



## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

MAY 25, 2025, SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Saturday, May 24, 2025

8:00 a.m. Joe & Joanne Mayer (Family)

2:30 p.m. Nolan/Snyder Wedding

4:30 p.m. Fiore Family (Charlotte)

### Sunday, May 25, 2025

8:00 a.m. Povirk Family (Torok Family)

*First Holy Communions Celebrated at Mass*

10:00 a.m. Mary Louis Proietti (Michele)

*First Holy Communions Celebrated at Mass*

11:30 a.m. Robert Kristofik (Sisters)

### Monday, May 26, 2025 Mass at IC Cemetery

8:00 a.m. Wheeler, Mastandrea, Foley, Sibaugh  
Families (Mary Loretta Wheeler)

### Tuesday, May 27, 2025

7:45 a.m. Special Intention (Anonymous)

No Confessions or 6:30 p.m. Mass

### Wednesday, May 28, 2025

7:45 a.m. Alex & Lorraine Fedornak  
(Helen & Bruce)

6:30 p.m. Joann Barbour (Family)

### Thursday, May 29, 2025 Ascension

8:00 a.m. John Huemme (Family)

12:00 p.m. Victor & Agnes Respotnik (Lorena)

### Friday, May 30, 2025

7:45 a.m. Marjorie Curry (Tyler)

### Saturday, May 31, 2025

8:00 a.m. Charlene Richardson (Eugene)

4:30 p.m. Shawn Teamann (Cheryl)

### Sunday, June 1, 2025

8:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

10:00 a.m. Edward & Dolores Starzenski  
(Fisher Family)

11:30 a.m. Janeen Worzbyt (Nancy & Jean)

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**St. Vincent DePaul**

[www.svdpgreensburg.org](http://www.svdpgreensburg.org) - 724-691-3711

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[www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org](http://www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org) - 724-837-1840



### 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus said to his disciples:] "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." - Jn 14:26-27a

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**Parish Office Hours:**

**8 am to 3 pm**

# PASTOR'S NOTES

## **My Peace I give you...**

Imagine if you can a life where you had nothing but peace. I am not talking about the absence of war or violence; I am referring to the peace that we can find only in our hearts. Today we are reminded how we can make this happen in our lives. Although we listen to the struggles and pains of the early church throughout this season of Easter, we are quickly reminded that our church today is not so different. For the Jewish people living during the growth of the early church it was difficult to give up the rules and customs that governed every aspect of their worship. They believed these ritual actions made them holy in the sight of God.

Many of our Catholics today can remember how our church prior to the Second Vatican Council was riddled with rules and regulations. For example we had rules about not eating meat on Friday's, how we were to dress for Mass, and for those of us who can remember, the Mass had to be in Latin. It was a long journey filled with anxiety and pain for people to adjust to some of the reforms that the Council promulgated. Just as in the New Testament era, there are many controversies in the church that sometimes divide believers – controversies over sexuality, reverence and ritual customs.

In our first reading today we are confronted with a big controversy over Jewish law and Christian converts. The dispute dealt with the extent to which Gentile converts were expected to keep the Jewish law. The crisis was deep and both sides of the playing field had their opinions. However, after much debate and prayer through the power of the Holy Spirit an agreement was met. I am sure that both sides of the argument had to give a little; eventually it became acceptable to all. Such a system of discussion and dialogue to resolve disputes in the earthly church can surely serve as a model for our own day.

Our second reading continues to speak of the New Jerusalem. Throughout the scriptures Jerusalem and the Temple were signs of God's presence and symbols of unity. Today we are given a completely different concept of Jerusalem and the Temple. Now Jerusalem has no temple, for God symbolized the temple with the Lamb. Also, by extension the people are also the temple in whom God dwells. We are all temples of the Holy Spirit, and we are reminded that physical structures are not necessary for worship. The writer of Revelation reminds us that we believe God is everywhere and permeates every aspect of creation. We are temples of the Holy Spirit and God dwells in us wherever we are.

Our Gospel for this week reminds us that the union between God and humanity is made possible by Jesus' farewell gift, the Holy Spirit in whom all things are made new. This new creation resulted in an entirely new self-understanding by the first Christian communities. Because we Christians today are so inundated with words and pay little attention to most of them, it is possible that any newness of the Resurrection escapes us or else the newness has become so commonplace that it has lost its power. Even "love" and "God's word" are so overloaded with variant meanings that they have largely lost their power to stir us. Each year our Easter celebration challenges us to assess our treasure trove: God's dwelling among us, the relationship of hearing God's word and loving as Jesus did. So, the peace of which Jesus speaks comes from seeing the presence of God everywhere so that we need not fear in life.

