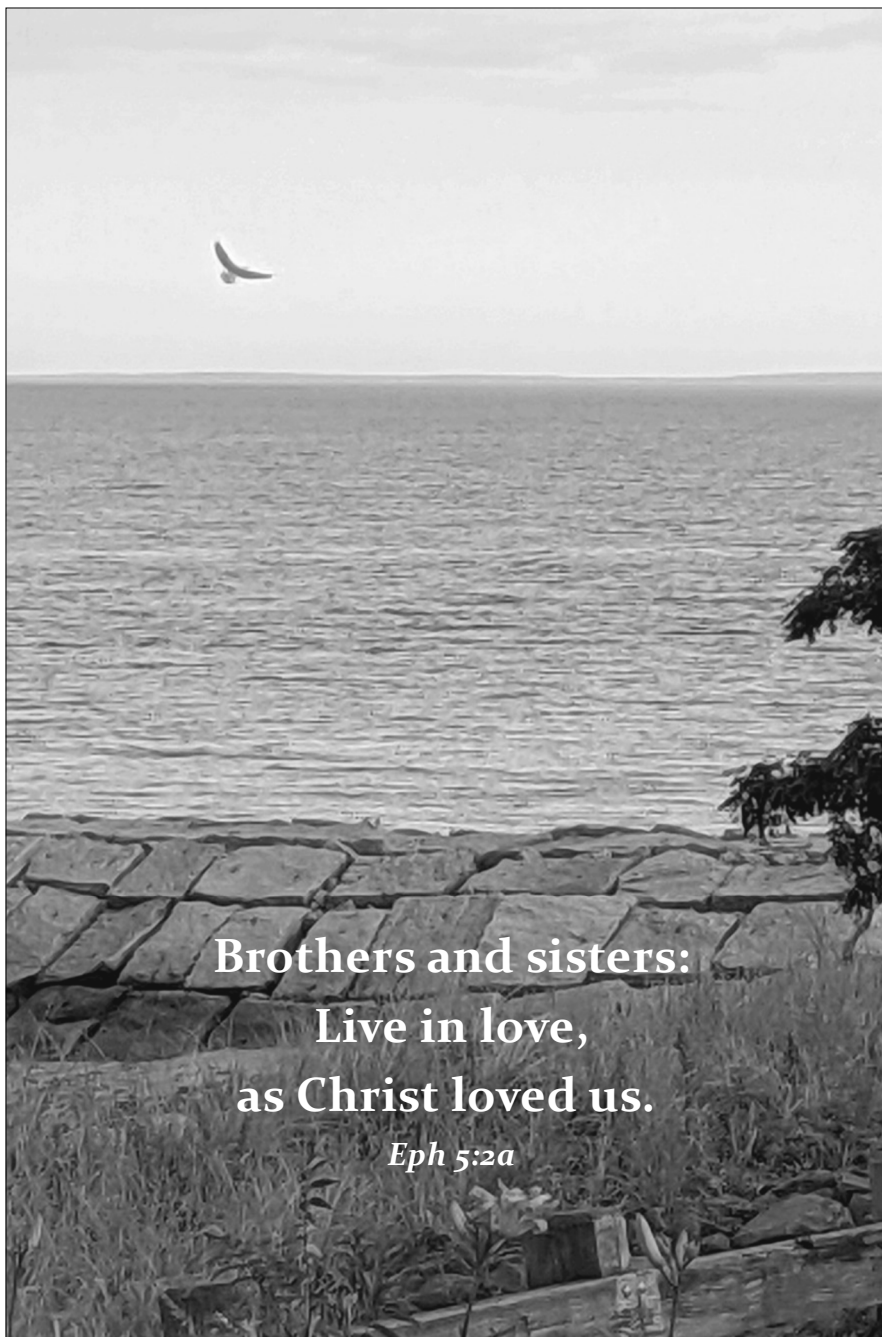


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“Let us then pursue what leads to peace and to build up one another.” (Romans 14:19)

August 22, 2021 | 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Brothers and sisters:

Live in love,
as Christ loved us.

Eph 5:2a

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays at 7:30 AM
(except Friday)

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

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8:00 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM

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CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

is available on Saturdays

from 3-4 PM in the Church.

Masks must be worn.

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and Directory,
see page 2.**

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Weekly Mass Intentions

If you would like to honor a friend or family member with a Mass, please see available dates on pg. 6.

