



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
AUGUST 18, 2024 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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)

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

Monday, August 19, 2024

7:45 a.m. Robert Kroeger (Wife)

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

7:45 a.m. Ellen Donnelly (Kathleen)

Eucharistic Adoration following 7:45 Mass

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

6:30 p.m. Magdalene Gonazles (Charlotte)

Wednesday, August 21, 2024

7:45 a.m. Ray Militzer (Tom & Lori)

Thursday, August 22, 2024

7:45 a.m. Our Parish Family

Friday, August 23, 2024

7:45 a.m. George & Mary Stewart (Barb)

Saturday, August 24, 2024

8:00 a.m. Joanna Jordan (Family)

1:00 p.m. Stegman/Nelson Wedding

4:30 p.m. Jane Criner (Nick & Toni)

Sunday, August 25, 2024

8:00 a.m. Charles Hickey (Dennis)

10:00 a.m. Irene Brooks (Darlene)

11:30 a.m. Tony Mauro (Family)

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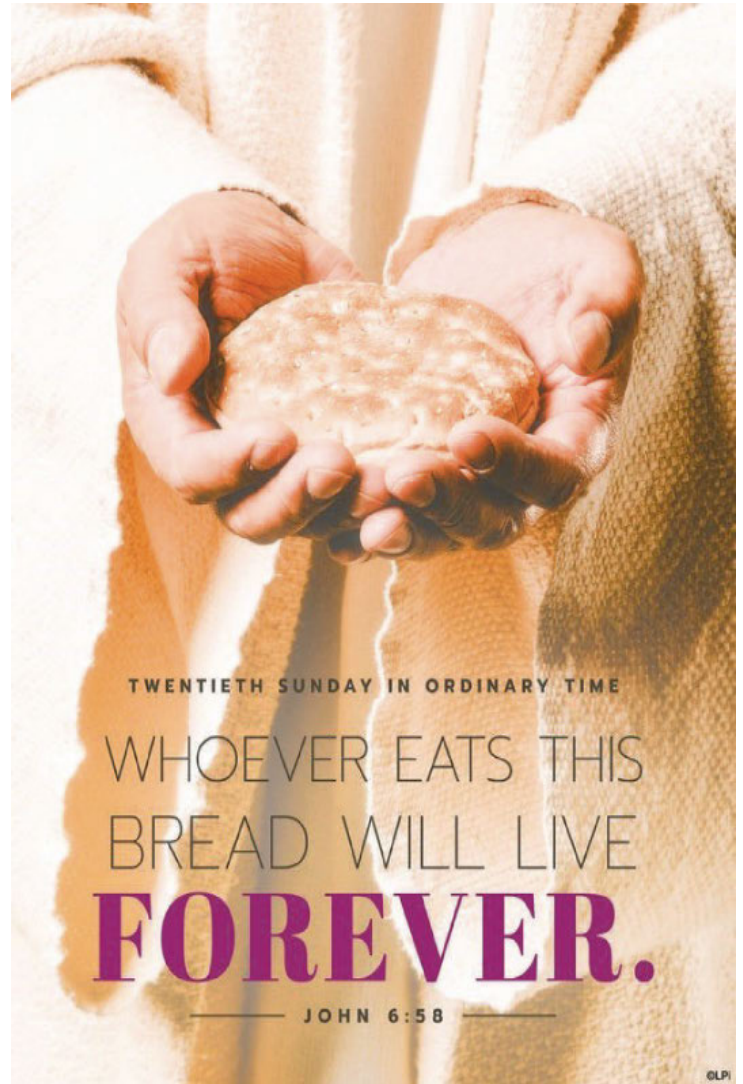
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HAPPENINGS ON THE CORNER & AROUND THE DIOCESE

AUGUST 2024 BURGER BASH SUMMARY

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NEXT BURGER BASH IS SEPTEMBER 14, 2024!**

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

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will be selling raffle tickets at Immaculate Conception the weekend of August 24 & 25th. Tickets are \$10 and the drawing is September 22, 2024.



Knights of Columbus St Jude Council 9019 - will have their monthly meeting on Monday August 19, 2024, in the Gianni Room in the Convent Building at

St Agnes. The meeting starts at 7:15 with the Rosary. St Jude Council covers the parishes of IC, St Agnes, and St Elizabeth Ann Seton. If you are interested in joining the Knights, or would like to transfer to our Council, please contact Al Borgony at 724-864-3487 or email a.borgony@comcast.net, or go to our website at kofc.org and join online.

SAVE THE DATE

**IMMACULATA MEN'S GROUP (IMG) &
IMMACULATA WOMEN'S GROUP (IWG)**

Begins on Sat. 9/7 for IMG and 9/8 for IWG at 6:30 am in Our Lady's Plaza. All are welcome!

