



## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

NOVEMBER 3, 2024 THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Saturday, November 2, 2024

8:30 a.m. *No Mass at Seton or IC*

4:30 p.m. All Souls

### Sunday, November 3, 2024

8:00 a.m. All Souls

10:00 a.m. All Souls

11:30 a.m. All Souls

### Monday, November 4, 2024

7:45 a.m. Special Intention for Brian Felentzer  
(Family)

### Tuesday, November 5, 2024

7:45 a.m. Our Parish Family

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

6:30 p.m. All Souls Memorial Mass

### Wednesday, November 6, 2024

7:45 a.m. Tom Kinsey Sr. (Wife)

### Thursday, November 7, 2024

7:45 a.m. Kathy Huszar (Geraldyn & Mike DeFelice)

### Friday, November 8, 2024

7:45 a.m. Anthony DePaulo (John & Nancy)

### Saturday, November 9, 2024

8:00 a.m. Fr. Alvin Cabungcal (John & Nancy)

4:30 p.m. John & Sarah Javor (Family)

### Sunday, November 10, 2024

8:00 a.m. Gesmond & Fontana Families  
(Jerry & Sharyn)

10:00 a.m. Danne & Anne Kapanak  
(Dennis & Lorainne Pennington)

11:30 a.m. Dolly Simon (Simon Family)

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### 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:34ab

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*\*Please note this week's parish office hours\**  
**Parish Office Hours:**  
**Monday Nov. 4 - Friday Nov. 8**  
**8 am to 1 pm**

# PASTOR'S NOTES

## *Our Social Call to Love...*

In our gospel for today Jesus uses the word love but he does so in expansive terms. Love of God which Jesus pairs with love of neighbor is a down to earth norm that governs concrete interactions with our fellow human beings, especially the neediest among us. If we wish to love God, we must care for the vulnerable and needy neighbor.

Sometimes we compartmentalize our lives in such a way that we express our love of God only in terms of religious practices, for example, faithfully going to Sunday Mass, or saying prayers. Genuine love of God must also be expressed in care for widows, the orphan, and the poor, indeed all of our neighbors. He tells the Pharisees that they must love with their all. This is exactly what Jesus did; he loved with his all to the extent that he gave his life for us. This is the social justice Jesus demands from us.

What is our responsibility as Baptized Catholics to the call and mission of Catholic Social Teaching? Are we even aware that the Church has such teachings? The Catholic Church has a long history of thinking and writing on social issues, and scriptures such as today's passage are the source. True believers will go the extra mile to care for the marginalized and the vulnerable because we are conscious of the place of the poor at the banquet table of the Lord.

The text from Exodus in our first reading speaks of poverty in a way that not many of us can relate to. Can you even imagine being so poor that the jacket you wear during the day must be your blanket at night, or that in spite of your suffering, people are able to look through you as if you didn't even exist? This is the reality of our world, and most of us do not want to see it. We are reminded once again that God is the champion of the powerless, the defender of the defenseless. In speaking of the poor, the aliens, the widows and the orphans, God is drafting a blueprint of justice and mercy, reminding the people of Israel that it wasn't too far in their past that they suffered in the same way. Are their memories so short that they forget?

You and I may never have suffered the inhumane poverty and maltreatment that is mentioned in the scriptures, but isn't that all the more reason for us to be grateful for the life we have and the blessings that we are able to share? The community of God is one where all, regardless of their state in life, must be treated with dignity and guaranteed safety so that they can live free from fear

Just how far are we as a community willing to go to make this call of God's justice a reality? There are many issues that we are confronted with in society. Most often we turn a deaf ear and choose to ignore, but the issues and the suffering is still there none the less. We can sit down and debate issues of illegal aliens coming to our country or the use of capital punishment as a means of solving matters of crime, but ultimately the answer will always be the same: all God's creatures great and small must be acknowledged with dignity, compassion, respect and love. This is not something that can be done in a week or a year; it is a lifetime of work and awareness.

