

**Gathering Hymn**

For the Beauty of the Earth



1. For the beau - ty of the earth, For the glo - ry  
2. For the beau - ty of each hour Of the day and  
3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and  
4. For the joy of hu - man love, Broth - er, sis - ter,  
5. For your Church that ev - er - more Lifts its ho - ly  
6. For your - self, best Gift Di - vine, To this world so



of the skies, For the love which from our birth  
of the night, Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,  
mind's de - light, For the mys - tic har - mo - ny  
par - ent, child, Friends on earth, and friends a - bove;  
hands a - bove, Of - f'ring up on ev - 'ry shore  
free - ly giv'n; Word In - car - nate, God's de - sign,



O - ver and a - round us lies:  
Sun and moon, and stars of light:  
Link - ing sense to sound and sight: Lord of all, to  
For all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
Its pure sac - ri - fice of love:  
Peace on earth and joy in heav'n:



you we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Text: Folliot S. Pierpont, 1835–1917, alt.  
Tune: DIX, 7 7 7 7 with refrain; arr. from Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872, by William H. Monk, 1823–1889

**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**

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. 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**      **NM 11:25-29**

The LORD God said: "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him." So the LORD God formed out of the ground various wild animals and various birds of the air, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each of them would be its name. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of the air, and all wild animals; but none proved to be the suitable partner for the man. So the LORD God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. The LORD God then built up into a woman the rib that he had taken from the man. When he brought her to the man, the man said: "This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman,' for out of 'her man' this one has been taken." That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh.

## **Responsorial Psalm**      **PS 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6**

**R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

Blessed are you who fear the LORD, who walk in his ways! For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favored.

**R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home; your children like olive plants around your table.

**R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD. The LORD bless you from Zion: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

**R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

May you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!

**R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

## **Reading 2**      **HEB 2:9-11**

Brothers and sisters: He "for a little while" was made "lower than the angels," that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting that he, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the leader to their salvation perfect through suffering. He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin. Therefore, he is not ashamed to call them "brothers."

## **Alleluia**      **1 JN 4:12**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

If we love one another, God remains in us and his love is brought to perfection in us.

**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 10:2-16**

The Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?" They were testing him. He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate." In the house the disciples again questioned Jesus about this. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." And people were bringing children to him that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.

**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**

**P.** If we love one another, God remains in us. Out of love for one another we make these prayers, that through our love, God's love may be brought to perfection.

**LECTOR:** For the Church, that we, the bride of Christ, may be a living sign of his self-sacrificial love through our selfless commitment to care for our neighbor, we pray to the Lord.

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

**L.** That our nation's leaders may truly value the welfare of all its people, working constantly to fight in justice, poverty, and conflict, we pray to the Lord.

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

**L.** That God may strengthen our relationship with those whom we love, so that we may more closely reflect God's love for humanity, we pray to the Lord.

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

**L.** For all human life, especially for those who are most vulnerable, that we may witness to its importance through our love and care for those whose lives are not universally respected, we pray to the Lord.

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

**L.** For those who are living in difficult relationships, those whose marriage is the source of anguish and hurt, we pray to the Lord.

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

**L.** For Father Jose, Father Pradeep, and all the priests in the Diocese at their retreat next week, that they may return refreshed and renewed to share God's message with us, 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.** Creator of all, You have formed us into one family, connected as sisters and brothers, descended from one flesh. Help us realize this and treat each other with love and care as we make these prayers for ourselves and our world through Jesus Christ our Lord.

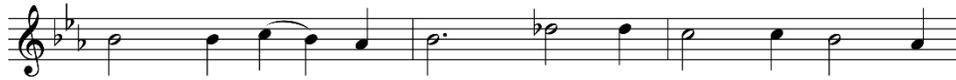
**R. Amen**

## Preparation of the Gifts and Altar

### Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life



1. Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a  
2. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a  
3. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a



way as gives us breath; Such a truth as ends all  
light as shows a feast; Such a feast as mends in  
joy as none can move; Such a love as none can



strife; Such a life as kill - eth death.  
length; Such a strength as makes his guest.  
part; Such a heart as joys in love.

Text: George Herbert, 1593–1633  
Tune: THE CALL, 7 7 7 7; Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

**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.

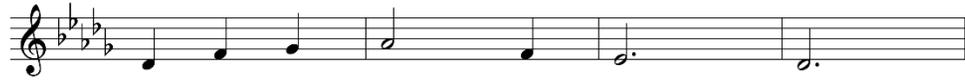
**ALL:** Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

## Communion Hymn

### I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1. I want to walk as a child of the light.  
2. I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
3. I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
I want to look at Je - sus.  
I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
Clear sun of right - eous - ness shine on my path And  
When we have run with pa - tience the race, We



star of my life is Je - sus.  
show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
shall know the joy of Je - sus.



In him there is no dark - ness at all. The



night and the day are both a - like. The



Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Ephesians 5:8-10, Revelation 21:23, John 12:46, 1 John 1:5, Hebrews 12:1; Kathleen Thomerson, b.1934  
Tune: HOUSTON, 10 7 10 8 with refrain; Kathleen Thomerson, b.1934  
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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

### 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,



Let your love in us en - dure.  
Glo - ry in your pre - cious love.  
Lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.  
Tune: HYFRYDOL, 8 7 8 7 D; Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887