.** For the repose of the soul of Gerald Johnson, who died this past week, 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.** Gracious God, you shower your grace upon us each and every day, whether we are conscious of it or not. Help us each day to live our lives generously, willingly passing on your grace to the people in our life, as we humbly express our needs through your Son, Jesus Christ.

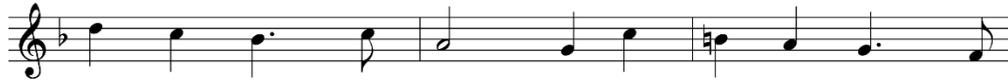
**R. Amen**

## Preparation of the Gifts and Altar

### God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending



1. God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, From your  
2. Skills and time are ours for press - ing Toward the  
3. Treas - ure, too, you have en - trust - ed, Gain through



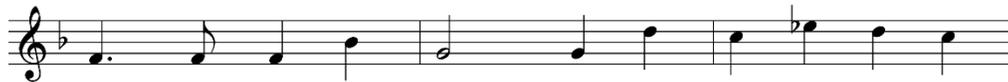
rich and end - less store: Na - ture's won - der, Je - sus'  
goals of Christ, your Son: All at peace in health and  
pow'rs your grace con - ferred; Ours to use for home and



wis - dom, Cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,  
free - dom, Rac - es joined, the Church made one.  
kin - dred, And to spread the gos - pel word.



Gift - ed by you, we turn to you, Of - f'ring  
Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, Lest we  
O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing, As we



up our - selves in praise; Thank - ful song shall rise for -  
strive for self a - lone; Born with tal - ents, make us  
heed Christ's age - less call, Heal - ing, teach - ing, and re -



ev - er, Gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
ser - vants Fit to an - swer at your throne.  
claim - ing, Serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

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**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:*

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**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

## Here I Am, Lord

Verses



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my  
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my  
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the



peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin  
peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them.  
poor and lame. I will set a feast for them.



My hand will save. I, who made the  
They turn a - way. I will break their  
My hand will save. Fin-est bread I



stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.  
hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.  
will pro - vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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## 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

### Lord, You Give the Great Commission



1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the  
2. Lord, you call us to your serv - ice: "In my  
3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my  
4. Lord, you show us love's true meas - ure: "Fa - ther,  
5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am



sick and preach the word." Lest the Church ne -  
name bap - tize and teach." That the world may  
bod - y, this my blood." Let us all, for  
what they do, for - give." Yet we hoard as  
with you to the end." Faith and hope and



glect its mis - sion And the Gos - pel go un - heard,  
trust your prom - ise, Life a - bun - dant meant for each,  
earth's true glo - ry, Dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward,  
pri - vate treas - ure All that you so free - ly give.  
love re - stor - ing, May we serve as you in - tend,



Help us wit - ness to your pur - pose With re -  
Give us all new fer - vor, draw us Clos - er  
Ask - ing that the world a - round us Share your  
May your care and mer - cy lead us To a  
And, a - mid the cares that claim us, Hold in



newed in - teg - ri - ty;  
in com - mun - i - ty;  
chil - dren's lib - er - ty; With the Spir - it's gifts em -  
just so - ci - e - ty;  
mind e - ter - ni - ty;



pow'r us For the work of min - is - try.

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