SATURDAY, August 21 — St. Pius X, Pope; Vigil

7:30 AM: **Intentions of Our Parishioners**

4:30 PM: **Ralph A. Akowitz, Req. by Barbara and James Pandaru**

SUNDAY, August 22 — 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM: **Carol A. Colt, Req. by Angela Russo**

9:30 AM: **Orinda Streeto, Req. by Family**

11:00 AM: **Anthony Castorina, Req. by his niece, Danielle**

MONDAY, August 23

7:30 AM: **Marian Ahern, Req. by Sr. Denise**

TUESDAY, August 24 — St. Bartholomew, Apostle

7:30 AM: **Judith Pimer, Req. by Donald and Carol Riordan**

WEDNESDAY, August 25

7:30 AM: **Manuel and Milagros Lawsin, Req. by Ed and Dolly Lawsin**

THURSDAY, August 26

7:30 AM: **Doris and Bill Reed, Req. by Barbara Reed**

FRIDAY, August 27 — St. Monica

7:30 AM: **No Mass**

SATURDAY, August 28 — St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Vigil

7:30 AM: **Intentions of Our Parishioners**

4:30 PM: **Richard Doyle, Req. by an OLOV Parishioner**

SUNDAY, August 29 — 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM: **Annette Lovegrove, Req. by Don and Jodi Peeler**

9:30 AM: **Gerry Canadeo, Req. by Ann Talevi**

11:00 AM: **Intentions of Our Parishioners**

THE SANCTUARY
LAMP

*this week honors
CAROL A. COLT,
requested by
Angela.*

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration is a sign of devotion to and worship of Jesus Christ who is present Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity under the appearance of the consecrated host. It takes place on Saturday morning for one hour, following the 7:30 AM Mass.



Two Teachings That May Shock

A Note from Fr. Landback

In this week's scriptures, there are two teachings that may shock many. They did two thousand years ago, also.

Jesus' Substantive Presence in the Eucharist

In the Gospel, Jesus made radical claims to be God and that His Body and Blood transmit Divine Life to us: "My flesh is true food and my blood is true drink." Many were shocked and offended and stopped following Him for this. But, Peter said, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." So, like Joshua, in today's first reading, Peter has made a choice. So must we but Jesus has explained that we are not alone in this choosing. We have the help of God the Father to come to the Son. Jesus says, "No one can come to me unless it is granted...by my Father."

God's Image and Presence in Christian Marriage

Jesus, in Matthew 19, repeating Genesis 1, taught that man and woman together form the image and likeness of God. Men and women who marry are therefore to become "one flesh" and marry for life. This so shocked His own disciples

and they said, "If that's the case with a man and his wife, it is better not to marry." In today's second reading, St. Paul "unpacks" Jesus' words about becoming "one flesh." He explains that men and women were designed to "complete" each other, not compete.

Many have compared Christian marriage to a graceful dance: Husbands are called to love their wives as Christ loves the Church, His bride. (Note: Jesus lay down His life for His bride.) Husbands' lives are therefore to be offerings to God for their wives and for their children. They are to guide their families in loving partnership with their wives.

These two teachings on the Eucharist and marriage may shock "modern sensibilities," but they are "Spirit and Life." They give life and joy to those who receive them — and reveal the creative hand and presence of God.

FREE Tables and Chairs

Wooden chairs and 8-foot tables are available in the church hall for any parishioner who is interested. You must be able to pick them up between 9 AM and Noon, Monday-Friday.

Please call the Parish Office if interested.

Recommissioning of All Eucharistic Ministers

September 11 and 12, at all Masses

At all weekend Masses on September 11 and 12, Eucharistic Ministers (currently serving and new ministers) will be recommissioned by Fr. Landback. Please mark your calendars. If you are unable to attend Mass, please call the Parish Office.



Sign-in sheets will be posted in the sacristy for Eucharistic Ministers that are recommissioned that weekend.

We are still in need of Eucharistic Ministers for weekend Masses and the homebound. If you are interested in this ministry, contact Patty at the office or speak to Deacon Frank or Deacon Dean.

Weekly Offertory: \$7,369

August 9-15, 2021

Your financial support is always appreciated as we grow our outreach and service to others and prepare to expand our prayerful community.

Your offering is gladly accepted by mail, at Mass in the donation basket, or online.

Visit ww.olv.org/OnlineGiving for information.

**Thanks!**

We pray for those who are sick.

Out of respect for whom we pray, only family members may add names to this list.