Today we are encouraged to ask ourselves; what neighbors do we find it easy to love, and who are the difficult neighbors and why is it so challenging to love them? We need always remember that to love the unseen God through service to neighbor is the true essence of religion.

*- Father Mike*

## CANDLES

### **Sanctuary Candle:**

In Memory of Mihalko Family (Family)

### **Divine Mercy:**

In Memory of Fr. Alvin Cabungcal (Friends)

### **St. Peregrine Candle:**

In Memory of Richard Gonzales Sr.  
(Daughter & Son in Law)

### **Easter Flame Candle:**

In Memory of Corey Korinko (Nancy & Lin)

### **St. Joseph's Candle:**

In Memory of Month's Mind

### **Altar Candles for the Month of November:**

In Memory of Carol Brush (Family)

If you would like to have a candle lit in memory of your loved one, please call the parish office. We will be glad to help you. 724-863-9550



Please pray for all of our faithful departed.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

### **Faithful Departed**

**Question:** How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?

**Answer:**

We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2<sup>nd</sup> each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It's the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we're getting in the house, but we're not quite ready to go all the way in. There's rain to shake off our coats and dirt that's clogging our shoes.

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are!

## 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](mailto: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.



Eucharistic Adoration is held every Tuesday after 7:45 am Mass & continuing until 6:15 pm.

*"When we face the sun we get a tan, but when we stand before Jesus in the Eucharist we become saints."*  
- Blessed Carlo Acutis

### **Sunday Offertory**

October 20 - \$11,817.15

October 27 - \$10,265.22

### **Online Giving**

October 21- October 27 - \$3,673.25

World Mission Sunday - \$3,241.71

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Immaculate Conception Parish offers Online Giving.

- Scan QR Code on the new Pew Cards or QR Code below.
- Click Create a new account.
- Create an ID and password.
- Allow 2 minutes to complete the process.



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

## HAPPENINGS ON THE CORNER & AROUND THE DIOCESE



### ALL SOULS MEMORIAL MASS TUESDAY NOV. 5, 2024 6:30 PM

Please join us as we remember those who have died this past year & all our Faithful Departed at this Mass.

*May God Grant them eternal rest and a share in the Eternal Kingdom*



The Immaculate Conception Creation Care Team meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Children's Liturgy Room. The team's focus is to study the encyclical "*Laudato Si*, Care for Our Common Home" and to turn the Pope's vision into effective actions.

For more information,  
Chris Peta at [chris@syncrous.com](mailto:chris@syncrous.com)



### ATTENTION LECTORS

Please pick up your workbook for the Liturgical Year "C", before/after all Masses in the Gathering Room. Please sign your name on the provided sheet that you received your book. The 2024 Year "B" Book ends Sunday, Nov. 24th.

### St. Anne Home, Greensburg Lottery Calendars

St. Anne Home lottery calendars are available in Immaculate Conception parish office during office hours. Cost is \$30, with 365 chances to win.



**Bingo Nov. 6 at St. Barbara Parish, Harrison City** - Bingo on Weds. Nov. 6, Dec. 4, Jan. 8 and Feb. 5. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games begin at 6:45 p.m.

The kitchen will be open, and free coffee will be provided. The hall is handicap accessible. For information, call 724-744-7474 or 724-744-4594.



The 2025 Mass book will be opening Tues. Nov. 5th. To schedule a Mass for your loved one, you can stop in the parish office during office hours (front cover of bulletin). The suggested Mass stipend is \$10.00.

**Each registered family will be able to schedule a total of one weekend Mass and two weekday Masses for 2025.**



### ANNUAL CHRISTIAN MOTHERS WOMEN'S GUILD (CMWG) NO BAKE BAKE SALE

**Begins the weekend of Nov. 2nd and ends the weekend of Nov. 24th. If you would like to support the bake sale, envelopes will be available after all Masses in the back of church. Thank you for your generosity.**

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

Our next sessions will be next Saturday, November 9th for the men's group (IMG) and next Sunday, November for the women's group (IWG) at 6:30 am in Our Lady's Plaza. In this ninth session of the fall semester, we will continue with Season 4 of "The Chosen". All are welcome!



