



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
AUGUST 11, 2024 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, August 10, 2024

8:00 a.m. Russ, Helen, & Lenny Loughner &
Carol (Judy)

4:30 p.m. Marty McHugh (Parents)

Sunday, August 11, 2024

8:00 a.m. Marie Salopek (Children)

10:00 a.m. Ron Beatty (Judy)

11:30 a.m. Leo Peta (Family)

Monday, August 12, 2024

7:45 a.m. Paul Dirling (Betty)

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

7:45 a.m. Our Parish Family

Eucharistic Adoration following 7:45 Mass

5:15-6:15 p.m. Confessions

6:30 p.m. Month's Mind (See names inside)

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

7:45 a.m. Frank Rupani (Cousin Jeanie)

6:30 p.m. Abbey Olsakovsky (Fischerkeller
Family)

Thursday, August 15, 2024

8:00 a.m. Michele Ruby (Judy)

12:00 p.m. Regis Rusnock (Family)

6:30 p.m. Darien Clark (Friend)

Friday, August 16, 2024

7:45 a.m. Christine Stewart (Friend)

Saturday, August 17, 2024

8:00 a.m. Irene Brooks (Daughters)

4:30 p.m. Special Intentions for 50th

Anniversary for Paul & Jan Hamilton (Family)

Sunday, August 18, 2024

8:00 a.m. Agnes Raspotnik (Vic & Craig)

10:00 a.m. Priscilla Volpe (Husband)

There will NOT be an 11:30 a.m. Mass

1:00 p.m. 100th Anniv. (Our Parish Family)

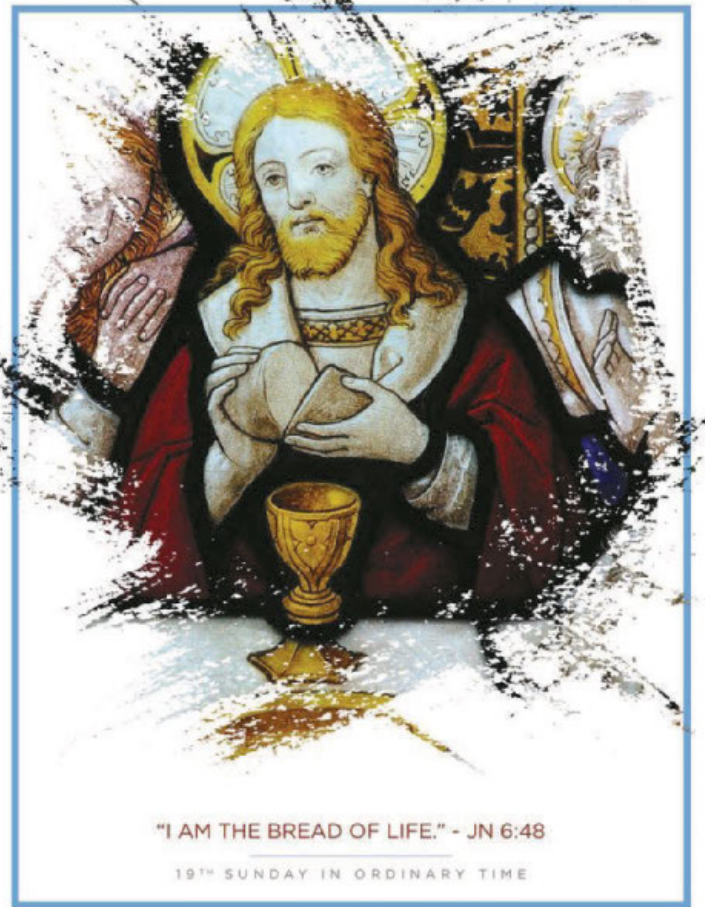
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HAPPENINGS ON THE CORNER & AROUND THE DIOCESE



A big thank you to our comfort ministry volunteers for the new banners in our church! They made sure they were finished for the 100th year anniversary Mass on August 18th at 1 p.m. They also make welcome blankets for the babies that are baptized at IC.

Thank you for using your God given talent to give back to our parish in a special way, we appreciate you!

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS THAT SERVE AT MASS!