*~Father Mike*

## CANDLES

### **Sanctuary Candle:**

Special Intentions for the Papacy of Pope Leo XIV

### **Divine Mercy:**

In Memory Pat & Dan Ritter (Family)

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

Special Intention for Cancer Patients

### **Easter Flame Candle:**

Special Intentions for Immaculate Conception  
Parish Staff

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

Month's Mind

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

In Memory of the Behr & Montrose Families  
(Kulik Family)

### **Paschal Candle:**

In Memory of James & Anna Tempero  
(Daughters)

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.*

## **Prayer for Peace**

Fill us with Your peace, Lord, as you promised in Your word. Peace in our comings and goings, Peace that You are working and moving, Peace for what has happened, the places we find ourselves today, and in the future to come. Amen.



## **Prayer for Memorial Day**

Heavenly Father, On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the examples of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with Your strength and peace. In union with people of goodwill of every nation, embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## SACRAMENTS

### **Anointing of the Sick**

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

### **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 on Tuesday  
May 27th after 7:45 am Mass &  
continuing until 3:00 pm.**

*"Our desire for God can only grow when we place ourselves in His presence." ~Pope Francis*

## **Sunday Offertory**

**May 11 - \$12,974.04**

## **Online Giving**

**May 12 - May 18- \$4,625.70**

***Thank you for supporting our parish!***

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!



## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

**Tuesday May 27th 2025**

Adoration will be after 7:45 am Mass until 3:00 pm.  
No Confessions or 6:30 pm Mass.



**Immaculate Conception Parish Office**  
hours the week of May 26th.

**Monday May 26th - Closed**

**Tues May 25th - Thurs. May 29 - 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.**

**Friday May 30th - Closed**

## GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUPS

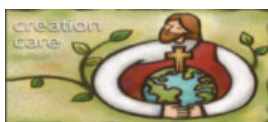
Two Grief Share groups are available:

Monday evenings Grief Share support group will be held at Immaculate Conception in the Children's Liturgy Room on Mondays from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Contact Gerri Dornin at [gdornin@comcast.net](mailto:gdornin@comcast.net) to register or for additional information. You are welcome to start attending at any point, as each session is "self-contained."

Thursday afternoons Grief Share support group will be held at St. Agnes in the Bertolina Room in the Faith Formation Center (Old Convent), Thursdays from 1:00 pm - 2:30 p.m. Contact Audrey Quinlan at [audreyquinlan@comcast.net](mailto:audreyquinlan@comcast.net) to register or for additional information. You are welcome to start attending at any point, as each session is "self-contained."

## Attention Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Altar Servers

**Please sign up for Ascension Masses ON THE MINISTRY SCHEDULER PRO APP OR WEBSITE. If you have problems signing up please contact Bridget Deveney at [bdeveney@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:bdeveney@dioceseofgreensburg.org)**



The Immaculate Conception Creation Care Team follows the Church's teachings to Care for Our Common Home with various programs such as recycling, ecological education, and service. The team meets the third Tuesday of each month (the location varies). Please contact Dave Wasil at [dwasil@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:dwasil@dioceseofgreensburg.org) for more information.



We would like to congratulate those who have received their First Holy Communion. We will continue to pray for those who will receive this weekend.

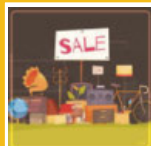


## Attention Graduating Seniors

Mark your calendars the Graduation Mass will be held on Sunday June 1, 2025 at 10:00 am Mass. Invitation were mailed with more details. If you did not receive an invitation please contact the parish office at 724-863-9550.

