



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

MAY 17, 2026 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## Saturday, May 16, 2026

8:00 a.m. Pete & Liddie Blank (Family)

4:30 p.m. Our Parish Family

## Sunday, May 17, 2026

8:00 a.m. Victor & Agnes Respotnik  
(Lorena & Michael)

10:00 a.m. Paul Tucci (Family)

11:30 a.m. Bob Mills (Ann Dole & Family)

## Monday, May 18, 2026

7:45 a.m. Rob Dallara (Boccabella Family)

## Tuesday, May 19, 2026

7:45 a.m. Bernard Harkins Sr. (Judi)

Adoration 8:15 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Confession 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m. Tom Kinsey Sr. (Son Tom)

## Wednesday, May 20, 2026

7:45 a.m. William Astley (Family)

## Thursday, May 21, 2026

7:45 a.m. William Gallagher (Family)

## Friday, May 22, 2026

7:45 a.m. Debbie Kocevar (Kim & Stan)

## Saturday, May 23, 2026

8:00 a.m. Bernie Roitz (Kathy Leonard)

4:30 p.m. Movra & Kuchar Families (Family)

## Sunday, May 24, 2026

8:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

10:00 a.m. Mary Lerch (Al & Kathy)

11:30 a.m. Tom Arendas (Family)

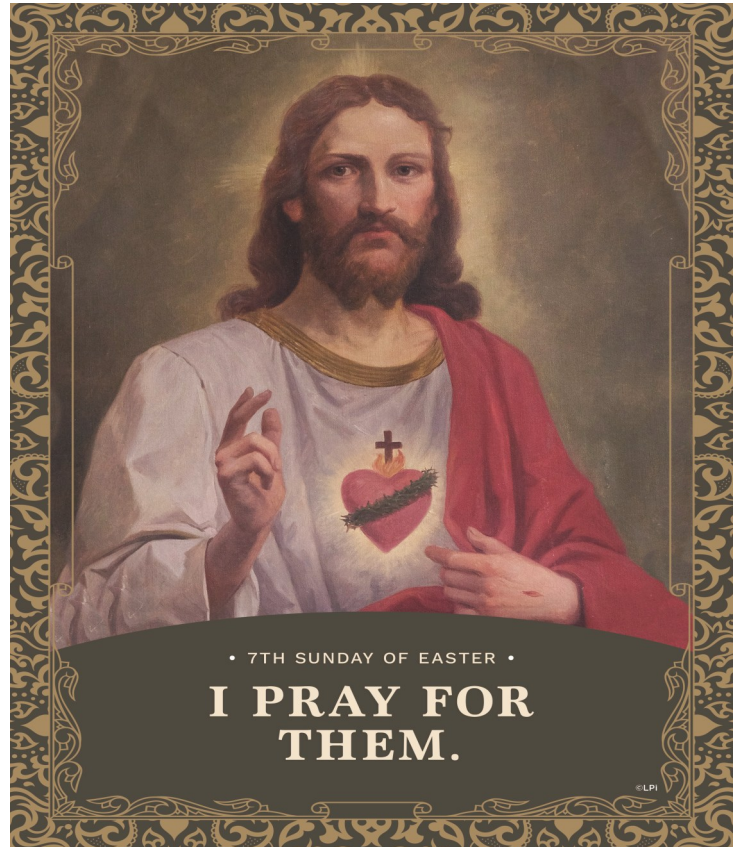
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**308 Second Street**  
**Irwin, Pa 15642**

**Parish Office: 724-863-9550**

**Parish Office Hours**

**Monday - Friday**

**8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**



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# PASTOR'S NOTES

The most neglected muscle in the human body is not physical. It is our spiritual muscle. Why? Because we cannot see it becoming weak or atrophied. But it is the most important “muscle” we have. The soul is not a self-sharpening machine. It requires attention, discipline, and proper care. Holy Scripture and the Tradition of the Church are clear: the soul must be exercised. Today I want to offer three big exercises that do the most work in strengthening the soul. Everything else is above and beyond, but these three must never be neglected. I will use the abbreviation: MPC (Mass, Prayer, Charity)

First: **The Sacraments** — especially Holy Mass every Sunday and making a good confession regularly (The Church requires a minimum of once a year for reconciliation)

Second: **Daily prayer** — intentional time set aside with God each day. If you are able, aim for at least 60 minutes, and even better if some of that time is spent in church before the tabernacle outside of Mass.

Third: **charity and sacrifice** — concrete acts of mercy, patience, forgiveness, and self-denial. A soul grows strong not only by praying, but by loving when it is difficult, serving when it is inconvenient, and offering sacrifices of self-denial to God.

These are the exercises that build spiritual strength: the Sacraments, prayer, and charity. Neglect them, and the soul weakens. Practice them, and the soul becomes strong in the Holy Spirit.



## CANDLES

### **Sanctuary Candle:**

In Memory of Vincent Smith (Wife Nancy)

### **Divine Mercy:**

In Memory of William & Sarah Lane (Son Thomas)

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

In Memory of Harry Sopranuk (Nancy & Dian)

### **Easter Flame Candle:**

In Memory of Carolyn Wilcher (Family)

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

In Memory of Dolores & Ed Starzenski  
(Fisher Family)

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

In Memory of the Deceased Members of the  
Colinear & Crupie Families (Family)

### **Paschal Candle:**

The Donnelly Family (Kathleen)

Please pray Diane Clem, Angelo Maccagnan,  
Beverly Klanchar and for all our faithful  
departed that the purgative love of Jesus Christ  
will make them perfect in heaven as they look  
forward to the resurrection of the body.