### ST. EDDIE'S SPAGHETTI DINNER

On Sunday, Nov. 3rd, St. Edward Parish, Herminie will sponsor a Spaghetti Dinner 12:00 - 5:00pm in the church hall. Delicious

Homemade Spaghetti & Meatballs, Garden Salad, Bread, Beverage and Dessert. Cost is \$13.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 10 and under. Take-out available. A Basket Raffle will also be featured. All are welcome!

Tickets available at the door.

# HAPPENINGS ON THE CORNER & AROUND THE DIOCESE

Immaculate Conception Parish



DEC 14TH

## Breakfast with Santa

BREAKFAST, CRAFTS, AND PICTURES WITH SANTA

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 14TH**  
9AM-11AM

- ADULTS \$5
- CHILDREN FREE
- OUR LADY'S PLAZA

TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER MASS 11/23 AND 11/24  
THEN IN THE PARISH OFFICE UNTIL 12/6

skheplic@dioceseofgreensburg.org

## COME LET US ADORE HIM...

4:12 High School Ministry is sponsoring an  
**ADVENT SUPPLIES SALE**

\*\*\*All of the profits from this sale will help support the various conference, camps, speakers, and events offered to the youth of the 4:12 Senior Youth Ministry.\*\*\*  
Thanks for your support and have a prayerful Advent!



**November 9 & 10**

**November 16 & 17**

**After all Masses**

### SOME ITEMS FOR SALE:

- Advent Taper Candle Set (3 purple, 1 rose) ...\$7
  - Brass Advent Wreath (sm. and lg.) ...\$10 and \$12
  - Christmas Car Magnets...\$5
  - Bracelets, Ornaments...\$3
  - Advent Count-down Calendars...\$-\$ vary
- ...and many more new items this year!



# PAX


Diocese of Greensburg Youth  
presents

## The Importance of Identity

November 8, 2024  
OUR LADY OF GRACE  
Hosts our premier PAX Event!  
Open to youth grades 6-8  
6:00PM  
Doors open Food Trucks and Games  
6:30-9:30pm

Headliner  
**JACKIE FRANCOIS ANGEL**

Group Games DJ Israel  
Jackie Francois Angel  
Eucharistic Adoration

scan ME!  \$10

Don't miss out on this epic night of faith, fun, and friendship!

# GCC

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### SUN • NOV 3 • 1-3 PM

PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS • 7-11 GRADE **GCChs.org**



**QUEEN OF ANGELS  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL IS  
LOOKING FOR A**

# **PRESCHOOL AIDE**

Applicants are requested to submit a letter of interest and current resume to:  
Jennifer Filak, Principal  
jfilak@queenofangelssch.org  
Phone: 724-978-0144  
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### **Queen of Angels Catholic School - Pre-kindergarten Aide**

We are seeking a passionate and energetic Pre-kindergarten aide who is dedicated to Catholic education at Queen of Angels. The ideal candidate will have the ability to support the classroom teacher in creating a positive and inclusive classroom environment that reflects Catholic values and teaching; support students during lessons; follow and support effective classroom management strategies as directed by the classroom teacher; support students in cognitive, academic, and social development; communicate effectively with students and colleagues to support student learning; participate in school events, professional development and religious activities; collaborate with fellow teachers and administration to enhance the overall educational experience and uphold and promote the mission and values of the school. Interested candidates should send their resume and cover letter to Jennifer Filak, Principal - [jfilak@queenofangelssch.org](mailto:jfilak@queenofangelssch.org).