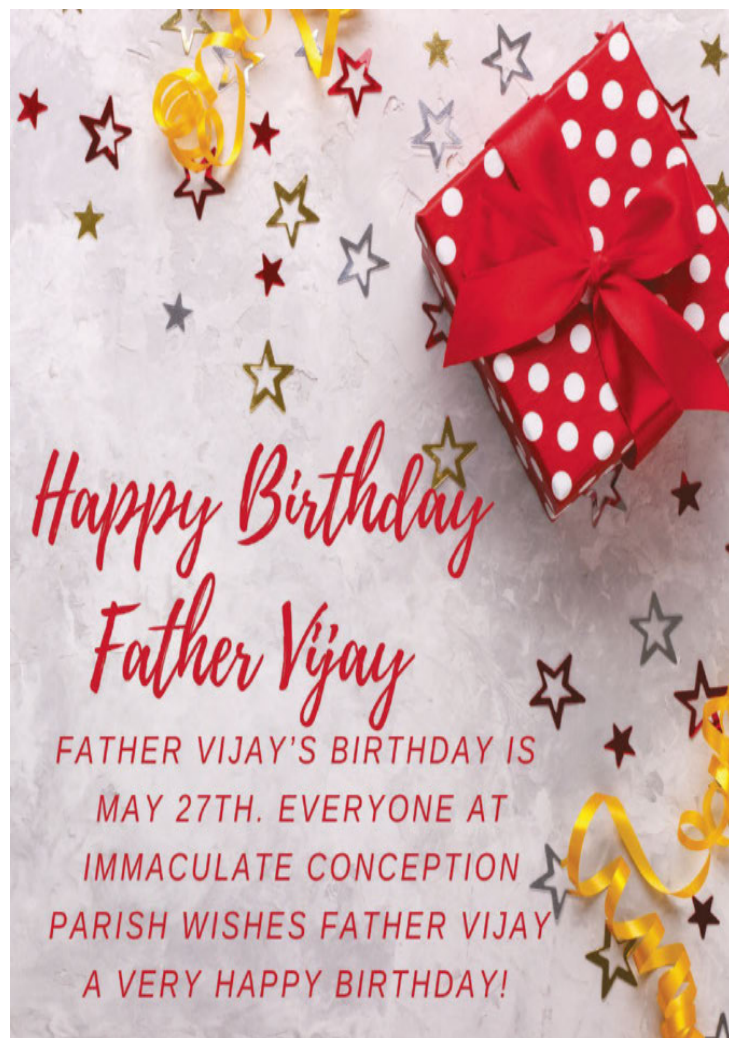


For the month of May our local St. Vincent De Paul Conference will be sponsoring a "Hygiene Help Donation Program" to benefit Brother's Brother Foundation of Pittsburgh. Boxes will be set up in the vestibules of both St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and Immaculate Conception churches. We are asking parishioners to purchase & donate one or more of the following items for BBF's Disaster Relief efforts locally, in the U.S. and around the world. Please note that each item should be trial or travel size only except for bar soap. Items needed include: hand sanitizer; deodorant; body wash; tissues; toothpaste; toothbrushes; shampoo; conditioner (or both in one); bar soap; lotion, Chapstick, flushable wipes, feminine hygiene tampons and feminine hygiene pads. Brother's Brother Foundation will use your donated items to put together "Personal Hygiene Kits" for people suffering from war and natural disasters. Their most recent humanitarian aid efforts have included the California wildfires; Hurricane Helene in North Carolina and the war in Ukraine. For more information about Brother's Brother Foundation, please visit their website: [www.brothersbrother.org](http://www.brothersbrother.org). For info about our "Hygiene Help Donation Program," please contact Carl Becker @ 412-751-5029. Thank you for helping those in need.



## SAINT EMMA MONASTERY FLEA MARKET

The Benedictine Sisters of Saint Emma Monastery will hold their annual indoor/outdoor flea market Thursday, June 12, from 2-7 p.m. (earlybird special, \$5 for adults), Friday, June 13, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturday, June 14, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. (50% off most items, bag sale after 1 p.m.). Food will be available for purchase, eat in or take out. For more information, visit [www.stemma.org](http://www.stemma.org).



### Diocesan Lenten Appeal

Our Diocesan goal is \$162,067.00. On the diocesan level, these monies support the international priests, seminarian's education, faith formation programs, Catholic Charities, and other diocesan ministries. Secondly, any monies over the diocesan goal will stay here at Immaculate Conception parish to support our missions, ministries, and to assist with upkeep of our parish buildings and grounds.

**As of May 16th, total pledged is \$126,024.86.**

**That is only 77.8% of our Diocesan goal.**

**We have only heard from 372 parishioners, which is only 13.9% of our parish family.**

Please remember if Immaculate Conception Parish does not reach our diocesan goal, the parish will receive a bill for the difference that must be paid out of our parish savings. If we have to use our parish savings then we will not have money in the savings for other parish needs. Also it is important to understand the money in our savings is your offertory from previous years.