Jason Adams, Maureen Alonso, Peter Alonso, Charles Asarisi, Augliera Family, Louis Altieri, Amanda, Valeria Asperelli, Priscilla Banning, Danielle Boros, Ann Carthy, Danny Caudell, Susan Civitelli, Kevin Colleran, Rhys Connors, Michael Cote, Lucy Anne Criscuolo, Deanna Cusano, Jeff Davis, Gaetano DeFrancesco, DeNigris Family, Carena DiBello, Frank Dini Jr., Patti Dowling, Michael Duffy, Monique Ek, Sandy Eocai, Linda Foley, Tony Fusco, Maureen Freeman, Patti Fusco, Joseph Galatie, Therese Gill, Dee Green, Ray Guarino, Tom Halligan, Karen Hodgdon, Leroy Hoye, Lisa Indich, Bill Kapinos, Hank Kowalski, Rose Jarvie, Florence Johnson, Ann LaBonia, Ann Langlais, James Leone, Patricia Lesko, Carmen Limauro, Claudine Lopez, Martin Luth, Theresa Luth, Charles Maddelena, Noah McEachern, Genevieve Mieczkowski, Theresa Montz, Edwin Morales, Mary Moran, Gabby Murillo, Veronica Murteza, Art Nugent, Devin O'Connor, Judy Palmer, Joseph Pekar, Cheryl Porto, Kristin Purdy, John Rakos, Don Robillard, Elizabeth Ross, Marc Scecina, Elizabeth Shamaly, Jack and Joan Shea, Richard and Suzanne Smallman, Anthony Spina, Daniel Steinau, Gwen Stiewing, Anthony Terassi Sr., Anthony Terassi, Jr., Jessie Terassi, Tiernan, Lynn and Jacques Veillette, Doris Worrell



In loving memory, we pray for these souls.

Our Parish extends sympathy to the family and friends of:

**The Victims of the Haitian Earthquake,
The Victims of the Coronavirus**

Please pray for those serving in our military.

Parishioners are invited to add the names of armed forces personnel on active duty to this list by calling the Parish office.

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Pvt. Christopher Miller | SPC Alexander Capuras
E4 Raymond Mayberry, USMC
Senior Airman, Hunter Cole, USAF
Airman 1st Class Skylar Hampton
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2nd Lt. Jared Carlson
Lance Cpl Chase Davis, USMC

Parish Devotion for August: Pope Francis' Monthly Intention

Each month, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention in August:

The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

The Holy Father has entrusted these intentions in a particular way to the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, an organization that works to encourage Christians to respond to the Pope's appeal and to deepen their daily prayer. For more information, visit their website: <http://popesprayerusa.net/>



A House Divided

By Deacon Frank Bevino

As a candidate for the U.S. Senate, Abraham Lincoln made a speech in 1858 at the Illinois Republican State Convention. It was considered radical — not only by his political enemies but also by his friends and allies. Lincoln lost his bid for the U.S. Senate that year, however, the speech awakened in the minds of people issues that divided not only the State of Illinois, but the country at that time. For many years before the Civil War and Abraham Lincoln's presidency, the country was divided on issues of race and politics. Lincoln was well aware of the need to find common ground and resolve the issues that were tearing the country apart.

Division and separation are not what Jesus intended in His ministry. All the Gospels find common ground which unite and bring people together and get them to understand that the evil of others could very well be committed by those who criticize.

On this 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, our readings initially look disconnected and not having a common theme, but in a closer reading we see one emerge. It's a theme of bringing people together through a better understanding and compassion for each other. This understanding of others helps in reaching solutions to the problems that oftentimes seem insurmountable

In our first reading, Joshua tells the people they must decide which god they choose to follow. As the successor to Moses, Joshua reminds the Jewish people that the Lord is the one who brought them out of slavery into a life a freedom. He compares the attraction to the other gods to what the Lord has accomplished for them by bringing them to a land of their own.

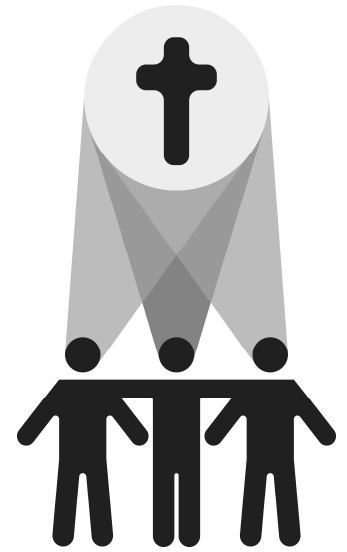
Our second reading is one that has become somewhat controversial in this age of gender equality. Many seem to focus on verse 22 and completely lose sight of the previous verse and the meaning of verse 21: *"Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ."* Reading verse 21 and the rest of this letter is St. Paul's attempt to have people understand the equality of

all people; gender, race, faith and sexuality. St. Paul mentions "Christ" six times in this reading and nowhere in the ministry of Jesus was there any hint of injustice towards the differences of people. We all need to show respect to others and to God; husbands to wives, wives to husbands and children to parents, etc.