### **Queen of Angels Catholic School - Pre-kindergarten Teacher**

We are seeking a passionate and energetic Pre-kindergarten teacher who is dedicated to Catholic education at Queen of Angels. Candidates should be a certified teacher in Early Childhood Education or Elementary Education. The ideal candidate will have the ability to foster a positive and inclusive classroom environment that reflects Catholic values and teaching; plan, prepare, and deliver engaging and dynamic lessons; implement effective classroom management strategies to maintain a conducive learning environment; assess and monitor student progress, providing feedback and support to ensure academic and social/emotional growth; communicate effectively with students, parents and colleagues to support student learning; participate in school events, professional development and religious activities; collaborate with fellow teachers and administration to enhance the overall educational experience and uphold and promote the mission and values of the school. Interested candidates should send their resume and cover letter to Jennifer Filak, Principal - [jfilak@queenofangelssch.org](mailto:jfilak@queenofangelssch.org).



YOU ARE INVITED TO

# Christmas Choir

Participants will sing in the December 15th Lessons  
and Carols concert and/or Christmas Eve Mass

## **CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSALS**

SUNDAYS: 1:00-2:00 PM

November 3

November 10

November 17

December 1

December 8

\*Must attend at least 3 rehearsals\*

## **LESSONS AND CAROLS:**

DECEMBER 15TH

CALL: 5:00 PM

CONCERT: 6:00 PM

## **CHRISTMAS EVE**

DECEMBER 24TH

CALL: 3PM

MASS: 4PM

## **PARISH CHOIR REHEARSALS**

SUNDAYS: 2:00-3:00 PM

OR WEDNESDAYS 7:00-8:30 PM

November 3 or 6

November 10 or 13

November 17 or 20

December 1 or 4

December 8 or 11

\*Must attend at least 5 rehearsals\*

## **LESSONS AND CAROLS:**

DECEMBER 15TH

CALL: 4:30 PM

CONCERT: 6:00 PM

## **CHRISTMAS EVE**

DECEMBER 24TH

CALL: 10:45PM

CHORAL PRELUDE: 11:30 PM

MASS: 12:00 AM

Please contact Bridget Deveney at [bdeveney@dioceseofgreensburg](mailto:bdeveney@dioceseofgreensburg) to  
register or for more information

# Introductory Note



Let us look to the example of the Good Samaritan. Jesus' parable summons us to rediscover our vocation as citizens of our respective nations and of the entire world, builders of a new social bond. This summons is ever new, yet it is grounded in a fundamental law of our being: we are called to direct society to the pursuit of the common good and, with this purpose in mind, to persevere in consolidating its political and social order, its fabric of relations, its human goals.

(Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 66)

As Catholics and Americans, we are blessed to be able to participate in our nation's political and public life. Our freedoms respect the dignity of individuals and their consciences and allow us to come together for the common good. Election seasons, therefore, should contain a sense of gratitude and hope. Our love for this country, our patriotism, properly impels us to vote.

But increasingly, it seems, election seasons are a time of anxiety and spiritual trial. Political rhetoric is increasingly angry, seeking to motivate primarily through division and hatred. Fear can be an effective tool for raising money. The most heated arguments online often get the most clicks. Demonizing the other can win votes.

We propose once more the moral framework of *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* precisely as pastors, inspired by the Good Samaritan, with the hope of binding these wounds and healing these bitter divisions. This document is not based on personalities or partisanship, the latest news cycle, or what's trending on social media. Instead, it reflects the perennial role of the Church in public life in proclaiming timeless principles: the infinite

worth and dignity of every human life, the common good, solidarity, and subsidiarity. Not sure what these mean? We invite you to read a copy of *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* and learn more.

Allowing your conscience to be stretched and formed by these reflections can give you peace! They point to Jesus' challenge to show mercy to those in need, just as the Good Samaritan. As Pope Francis writes, "Here, all our distinctions, labels and masks fall away: it is the moment of truth. Will we bend down to touch and heal the wounds of others?" (*Fratelli Tutti*, no. 70). Let this be in our hearts when we talk about politics and make political choices.