It is important to note that every penny we raise above our Diocesan goal is ASSESMENT FREE. That means all those dollars stay here at Immaculate Conception parish.

*Thank you to all who have already given a gift to the 2025 Diocesan Lenten Appeal and to those who will give a gift.*

*Thank you for supporting our parish!*

To donate online visit - <https://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/diocesan-lenten-appeal/dla-donate/>



***Congratulations to the 66 eighth grade students from Immaculate Conception & St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parishes who were confirmed by Bishop Kulick on May 15, 2025. May they continue to grow in their faith inspired and led by the Holy Spirit. May the Holy Spirit continue to bless them all with the strength and wisdom to live as disciples of Christ.***



## THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION

*Of the Lord*

### Mass Schedule

**Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm at Immaculate Conception**

**Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am at Immaculate Conception**

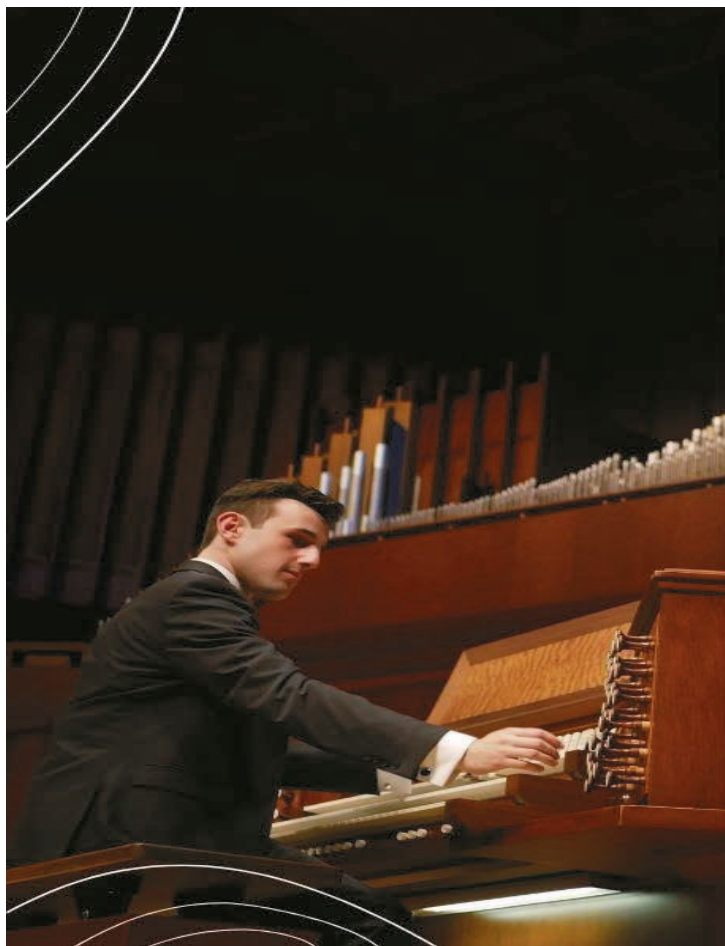
**8:30 am at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

**12:00 pm (Noon) at Immaculate Conception**

**6:30 pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

On this Ascension Day, let us give thanks to Jesus Christ, who ascended into heaven but left us the Holy Spirit to guide and comfort us always.





THE GREENSBURG AGO AND FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESENT

## Jacob Gruss Organist

Music by Franck, Bach,  
Howells, Reger, and  
Demessieux

With Soprano, Katie Wagner  
on Fauré's "Pie Jesu"

Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:00PM

First Presbyterian Church Greensburg  
300 South Main St. Greensburg, PA

Diocese of Pittsburgh & The Diocese of Greensburg present

# CATHOLIC KENNYWOOD DAY

July 16, 2025

**Join The Diocese of Greensburg For a Day of Fun**

11:00am Pick-up Tickets at Main Gate	Dinner Includes:
1:00pm Youth Activities	Chicken Tenders
3:00pm Confession	Hamburgers
4:00pm Praise and Worship	Hot Sausage
4:30pm Mass with Bishop Zubick	Macaroni & Cheese
5:15pm Community Dinner	& More!