We will be using the Ministry Pro Scheduler App to sign up for Holy Days! If you do not have the Minsistry Pro App (see image to the left) and have questions, please email Bridget Deveney at:

bdeveney@dioceseofgreensburg.org

and she will be happy to help you.



The next Theology of the Vine – TOV will be

**Thursday, August 29 at 6:30 pm
In Our Lady's Plaza**

Fr. Shawn Anderson OSB will be speaking on Faith and Science.



A big thank you to all of the great volunteers who helped with the Burger Bash! None of it can happen without all of you!

CHRISTIAN MOTHER/WOMEN'S GUILD— CMWG-GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Election of new officers will be August 13, 2024 in Our Lady's Plaza immediately following Tuesday evening Mass or 7 p.m.



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will be selling raffle tickets here after Masses the weekend of August 24 & 25th. Tickets will be \$10 and the drawing is Sept. 22, 2024!

Flowers will soon be blooming...



And the Landscaping Committee will be back to work!

Work sessions:
2nd Monday of every month, at 5pm
New volunteers welcome!

Come, get your hands a little dirty, make some new friends, and help keep our Church grounds beautiful!!

Questions? Text Lisa at 724-875-7730

Immaculate Conception Parish

is accepting applications for full time Parish Secretary 32 hours/week.

This position is responsible for providing office operations and clerical support to the Pastor and staff. The parish secretary is the first line of communication for parishioner requests. Other primary duties include managing and publishing the parish bulletin, maintaining the parish calendar, managing the phone, keeping sacramental records up to date, and updating parishioners' information. As a member of the administrative office, the Parish Secretary also assists in other duties of the parish office as needed and/or directed by the Pastor.

Qualifications: strong computer (Word, Excel, Publisher), interpersonal and communication skills. Must have appropriate clearances. Send resume and cover letter to Father Michael Crookston, Immaculate Conception Parish 308 Second St., Irwin, PA 15642 or email: mcrookston@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Next Burger Bash is
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

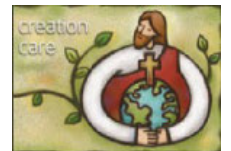
September Sponsors are:
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Scozio Family, our bun sponsor since 2006!



The faith formation information was emailed Monday, August 5th and also a Flocknote was sent. If you did not receive the information, please contact Susan Cheplic by email at - skcheplic@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Creation Care Corner



“If ‘the universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely...there is a

mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person's face.’ The world sings of an infinite Love: how can we fail to care for it?”

Pope Francis, *Laudate Deum*, Oct. 4, 2023

AUGUST 11, 2024 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CANDLES

Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of Donnelly Family by Kathleen

Divine Mercy: In Memory of Fabyanic Family By Family

St. Peregrine Candle: In Memory of Robert Brackney by Family

Easter Flame Candle: In Memory of John Brachisn by Family

St. Joseph's Candle: Month's Mind

Altar Candles for the Month of July:
In Memory of George, Marie, & Timothy Salopek by Family

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A CANDLE LIT IN MEMORY OF YOUR LOVED ONE, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AND WE WILL BE GLAD TO HELP YOU!
724-863-9550

SACRAMENTS

Anointing of the Sick

The sacrament is available during Confession hour and after each Mass per request.

Matrimony

Couples wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony must contact the parish office one year in advance of the Wedding.

Baptism

Families of our parish who wish to have their child baptized please email Susan Cheplic at skcheplic@dioceseofgreensburg.org to register for Baptism Preparation.

Confession

Tuesday 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. & Saturday 9-10 a.m. (except for the first Saturday of the month)

Divine Mercy

Join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet Monday through Friday at 3:00 pm in the church.

Please note: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton has changed their Saturday Confession Times from 11:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.

THIS SUNDAY AND NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

August 11, 2024- Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings	19:4-8
Ephesians	4:30-5:2
John	6:41-51

August 18, 2024- Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proverbs	9:1-6
Ephesians	5:15-20
John	6:51-58



Please pray for tll of our faithful departed. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

Month's Mind Mass will be on Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Please pray for the souls of George E. Rain, Patricia Landsperger, Mary Beth Jenets, Rose Marie Hildenbrand, Thomas Icardini, Anthony Tyke, Sr., Monica Faulk, Ronald Krause, David Benyak and Patricia Dornin.