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

SAVE THE DATE

SAVE THE DATE! Our next CASH BASH will be held on Saturday, November 2. Tickets go on sale in September. Watch the bulletin for details.

All Adults 21 years or older are invited to

Theology on the Vine



Fr. Shawn Anderson, OSB

Benedictine monk & Catholic priest, Fr. Shawn is a professor of Biology at St. Vincent College and Director of St. Vincent Archabbey Retreats Program

PRESENTS A TALK ON

Religion and Science

Thursday August 29, 2024

Doors open 6:00 pm

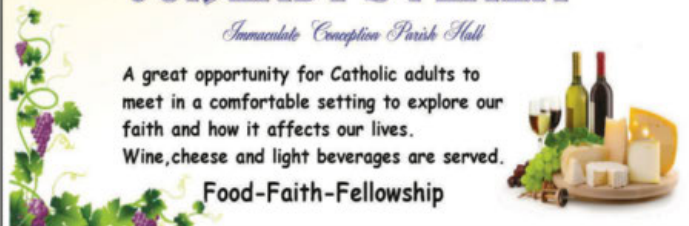
Program begins at 6:30 pm

OUR LADY'S PLAZA

Immaculate Conception Parish Hall

A great opportunity for Catholic adults to meet in a comfortable setting to explore our faith and how it affects our lives. Wine, cheese and light beverages are served.

Food-Faith-Fellowship



AUGUST 18, 2024 TWENTIETH 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 Bachisn by Family

St. Joseph's Candle: In Memory of Joyce Begg By Family

Altar Candles for the Month of August:
In Memory of Michael, 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!

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 18, 2024- Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

August 25, 2024- Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joshua	24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b
Ephesians	5:21-32
John	6:60-69



Please pray for the family of Catherine Smith and all of our faithful departed. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

SUBSTANCE ADDICTION MINISTRY (SAM)

will host the next Rosary and Prayers for Recovery on **Wednesday August 21, 2024 at NOON**. Pray with us on the third Wednesday of each month as we invite anyone afflicted or affected by addiction to be with us for a time of prayer and support. Join us via [ZOOM](#).

Meeting ID: 850 9744 9466 Passcode: 122392

For questions or a copy of the prayers- Jennifer Macioce 724-708-9150 or Jenn.macioce@gmail.com

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



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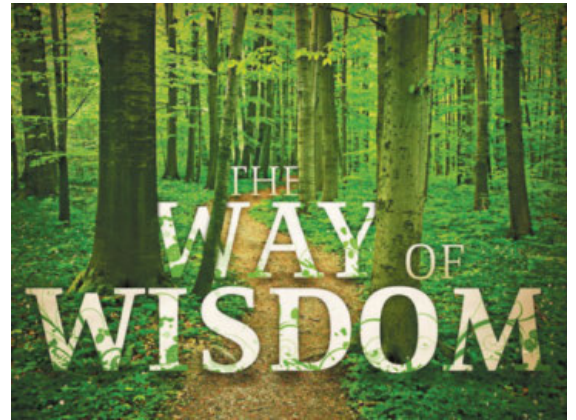
If you decide to switch to online giving and would like to discontinue your envelopes please contact the parish office. Thank you!



PASTOR'S NOTES

A Life of Wisdom

On this 20th Sunday of Ordinary time our readings speak to us about the life of wisdom. When we think of wisdom our thoughts normally turn to an intellectual or moral attitude. However, for our purposes today we are looking at wisdom as portrayed in a person who does good things for people. Proverbs portrays wisdom in our first reading as a gracious woman who invites us to a meal after careful preparation. The image that we are left with is one of gentleness, serenity and hospitality. St. Paul in the second reading picks right up on this idea and tells us: “watch carefully how you live.” We are to live in a manner worthy of those who have been called by Christ. Jesus picks right up with personifying wisdom by reminding us that wisdom does not just refer to those who worship, pray, and give alms. He gets into the idea of someone becoming who he is, his very flesh and blood.



We are all being invited to a way of living; one that leads to life and life eternal and one that will lead to death. Wisdom from Proverbs invites the simple and lost souls of the world to the table; Jesus invites us all to eat of His flesh and blood. As with all things in life, the choice is ours to make. Jesus is telling us that to be part of my flesh is to share in my very life. Jesus as food transforms us into energy and strength. Since we have been offered such a wondrous choice we must ask ourselves: how high a priority is the proper celebration of the Eucharist? How much preparation do we put into what we do when we come to liturgy? Are we really giving of ourselves when we partake of the Eucharist, or do we simply sit back and watch?