**General Admission with Dinner: \$45.50**

Kids 6 & Under Eat Free  
General Admission without Meal: \$32.99  
(For Season Ticket Holders) Cost of meal only: \$12.50  
Add on a Catholic Kennywood 2025 T-shirt: \$12-\$14 depending on size

Diocese of Greensburg

## DONATIONS OF POP AND WATER ARE NEEDED FOR BURGER BASH!!

Keep your eye on the "Sales"  
and buy an extra cube or case  
for our parish fundraiser!! **Please**  
**drop it off at the garage**  
**between 8:30 am- 3 pm,**  
**Monday thru Friday. If the**  
**garage door is closed please**  
**place it outside of the door.**



## ANGELS CORNER—QUEEN OF ANGEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL



**Queen of Angels Catholic School** - You are invited to join us for special mass on Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, Ascension Thursday. This is also our Class of 2025 Graduation Mass. Mass begins at 9:30 AM in our auditorium. All are welcome!

**PRIESTLY VOCATIONS**  
DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

A SPECIAL INVITATION FOR ALTAR SERVERS

# Jubilee Mass

for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life  
Saturday, June 14, 2025

Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg  
Confessions 11 a.m. | Mass 12 Noon | Pizza Party to follow  
Special Recognition of Altar Servers

RSVP: [ehornicak@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:ehornicak@dioceseofgreensburg.org)



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# Young Adult Pirates Game

SATURDAY, JULY 26 2025

**PNC PARK**

GAME BEGINS AT 6:40PM

**TICKETS: \$39**

TICKETS INCLUDE A \$5 FOOD/DRINK VOUCHER AT THE GAME  
THERE WILL BE A DRONE SHOW AT THE END OF THE GAME  
PARTICIPANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR TRANSPORTATION  
YOUNG FAMILIES AND CHILDREN WELCOME

MEN OF HIGH SCHOOL AGE: SAVE THE DATE

# QUO VADIS DAYS JULY 21-23

CHRIST OUR SHEPHERD CENTER, GREENSBURG  
RSVP: [GreensburgPriest.org](http://GreensburgPriest.org)

GREAT TALKS  
PRAYER  
RECREATION

PRESENTED BY  
**PRIESTLY VOCATIONS**  
DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG  
OFFICE FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS  
INVITES HIGH SCHOOL MEN  
AND YOUNG ADULT MEN FOR

## FREE BASEBALL NIGHT WITH THE ALTOONA CURVE



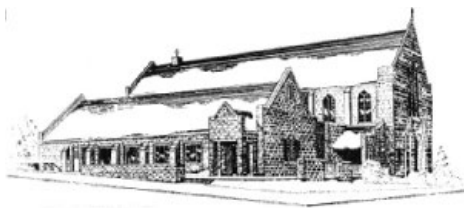
**JUNE 12 | 6:30PM**

FIREWORKS NIGHT! DINNER ON US!  
DEPART FROM DELMONT AT 4 PM

**REGISTER BY MAY 16  
@ WEBSITE BELOW**

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[WWW.GREENSBURGPRIEST.ORG](http://WWW.GREENSBURGPRIEST.ORG)





## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Irwin, Pennsylvania

Office of Liturgical Music Ministry

# THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 25, 2025- 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 Day of Resurrection

ELLACOMBE



1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, spread the news a - broad;
2. Our hearts be free from e - vil That we may see a - right
3. His love is ev - er - last - ing; His mer - cies nev - er cease;
4. Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, And earth her song be - gin;



1. The Pas - chal feast of glad - ness, The Pas - chal feast of God.
2. The Sav - ior res - ur - rect - ed In his e - ter - nal light,
3. The res - ur - rect - ed Sav - ior, Will all our joys in - crease.
4. The whole world keep high tri - umph And all that is there - in;



1. From death to life e - ter - nal, From earth to heav-en's height
2. And hear his mes-sage plain - ly, De - liv - ered calm and clear:
3. He'll keep us in his fa - vor, Sup - ply - ing ho - ly grace,
4. Let all things in cre - a - tion Their notes of glad-ness blend,



1. Our Sav - ior Christ has brought us, The glo - rious Lord of Light.
2. "Re - jice with me in tri - umph, Be glad and do not fear."
3. To all his pil - grim peo - ple Who seek his heav'n-ly place.
4. For Christ the Lord is ris - en, Our joy that has no end.

Text: 76 76 D; vss. 1, 2, 4, John of Damascus, 8th cent.; tr. by John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

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Music: *Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Württembergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle*, 1784, alt.;  
adapt. fr. *Würth's Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1863.

*All:*

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good  
will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we  
glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry,  
Lord God, heav'n-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa-ther.

*Choir (Congr. ad lib):*

Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son, Lord God,  
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-way the  
sins of the world, have mer-cy on us; you  
take a-way the sins of the world, re-ceive our  
prayer; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the  
Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us.