Homebound Ministry

If you know of any family, neighbors, or fellow parishioners who are homebound and would like to have a Homebound Minister bring them Holy Communion, please call the Parish Office 724.863.9550

ADORATION EVERY TUESDAY AFTER 7:45 AM MASS UNTIL 6:15 PM—ALL ARE WELCOME!



SUNDAY OFFERTORY
AUG 3/4 - \$15,235.74

ONLINE GIVING
JULY 29-AUG 4 - \$5,664.05

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Immaculate Conception

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visit our website at:

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or scan the QR Code

If you decide to switch to online giving and would like to discontinue your envelopes please contact the parish office. Thank you!



PASTOR'S NOTES



We are called to become the “Bread of Life”

Today we as we listen to our readings we are reminded of how necessary food is for life. We are all aware that we need to eat if we want to live. However, we also know that we need less food to sustain us in life than we are used to eating. Jesus likens himself to the Bread of Life in the gospel; this opens for us a new dimension on eating and sustaining life. I think that we would agree with the notion that we certainly cannot live a full life simply by eating food. It is everything else about life that helps to sustain us and nourish us for the journey. Try to imagine what your life would be like if you lived in total isolation. No people around you, no stimulation, nothing! Life would not be worth much. Jesus is reminding us that we need more than just food for the journey.

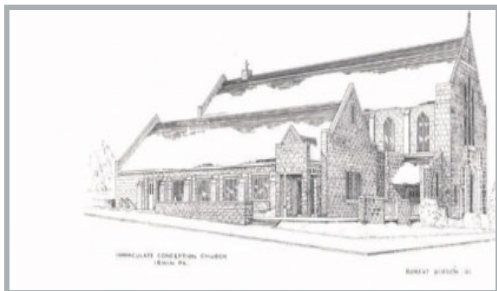
Elijah in the first reading is literally running for his life. He was being pursued by Jezebel who had a decree out for his death. His life seemed to have no more meaning and he just wanted to lie down and die. How many times have we all felt like that? The problems of life and living sometimes can become so overwhelming that all we want to do is lie down and die, just like Elijah. However, he doesn't get that chance. It is an angel from God who brings him food for his journey; he is given what he needs to get up and continue his life's journey. Jesus offers to us the food of his teaching as well as his own flesh for the journey to eternal life. This bread that comes down from heaven gives us life, but only when we surrender ourselves to listen.

The Bread of Life refers to the word that is taught. Moreover, the word is bread that sustains us on our journey and calls us to belief. The way to God and to eternal life is through Jesus. This is why he is the bread of life. In this gospel, word, belief, bread, and life all converge in the person Jesus.

Sometimes our dying to self can lead us, like Elijah, to say “Enough; take my life!” It's no easy task to be faithful disciples, to live the gospel message. It's an even more difficult task for ourselves to teach as Jesus did. If we are to be true to what we are to live and teach, we need the bread that revives us and keeps us from despair. Jesus' words of life bring us such hope and strength. Our challenge in life is not to get discouraged, but to hand ourselves over to the nourishment of word and sacrament that God offers, a nourishment that carries us surely on our life's journey toward eternal life. Jesus assures us that we have all we need to come to eternal life. It becomes our task to put into action the words Jesus offers. Like St. Paul tells the Ephesians we too must remove from our lives “all bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling.” As we take that Bread of Life, we must become what it represents.

100th Year Anniversary of Immaculate Conception's Church Building

We will celebrate with a Mass on **August 18, 2024** at 1:00 p.m. (there will NOT be 11:30 a.m. Mass that day) followed by a light reception in Our Lady's Plaza. All are welcome!



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Wednesday, August 14
Vigil - 6:30 p.m.

August 15
Thursday, August 15
8:00 a.m.
12 noon
6:30 p.m.

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON
Thursday, August 15
8:30 a.m.
6:30 p.m.