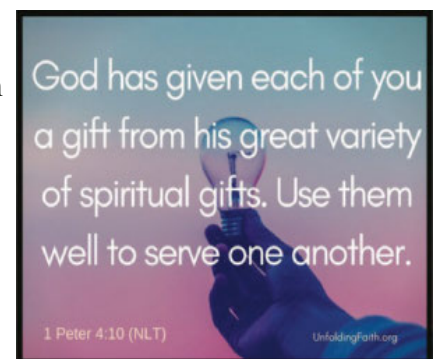
Eucharist is not simply a passive obsession. Eucharist must become a choice that we freely make for a life of wisdom. What we need to determine for ourselves but also for our parish community; where is the wisdom of God expressed in our gathering, listening, singing, eating and going forth? Do we take the food that we eat and allow it to transform us? Do we make an effort to be an active part of the celebration we gather each week to be a part of? Are we as individuals in actuality sharing who we are as members of the Body of Christ? Once again, we need to ask the questions of ourselves, and when we find the answers they must be grounded in the fact that the Eucharist is the gift of God's food and love for us, but it is given so that we, too, may become food for one another.

If coming to the Table is a priority in our life, then we like the woman personifying wisdom must go to great lengths to prepare for such a banquet. Not only by our presence but also by our full participation in every aspect of the liturgy, do we embody what we eat? Jesus tells us in no uncertain terms: to be part of my flesh is to share my very life. If Jesus is to be the source of our life, we must partake of his flesh and blood as an intimate bond with God, and then share that same intimacy with others.

Ministries in the Church

It is hard to believe, but school will be starting up in a couple weeks. Summer is here and gone before we know it! In looking at getting back into routines, this is the time of year when we should think about how we can help our church with its various ministries. There are many opportunities available for us to get involved...

- ✓ Helping with distribution of Holy Communion during Mass
- ✓ Taking the Eucharist to the sick and homebound
- ✓ Serving as greeter or usher
- ✓ Altar Servers
- ✓ Office help
- ✓ Volunteering with one of the Church's activities or fundraisers
- ✓ Becoming a part of the Music Ministry
- ✓ Helping with the various needs with Faith Formation
- ✓ Becoming a member of the Youth Ministry Team



There are many ways that you can share your gifts with your church. If you are interested in helping with anything, please let us know and we will help to make it happen! *Fr. Mike*

PASTOR'S NOTES CONTINUED

Does a troubled marriage spoil your holidays? Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here before you know it. Perhaps Retrouvaille will enable you to appreciate future holidays together as you once did. Pittsburgh programs will be scheduled to start this Fall. Please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434.

Tax credit program helps raise financial assistance for Catholic school students

The Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC) makes financial assistance available for qualifying Catholic school students and their families. For information on how to make funds available to help our Catholic School students and families, call 724-834-0310.

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 .

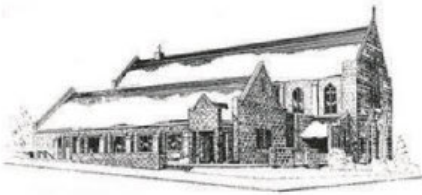


Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Irwin is hiring a full time cemetery assistant manager. The position is Monday – Friday, approximately 40 hours per week. Occasionally Saturday work is required. Applicants are requested to submit a current resume to Courtney Ruby at cruby@dioceseofgreensburg.org or 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



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Irwin, Pennsylvania

Office of Liturgical Music Ministry

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 18, 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

At the Name of Jesus



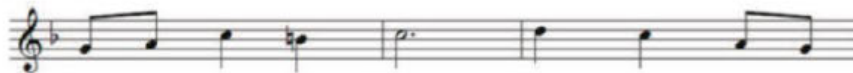
1. At the Name of Je - sus Ev - 'ry knee shall
2. At his voice cre - a - tion Sprang at once to
3. Hum - bled for a sea - son, To re - ceive a
4. In your hearts en - throne him; There let him sub -
5. Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus Shall re - turn a -



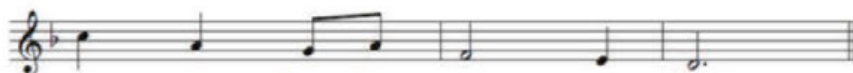
bow, Ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry
sight, All the an - gel fac - es, All the hosts of
Name From the lips of sin - ners Un - to whom he
due All that is not ho - ly, All that is not
gain On the clouds of glo - ry, O'er the earth to



now. It is God's good pleas - ure
light, Thrones and Dom - i - na - tions,
came, Faith - ful - ly he bore - it
true. Crown him as your cap - tain
reign. Love and faith - ful serv - ice



We should call him Lord, Who from the be -
Stars up - on their way, All the heav'n - ly
Spot - less to the last; Brought it back vic -
In temp - ta - tion's hour; Let his will en -
We his peo - ple vow, And our hearts con -



gin - ning Was the might - y Word.
or - ders In their great ar - ray.
to - rious When from death he passed.
fold you In its light and pow'r.
fess him King of glo - ry now.