The Gospel refers to what St. Paul says in our second reading: the disciples and Jews are finding it hard to accept Jesus' words in the Synagogue, "...unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you." (*Jn 6:53*) Jesus' life was to bring together all humankind. As his brothers and sisters, there is no division; we are all equal in the eyes of the Father. Jesus' message was clear and without ambiguity. As God's children we all share equally in the salvation given to us by the Son.

When Lincoln was challenged by his friends as to why he would give such a speech and imperil his political career, his response was, "these were God's words not mine."

"Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand." (*Mt 12:25*)

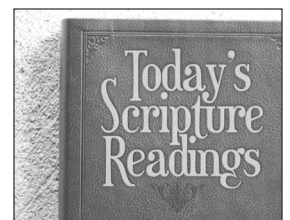


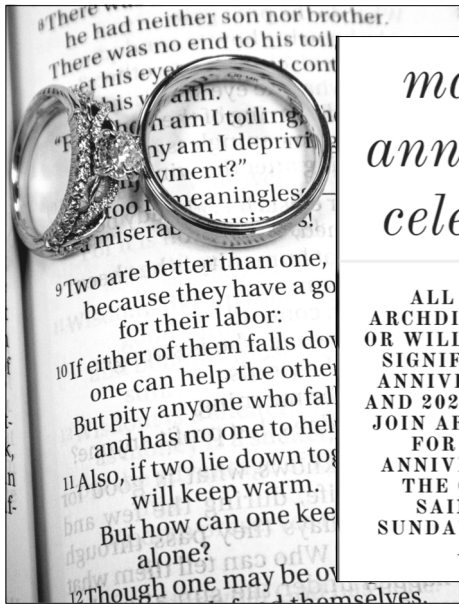
Sunday's Readings: August 22

First Reading — Joshua challenges the Israelites to serve either the Lord or other gods. They choose the Lord (*Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b*).

Second Reading — Paul reflects on how husbands and wives should reverence and love each other (*Ephesians 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]*).

Gospel — Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life (*John 6:60-69*).



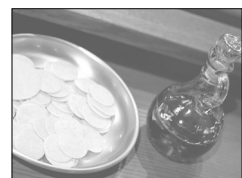


marriage anniversary celebration

ALL THOSE IN THE ARCHDIOCESE WHO HAVE OR WILL BE CELEBRATING SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN 2020 AND 2021 ARE INVITED TO JOIN ARCHBISHOP BLAIR FOR THIS SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT JOSEPH ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10TH AT 2:00 PM

On Sunday, October 10, 2021, at 2:00 PM, this annual Archdiocesan Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Hartford for married couples who have observed or will be observing 25th, 50th, 60th, and other special wedding anniversaries in 2020 or 2021. While typically only those celebrating special anniversaries in a given year are invited to this celebration, couples who had special anniversaries in 2020 are also invited this year in the hopes of recognizing those who could not be celebrated last year when the pandemic led to the cancellation of this annual Mass.

Therefore, all married couples from parishes in the Archdiocese of Hartford who are celebrating such anniversaries either in 2020 or 2021 are invited to participate in this liturgy. Those interested in participating in the Archdiocese of Hartford 2021 Marriage Anniversary Celebration are asked to follow properly register at: bit.ly/aohmarriage or speak to Fr. Landback.



You may book Mass intentions for 2021 by calling the Rectory Office at (203) 934-6357. Donations for daily Mass intentions are \$15; weekend Masses, \$25.

Weekend Masses through the end of 2021 are filled.
Daily Masses are still available: Weekdays at 7:30 am

The Sanctuary Candle is available many weeks through December.

INVITE A FRIEND...

A Special Blessing for Students and Educators Heading Back to School

Join Us August 28-29 | All Masses

As the youth of our parish family get ready to head back to school, college, and religious education classes, there will be a special blessing for them (and teachers) on the weekend of August 28-29.