Some might be tempted to say: yes, of course, we will be the ones who help by promoting good and opposing evil. But when confronted with so much good at risk and so much evil, it is a great challenge to avoid fear and anger. The threat of abortion remains our pre-eminent priority because it directly attacks our most vulnerable and voiceless brothers and sisters and destroys more than a million lives per year in our country alone. Other grave threats to the life and dignity of the human person include euthanasia, gun violence, terrorism, the death penalty, and human trafficking. There is also the redefinition of marriage and gender, threats to religious freedom at home and abroad, lack of justice for the poor, the suffering of migrants and refugees, wars and famines around the world, racism, the need for greater access to healthcare and education, care for our common home, and more. All threaten the dignity of the human person.

So *precisely how* we promote good and oppose evil is an essential part of answering the Lord's call, of being a disciple. As St. Paul reminds us:



Never let evil talk pass your lips; say only the good things men need to hear, things that will really help them. Do nothing that will sadden the Holy Spirit with whom you were sealed against the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, all passion and anger, harsh words, slander, and malice of every kind. In place of these, be kind to one another, compassionate, and mutually forgiving, just as God has forgiven you in Christ (Eph. 4:29-32).

Thus, Pope Francis exhorts us to “genuine dialogue and openness to others,” by which we may “be frank and open about our beliefs, while continuing to discuss, to seek points of contact, and above all, to work and struggle together” (*Fratelli Tutti*, no. 203). This applies to the faithful both as voters and as candidates—we must consider not only candidates’ positions on these issues, but their character and integrity as well.

How can we meet this challenge? Again, St. Paul gives us a way: Put on “the mind of Christ” (1 Cor. 2:16). Take time away from social media and spend time with Holy Scripture and the Blessed Sacrament. Turn off the TV and the podcast, and listen in silence. Volunteer at a soup kitchen, a homeless shelter, a crisis pregnancy center. Serve the poor, the needy, the outcast. Pray often, letting faith inform your political participation.

Participation in political life also requires judgments about concrete circumstances. While the bishops help form the laity in accordance with basic principles, they do not tell the laity to vote for particular candidates. On these often complex matters, it is the laity’s responsibility to form their consciences and grow in the virtue of prudence to approach the many and varied issues of the day with the mind of Christ. Conscience is “a judgment of reason” by which one determines whether an action is right or wrong (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1778). It does not allow us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere “feeling.” Conscience—properly formed according to God’s revelation and the teaching of the Church—is a means by which one listens to God and discerns how to act in accordance with the truth.<sup>1</sup> The truth is something we receive, not something we make. We can only judge using the conscience we have, but our judgments do not make things true.

It is our responsibility to learn more of Catholic teaching and tradition, to participate in Church life, to learn from trustworthy sources about the issues facing our communities, and to do our best

to make wise judgments about candidates and government actions.

We must also seek wisdom, as Holy Scripture instructs:

*Wisdom from above is first of all innocent. It is also peaceable, lenient, docile, rich in sympathy and the kindly deeds that are its fruits, impartial and sincere. The harvest of justice is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace (Jas. 3:17-18).*

The teachings of the Church, moreover, offer a vision of hope, where justice and mercy abound, because God is the infinite source of all goodness and love. With this wisdom and hope, we can find a way to bend down as the Good Samaritan did, through the fear and divisions, to touch and heal the wounds.

May God bless you as you consider and pray over these challenging decisions. May God bless our nation with true wisdom, peace, and mutual forgiveness, that we may decide together, through our democratic processes, to uphold the dignity of life and the common good.

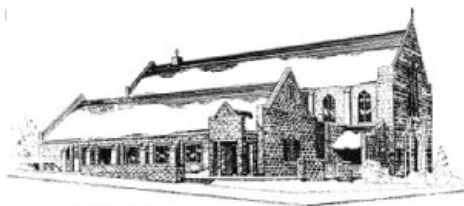
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<sup>1</sup> *Gaudium et Spes (The Church in the Modern World)*, no. 16. See also, *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1785.



## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Irwin, Pennsylvania

Office of Liturgical Music Ministry

# THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*November 3, 2024 - Order of the Mass*

### VOCATIONS PRAYER

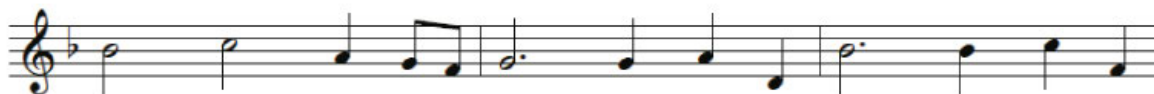
Lord Jesus, raise up from our homes those called by the Father:  
courageous and humble men to the Priesthood, generous servants to the Permanent Diaconate,  
faithful people to Consecrated Life, and holy men and women to the Sacrament of Marriage.  
Holy Spirit, help us to live our universal vocation 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

The Church of Christ in Every Age



1. The Church of Christ in ev - 'ry age Be - set by  
2. A - cross the world, a - cross the street, The vic - tims  
3. Then let the ser - vant Church a - rise, A car - ing  
4. For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, Can cure the  
5. We have no mis - sion but to serve In full o -



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be - dience to our Lord: To care for all, with - out re -



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eat, And nev - er live un - til they die.  
fice, And clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
bread And feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
serve, And spread his lib - er - at - ing Word.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth

peace to peo-ple of good will. A - men, a - men, a - men.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses spoke to the people, saying: "Fear the LORD, your God, and keep, throughout the days of your lives, all his statutes and commandments which I enjoin on you, and thus have long life. Hear then, Israel, and be careful to observe them, that you may grow and prosper the more, in keeping with the promise of the LORD, the God of your fathers, to give you a land flowing with milk and honey. "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today."

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 18 *Christine Krzystofczyk*

*I love you, Lord; I love you, Lord, my strength.*

### SECOND READING Hebrews 7:23-28

Brothers and sisters: The levitical priests were many because they were prevented by death from remaining in office, but Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him, since he lives forever to make intercession for them. It was fitting that we should have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, higher than the

heavens. He has no need, as did the high priests, to offer sacrifice day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did that once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints men subject to weakness to be high priests, but the word of the oath, which was taken after the law, appoints a son, who has been made perfect forever.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL READING Mark 12:28b-34

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

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

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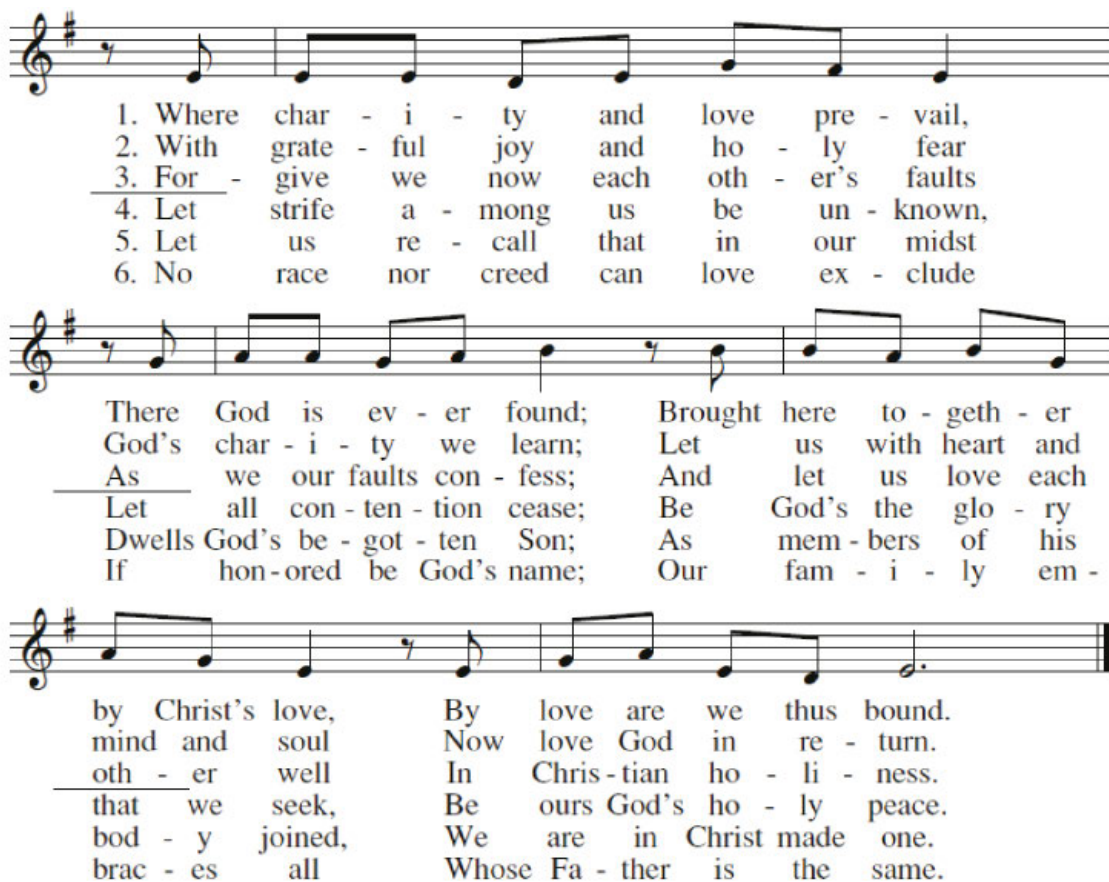
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with 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