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

Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house,
she has set up her seven columns;
she has dressed her meat, mixed her wine,
yes, she has spread her table.
She has sent out her maidens;
she calls from the heights out over the city:
"Let whoever is simple turn in here;
To the one who lacks understanding,
she says, Come, eat of my food,
and drink of the wine I have mixed!
Forsake foolishness that you may live;
advance in the way of understanding."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 34

Michel Guimont

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:15-20

Brothers and sisters:
Watch carefully how you live,
not as foolish persons but as wise,
making the most of the opportunity,
because the days are evil.
Therefore, do not continue in ignorance,
but try to understand what is the will of the
Lord. And do not get drunk on wine,
in which lies debauchery,
but be filled with the Spirit,
addressing one another in psalms and
hymns and spiritual songs, singing and
playing to the Lord in your hearts,
giving thanks always and for everything
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to
God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowds: "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 Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."

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.

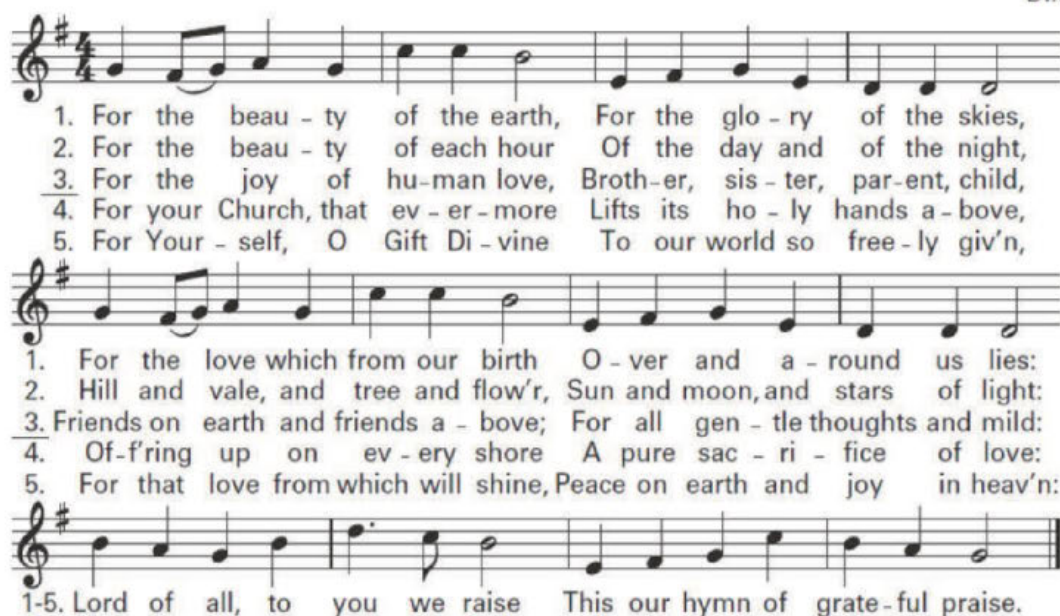
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF GIFTS

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX



1. For the beau - ty of the earth, For the glo - ry of the skies,
2. For the beau - ty of each hour Of the day and of the night,
3. For the joy of hu - man love, Broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
4. For your Church, that ev - er - more Lifts its ho - ly hands a - bove,
5. For Your - self, O Gift Di - vine To our world so free - ly giv'n,

1. For the love which from our birth O - ver and a - round us lies:
2. Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, Sun and moon, and stars of light:
3. Friends on earth and friends a - bove; For all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
4. Of - f'ring up on ev - ery shore A pure sac - ri - fice of love:
5. For that love from which will shine, Peace on earth and joy in heav'n:

1-5. Lord of all, to you we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Text: 77 77 77; *Lyra Eucharistica*, 1864; Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt. Music: Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872; adapt. by William H. Monk, 1823–1899.



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

We Do Believe

Refrain

Be - hold, be - hold the Ho - ly Bod - y of
 Christ. We do be - lieve, O Lord; help our un - be -
 lief! Be - hold, be - hold the
 Sa - cred Blood of Christ. May we all be -
 come what we re - ceive. A - men.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Let All Things Now Living

1. Let all things now liv - ing A song of thanks - giv - ing
 2. God rules all the forc - es: The stars in their cours - es

To God the Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
 And sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

Who fash - ioned and made us, Pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
 The hills and the moun - tains, The riv - ers and foun - tains,

And guides us with care to the end of our days.
 The deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be - fore us,
 We too should be voic - ing Our love and re - joic - ing;

A pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
 With glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise


Till shad - ows have van - ished And dark - ness is ban - ished,
 Till all things now liv - ing U - nite in thanks - giv - ing:

As for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
 "To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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