*All:*

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,  
in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.



## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Acts 15:1-12, 22-29

Some who had come down from Judea were instructing the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the Mosaic practice, you cannot be saved." Because there arose no little dissension and debate by Paul and Barnabas with them, it was decided that Paul, Barnabas, and some of the others should go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders about this question. The apostles and elders, in agreement with the whole church, decided to choose representatives and to send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. The ones chosen were Judas, who was called Barsabbas, and Silas, leaders among the brothers. This is the letter delivered by them: "The apostles and the elders, your brothers, to the brothers in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia of Gentile origin: greetings. Since we have heard that some of our number who went out without any mandate from us have upset you with their teachings and disturbed your peace of mind, we have with one accord decided to choose representatives and to send them to you along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. So we are sending Judas and Silas who will also convey this same message by word of mouth: 'It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities, namely, to abstain from meat sacrificed to idols, from blood, from meats of strangled animals, and from unlawful marriage. If you keep free of these, you will be doing what is right. Farewell.'"

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 67

*Kremer/Gelineau*

*O God, O God, let all the nations praise you!*

SECOND READING Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

The angel took me in spirit to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It gleamed with the splendor of God. Its radiance was like that of a precious stone, like jasper, clear as crystal. It had a massive, high wall, with twelve gates where twelve angels were stationed and on which names were inscribed, the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites. There were three gates facing east, three north, three south, and three west. The wall of the city had twelve courses of stones as its foundation, on which were inscribed the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw no temple in the city for its temple is the Lord God almighty and the Lamb. The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb.

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

### GOSPEL READING

John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me. "I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I will come back to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe."

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.

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1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-celling, joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in  
2 Come, al-might-y to de-liv-er, let us all thy grace re-ceive; sudden-  
3 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion: pure and spot-less let us be; let us

us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je - su,  
ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we  
see thy great sal - va - tion per-fect - ly re-stored in thee; Changed from

thou art all com - pas - sion, pure un - bound - ed love thou art;  
would be al - ways bless-ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove;  
glo - ry in - to glo - ry till in heaven we take our place,

vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem-bling heart.  
pray, and praise thee, with - out ceas-ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)\*

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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts.

Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Save us, Sav - ior of the world for by your

Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

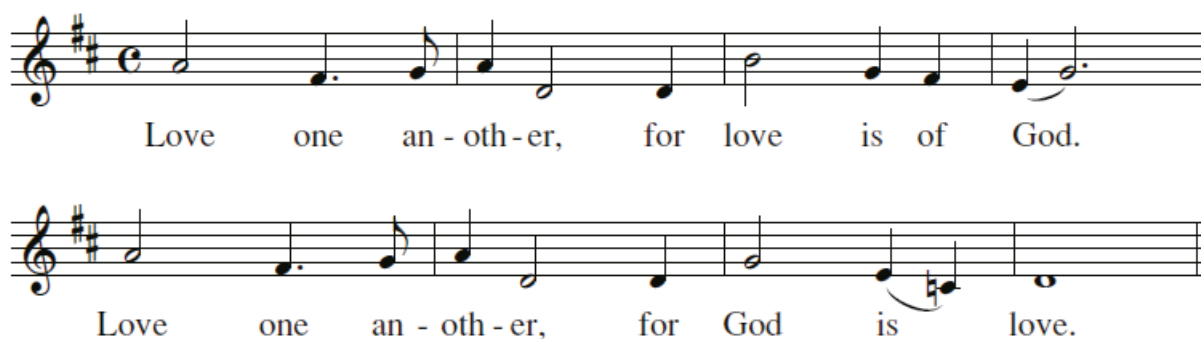
A - men, a - men, a -- men.

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.



Text: 1 John 4; James J. Chepponis, b.1956  
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## DUKE STREET

1. I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What joy the  
 2. He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -  
 3. He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to  
 4. He lives, all glo - ry to his name! He lives, my

1. blest as - sur - ance gives! He lives, he lives, who  
 2. ter - nal - ly to save; He lives in maj - es -  
 3. wipe a - way my tears; He lives to calm my  
 4. Sav - ior, still the same; What joy this blest as -

1. once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
 2. ty a - bove; He lives to guide his Church in love.  
 3. trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.  
 4. sur - ance gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

Text: LM; based on Job 19:25; Samuel Medley, 1738–1799.  
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