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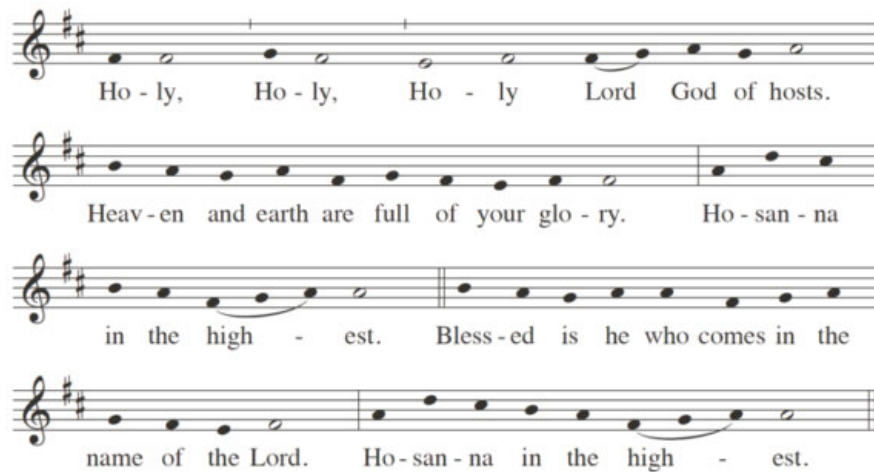
Where Charity and Love Prevail



1. Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail,  
2. With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear  
3. For - give we now each oth - er's faults  
4. Let strife a - mong us be un - known,  
5. Let us re - call that in our midst  
6. No race nor creed can love ex - clude

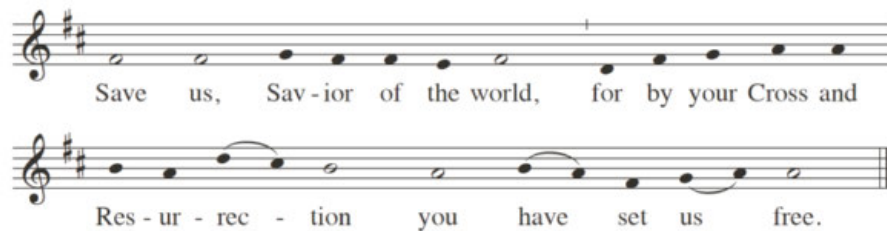
There God is ev - er found; Brought here to - geth - er  
God's char - i - ty we learn; Let us with heart and  
As we our faults con - fess; And let us love each  
Let all con - ten - tion cease; Be God's the glo - ry  
Dwells God's be - got - ten Son; As mem - bers of his  
If hon - ored be God's name; Our fam - i - ly em -

by Christ's love, By love are we thus bound.  
mind and soul Now love God in re - turn.  
oth - er well In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.  
that we seek, Be ours God's ho - ly peace.  
bod - y joined, We are in Christ made one.  
brac - es all Whose Fa - ther is the same.