ST. AGNES
Wednesday, August 14
Vigil - 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 15
7:00 a.m.
12 Noon

ANGELS CORNER—

Girls Basketball sign ups! All 3rd-4th (Jr. JV) and 5th-6th (JV) grade girls who are enrolled at Queen of Angels or belong to a supporting parish are welcome to join our girls' CYO basketball team. The season runs from August-November and the cost of registration is \$100. All participants will also be required to volunteer at the concession stand/gate. If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Mastalerz at jmastalerz@queenofangelsch.org and complete the following form to register <https://forms.office.com/r/cpZpCUpeXa>

Calling all runners! Queen of Angels Cross Country registration is now open to all students and parishioners in K-8th grade. No running experience is necessary, and all levels are welcome! We welcome all children in grades K-8 who attend Queen of Angels Catholic School or belong to one of our supporting parishes. The season will officially begin the first week of August, and fun runs will begin in June. Practices will be held 2-3 times per week at various locations in the Irwin area – Oak Hollow Park, Indian Lake, St Agnes Church grounds and meets are held at GCC, Geibel Catholic School or Kunkle Park. No experience is necessary, and everyone competes (there is no bench). If you have any questions, please contact Coaches Abbie Lieberum at aku-hn31@yahoo.com or Steph Shields at steph-shields21@gmail.com and complete the following form to register. <https://forms.office.com/r/C2k8tHQ11z>

Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Irwin is hiring a full time cemetery assistant manager. The position is Monday – Friday, approximately 40 hours per week. Occasionally Saturday work is required. Applicants are requested to submit a current resume to Courtney Ruby at cruby@dioceseofgreensburg.org or call the parish office at 724-863-9550. Candidates must have the ability to obtain all necessary clearances. Position requires physical labor and includes but is not limited to:

- Burial Maintenance
- Ground Maintenance
- Grass Cutting & Weed Trimming
- Foundation/Memorial Maintenance
- Equipment Maintenance
- Snow removal

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CEMETERY FULL TIME POSITION: The position is Monday-Friday, approximately 40 hours per week and requires physical labor, preferred excavator experience. Candidates must have the ability to obtain all necessary clearances. For more information please contact Courtney Ruby, Business Manager, at (724) 863-9550

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS AND IMPORTANT MILESTONES!

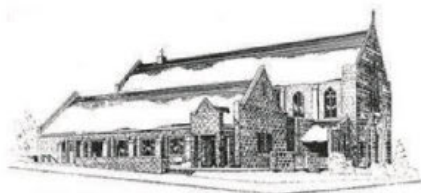
On August 18th at 1:00 PM we will celebrate a milestone in our parish's history, one hundred years proclaiming Jesus Christ on the corner of Second and Oak in our present Church building! Through many renovations and pastors, this edifice has stood as a temple of God welcoming in thousands of faithful people for countless baptisms, weddings, funerals, and celebrations of Holy Mass.

Another milestone to mark is the *Admission to Candidacy for Holy Orders* of our seminarian **Tyler Randolph**.

Tyler has completed his two years of Pre-Theological studies and will be returning to Saint Charles Seminary entering Theology (*the Configuration stage*). The Rite for Admission to Candidacy is an important step for each Seminarian on his journey toward the priesthood. The rite is an opportunity for a seminarian to express publicly his intention to receive the sacrament of Holy Orders as a deacon and later as a priest.

To mark this occasion, a musical setting of the Mass Ordinary (*Gloria, Holy, Mystery of Faith, Amen, Lamb of God*) was commissioned to be written and is premiered in this liturgy. Entitled the **Mass of the Immaculate Conception**, the setting is composed by **Jacob Gruss**. Premiered today by the Parish Choir, it will be making a debut at weekend Masses next weekend. A native of Greensburg, Jacob is studying organ performance at the world-renowned Juilliard School, Manhattan under Paul Jacobs. Jacob is in demand as a composer and organ recitalist, and is currently the Organ Scholar at the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine in New York City toward the priesthood.





IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
Irwin, Pennsylvania
Office of Liturgical Music Ministry

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 11, 2024 - Order of the Mass

VOCATIONS PRAYER

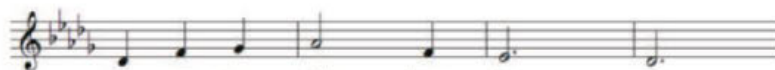
Lord Jesus, raise up from our homes those called by the Father:
courageous and humble men to the Priesthood, generous servants to the Permanent Diaconate,
faithful people to Consecrated Life, and holy men and women to the Sacrament of Marriage.
Holy Spirit, help us to live our universal vocation to holiness by listening to the Father's voice and
responding with a sacrificial love. Holy Mary, Model of vocations, pray for us.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

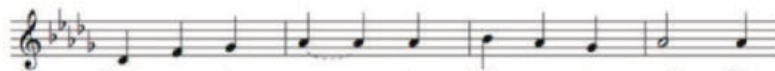
I Want to Walk as A Child of the Light



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.

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. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:1-8

Elijah went a day's journey into the desert, until he came to a broom tree and sat beneath it. He prayed for death saying: "This is enough, O LORD! Take my life, for I am no better than my fathers." He lay down and fell asleep under the broom tree, but then an angel touched him and ordered him to get up and eat. Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water. After he ate and drank, he lay down again, but the angel of the LORD came back a second time, touched him, and ordered, "Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!" He got up, ate, and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 34

Richard Hillert

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:30-5:2

Brothers and sisters: Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were sealed for the day of redemption. All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice. And be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.

So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

John 6:41-51

The Jews murmured about Jesus because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven," and they said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph? Do we not know his father and mother? Then how can he say, 'I have come down from heaven!'" Jesus answered and said to them, "Stop murmuring among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day. It is written in the prophets: *They shall all be taught by God.* Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

CREED

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 life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF GIFTS

O Sacrament Most Holy



1. O Je - sus, we a - dore you, Who in your love di - vine,
2. O Je - sus, we a - dore you, Our vic - tim and our priest,
3. O Je - sus, we a - dore you, Our Sav - ior and our King,
4. O Je - sus, we a - dore you; Come, live in us, we pray,
5. O come, all you who la - bor In sor - row and in pain;



Con - ceal your might - y God - head In forms of bread and wine.
Whose pre - cious blood and bod - y Be - come our sa - cred feast.
And with the saints and an - gels Our hum - ble hom - age bring.
That all our thoughts and ac - tions Be yours a - lone to - day.
Come, eat this bread from heav - en; Your peace and strength re - gain.



O sac - ra - ment most ho - ly, O sac - ra - ment di - vine,



All praise and all thanks - giv - ing Be ev - 'ry mo - ment thine!

Text: Irvin Udulutsch; refrain from the *Raccolta*

Tune: FULDA MELODY, 7 6 7 6 with refrain; Fulda *Gesangbuch*; arr. by Charles G. Frischmann.

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

Jubilation Mass
James Chepponis

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Ho - ly Lord God of
hosts. Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your Res - ur -
rec - tion un - til you come a - gain, un - til you come a - gain.

A - men, A - men, A -
men. A - men, A - men, A - men!

Music: Jubilation Mass, James J. Chepponis, © 1999, GIA Publications, Inc.

Cantor: *All:*
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
To repeat *Last time*
world, have mer - cy on us. world, grant us peace.

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COMMUNION HYMN

Taste and See

Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the
 Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the
 good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Text: Psalm 34, James E. Moore, Jr., b.1951
 Tune: James E. Moore, Jr., b.1951
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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Alleluia! Bread of Angels


HYFRYDOL

Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of An - gels, Here on
 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, You the
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry
 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Lord of lords we own; Al - le - lu - ia!
 be to God on high; Al - le - lu - ia
 here the sin - ful Flee to you from day to day:
 born of Ma - ry, Earth your foot - stool, heav'n your throne:
 to the Sav - ior Who has won the vic - to - ry;
 In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, Earth's re -
 You with - in the veil have en - tered, Robed in
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Font of
 deem - er, plead for me, Where the songs of all the
 flesh, our great high priest; Here on earth both priest and
 love and sanc - ti - ty; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 vic - tim In the Eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 lu - ia! To the tri - une maj - es - ty.

Text: 87 87 D; based on Revelation 5:9-14; William C. Dix, 1837-1898, and Compilers.
 Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887.

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