All students are invited to bring their back packs and school supplies to any of the four weekend Masses and a blessing will be administered by Father Landback. **Please join us and feel free to invite nonparishioners and their children, too!**

We hope to see you there!

Current COVID-19 Protocols

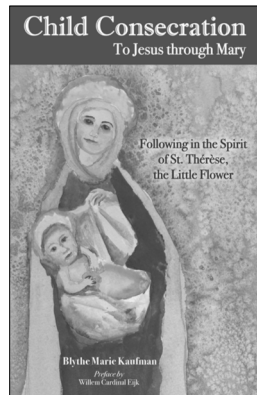
For those who are vaccinated, wearing masks is recommended while at Mass, at other liturgies, and at any indoor events held at our churches. Those who remain unvaccinated should continue to wear masks, with particular attention being given to the safety of young, unvaccinated children.

Also, for now, ministers who are distributing Holy Communion should continue to wear a mask and sanitizing prior to distribution. As the COVID-19 variant situation continues to develop, modifications may be made.

33-Day Consecration to Jesus through Mary

September 4-October 7

All parishioners are invited to join Archbishop Blair in making a Consecration to Jesus through Mary this Fall (September 4-October 7). We will be using the book *Child Consecration: To Jesus through Mary—Following in the Spirit of St. Thérèse, the Little Flower*. The book approaches the Consecration through the spirituality of St. Thérèse and is ideal for adults and children (for parents whose children and grandchildren cannot participate in the Consecration journey, consider naming them to be included in your Consecration journey). Each day of the Consecration participants may follow along with the book and with a nightly premiered video recording of an Archdiocesan Shepherd leading us in reading, prayer and reflection. Books will be available after all Masses or you may purchase a book through EWTN Religious Catalogue or St. Anthony Bookstore in Orange, CT. To learn more about the Consecration journey visit: www.childconsecration.com



Calling All Young Adults!

Crossroads 4 Christ (C4C) is a local lay apostolate working to develop and provide community for young adults. Their mission is to develop communities of young adult missionary disciples through Eucharistic adoration and Christ-centered friendship.



If you are a young adult, we invite you to come to a C4C night at any one of the six locations in CT. To find information on the meeting times and locations for our chapters, visit:

www.crossroadsforchrist.org/chapters.

Sunday Counters Needed

We are in the process of re-establishing ministries that were disrupted by the COVID pandemic. One of these is volunteering to count the offerings on Sundays and prepare them for deposit to our bank.

In the past, we have had four teams of counters. We need parish members who have basic counting skills and ability to log totals on a form provided. Counters would need to give about an hour and a quarter every other week. They will be trained and supervised by Ann Talevi, our office manager. If interested, please contact the Parish Office.

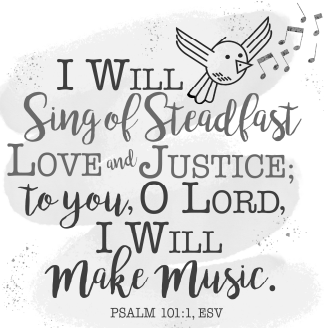
Learning About the Mass

Come, Spirit!

The presider at the Eucharist can choose from among a number of different Eucharistic Prayers, all of which follow a similar pattern. Almost always, they begin with an *epiclesis*, a Greek word that means “invocation upon” or “calling over here.” At this moment in the prayer, the priest calls down the Holy Spirit upon the gifts of bread and wine that we have brought to the altar: “Father, we bring you these gifts. We ask you to make them holy by the power of your Spirit, that they may become the body and blood of your Son” (Eucharistic Prayer III).

The words of the prayer are accompanied by the ritual gesture of the laying on of hands, the ancient sign of the gift of the Spirit, which is also used in most sacramental celebrations, from the rite of confirmation to the ordination of deacons, priests, and bishops. Liturgists sometimes call this first *epiclesis* the *epiclesis* of consecration. Later in the Eucharistic Prayer, there will be another *epiclesis*, the *epiclesis* of communion, as the priest asks that the Holy Spirit be sent upon us to transform us. “Grant that we, who are nourished by his body and blood, may be filled with his Holy Spirit, and become one body, one spirit in Christ” (Eucharistic Prayer III).

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MUSIC SUPPLEMENT:
The next few pages serve as your personal hymn book as we come together again.

OPENING SONG:

TABLE OF PLENTY

Dan Schutte

Refrain

Come to the feast of heav-en and earth! Come to the ta-
 - ble of plen - ty! God will pro-vide for all that we
 need, here at the ta - ble of plen - ty.