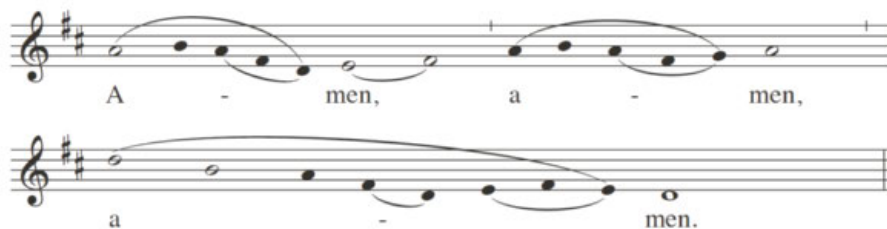
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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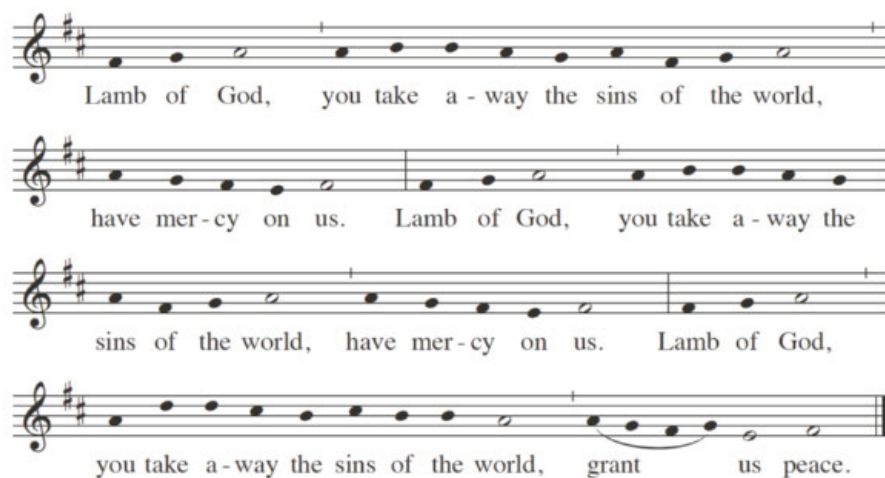
Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your Cross and  
Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

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A - men, a - men,  
a - men.

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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COMMUNION HYMN

Make of Our Hands a Throne

REFRAIN

Make of our hands a throne to hold the bread of heav-en,  
 make of our hearts a home to hold the ver - y wine of  
 life, in this mys - t'ry, Lord, make us one with you.

Steven C. Warner  
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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
 2. Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er; Let us all your  
 3. Fin - ish then your new cre - a - tion, Pure and spot - less,  
 1. earth come down! Fix in us your hum - ble dwell - ing; All your  
 2. life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er, Nev - er -  
 3. gra - cious Lord; Let us see your great sal - va - tion Per - fect -  
 1. faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, source of all com - pas - sion,  
 2. more your tem - ples leave. Lord, we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 3. ly in you re - stored. Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,  
 1. Love un - bound - ed, love all pure; Vis - it us with  
 2. Serve you as your hosts a - bove, Pray, and praise you  
 3. Till in heav'n we take our place, Till we sing be -  
 1. your sal - va - tion, Let your love in us en - dure.  
 2. with - out - ceas - ing, Glo - ry in your pre - cious love.  
 3. fore the al - might - y, Lost in won - der, love and praise.

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