Verses

1. O come and sit at my ta - ble where saints and
 2. O come and eat with-out mon-ey; & come to
 3. My bread will ev - er sus-tain you through days of
 4. Your fields will flow-er in full-ness; your homes will

1. sin - ners are friends. I wait to wel-come the lost and
 2. drink with - out price. My feast of glad-ness will feed your
 3. sor - row and woe. My wine will flow like a sea of
 4. flour - ish in peace. For I, the giv - er of home and

to Refrain

1. lone - ly to share the cup of my love.
 2. spir - it with faith and full - ness of life.
 3. glad-ness to flood the depths of your soul.
 4. har-vest, will send my rain on the soil.

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GLORIA:

Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est. Glo-ry! Glo-ry to
 God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will.

To Verses

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PSALM 34: 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

R. Taste and see the good - ness of the Lord.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ALLELUIA No. VI

R. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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OFFERTORY:

HOLD ON TO LOVE

Jesse Manibusan

Verses

1a. There is a place for the sad - ness.
 1b. When pain and con - fu - sion seem end - less,
 2a. When ter - ror and fear o - ver-whelm us,
 2b. When vi - o - lence seeks to de - stroy us,
 3a. When ha - tred is used to di - vide us,
 3b. When pre - ju - dice pos - es as free - dom,

1a. Hold on to Love. There is a sea - son of glad -
 1b. hold on to Love. We cul - ti - vate heal - ing through kind -
 2a. hold on to Love. Cour - age and faith will sus - tain
 2b. hold on to Love. Acts of com - pas - sion re - store
 3a. hold on to Love. Wis - dom and truth re - u - nite
 3b. hold on to Love. Dig - ni - ty means "all are wel -

1a. - ness. Hold on to Love.
 1b. - ness. Hold on to Love.
 2a. us. Hold on to Love.
 2b. us. Hold on to Love.
 3a. us. Hold on to Love.
 3b. - come!" Hold on to Love.

Refrain

Hold on to Love, where hope is found. Hold on to Love,
 where joy a - bounds. Hold on to Love,
 where grace and mer - cy's o - ver - flow - ing.
 Hold on to Love.

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COMMUNION:

YOUR WORDS ARE SPIRIT AND LIFE (PSALM 19)

Bernadette Farrell

Refrain

Your words are spir - it and life, O Lord: rich - er than
gold, strong - er than death. Your words are spir - it and
life, O Lord; life ev - er - last - ing.

Verses

1. God's law is per - fect, re - fresh - ing the soul, re -
2. God's pre - cepts keep us; their pur - pose is right. They
3. Liv - ing by God's truth is ho - ly and sure; God's
4. God's word is pre - cious, de - sired more than gold; worth

1. viv - ing the wea - ry spir - it. God's
2. glad - den the hearts of peo - ple. God's com -
3. pres - ence is ev - er - last - ing. God's
4. more than we dare i - mag - ine and,

1. rule can be trust - ed: bring - ing us wis - dom,
2. mand is so clear it brings us new vi - sion;
3. truth is e - ter - nal, bring - ing us jus - tice;
4. sweet - er than hon - ey, this word will feed us,

1. bring - ing God's wis - dom to birth.
2. bring - ing God's light to our eyes.
3. bring - ing God's jus - tice to earth.
4. bring - ing ful - fill - ment and joy.

to Refrain

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CLOSING SONG:

SING OF THE LORD'S GOODNESS

Ernest Sands

Verses

1. Sing of the Lord's good - ness, Fa - ther of all wis - dom,
2. Pow - er he has wield - ed, hon - or is his gar - ment,
3. Cour - age in our dark - ness, com - fort in our sor - row,
4. Praise him with your sing - ing, praise him with the trum - pet,

1. come to him and bless his name. Mer - cy he has shown us,
2. ris - en from the snares of death. His word he has spo - ken,
3. Spir - it of our God most high; so - lace for the wear - y,
4. praise God with the lute and harp; praise him with the cym - bals,

1. his love is for - ev - er, faith - ful to the end of days.
2. one bread he has bro - ken, new life he now gives to all.
3. par - don for the sin - ner, splen - dor of the liv - ing God.
4. praise him with your danc - ing, praise God till the end of days.

Refrain

Come, then, all you na - tions, sing of your Lord's good - ness, mel - o - dies
of praise and thanks to God. Ring out the Lord's glo - ry, praise him with
your mu - sic, wor - ship him and bless his name.

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