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



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in  
battle. Be our defense against the  
wickedness and snares of the Devil. May  
God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do  
thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by  
the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the  
evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the  
ruin of souls. 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  
to register for Baptism Preparation.

### **Confession**

Tues. 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. & Sat. 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 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.

**Sunday Offertory**  
May 10 - \$13,880.10

### **Online Giving**

May 4 to May 10 - \$3,806.50

Mass Attendance - May 10  
4:30 pm – 281 , 8:00 am – 242,  
10:00 am – 353, 11:30 am - 287

Total - 1,163

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

# ONLINE GIVING

Scan QR Code below or go to

<https://osvhub.com/icirwin/giving/funds>

Create a new account, create an ID and password, allow a few  
minutes to complete the process. If you decide to switch to  
online giving please contact the parish office to discontinue  
your offertory envelopes. If you have any questions please  
contact the parish office at 724-863-9550.



*Thank you for supporting our parish!*



Please join us during the month of May Monday through Friday at 7:00 pm in the church to pray the rosary.



# MEMORIAL DAY MASS

REMEMBER AND HONOR

PLEASE JOIN US FOR MASS AT  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CEMETERY  
ON MAY 25, 2026 AT 8:30 AM

*\*Please Note Time\**

\*Please bring a chair. If it rains Mass will be at Immaculate Conception Church\*



**Knights of Columbus St Jude Council 9019** - will have their monthly meeting on **Monday May 18, 2026**, at the **St Agnes Convent Building** and the room on the **upper level**. 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](mailto:a.borgony@comcast.net), or you can check out our website at [kofc.org](http://kofc.org) and join online.

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Immaculate Conception Parish Office will be closed Friday May 22nd & Monday May 23rd. The parish office will reopen Tuesday May 26th at 8:00 am. Immaculate Conception Staff wishes everyone a Happy Memorial Day.

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CEMETERY STUDENT SUMMER PART TIME POSITION:

Candidates must be at least 17 years old. The position is Monday-Friday, approximately 20-25 hours per week and requires physical labor (mainly grass cutting & weed trimming). For more info please contact Courtney Ruby, Business Manager, at (724) 863-9550 or [cruby@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:cruby@dioceseofgreensburg.org)



### DONATIONS OF SODA POP & WATER ARE NEEDED FOR THE BURGER BASH

Keep your eye on the "Sales" & buy an extra cube or case for us!!

Please drop it off at the parish office between 8:00 am– 3 pm, Monday thru Friday.



Two Grief Share groups are available:

**Sunday evenings at Immaculate Conception Parish:** Grief Share support group will be held at Immaculate Conception in the Children's Liturgy Room on Wednesday from 5:45 p.m. - 7:15 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 at St. Agnes Parish:** 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."

# BURGER BASH 2026

## Thank You Sponsors

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## Upcoming Dates

June 13, July 11 \* Anniversary Celebration

August 8 & September 12

**Please remember to put your Burger Bash  
yard signs out the Sunday before the next  
Burger Bash!!**



# OUR FOUNDATION \* OUR FUTURE

Immaculate Conception Parish has been a part of our community for over 150 years. The stories of our families are entwined in the story of our church; from baptisms and weddings to funerals and holidays, our church has been an integral part of our lives. It is our job to maintain our property so that Immaculate Conception can continue to be our home for our faith, a place for fellowship and a part of our community for many years. Our 2026 DLA projects this year are centered on making repairs and improvements to our buildings so we can continue to serve our parishioners. The monies we receive will allow us to complete the masonry cleaning on the front of our church, update the electrical system in our administration building, repair the side stairwell to the basement of our church and repair the front steps of our church.



# OUR FOUNDATION \* OUR FUTURE

2026 Diocesan Lenten Appeal update as of May 12, 2026

Our active participation is 16% (377 donors).

Total pledged is \$139,650.08 which is 84.9% of our Diocesan Target of \$164,426.97.

**We need \$24,776.89 to make our Diocesan Goal.**

*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 to complete our parish projects. Also it is important to understand the money in our savings is your offertory from previous years.*

**DIOCESAN GOAL: \$164,425.97**

**PARISH GOAL: \$95,574.03**

**COMBINED GOAL: \$260,000.00**

**How to Give to DLA**

- By Check - Please write check payable to Diocese of Greensburg/IC parish & use the form mailed to you from the Diocese.
- Online - The quickest way to donate is to visit [dioceseofgreensburg.org/DLA2026](http://dioceseofgreensburg.org/DLA2026) or use the QR Code below



# SAVE THE DATE!

# Spirited

2026 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Mari Pablo



Ali Hoffman

*"Chosen and precious in the sight of God."*

-1 Peter 2:4

NOV 7  
2026

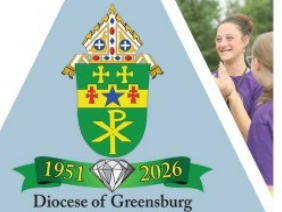
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Mass with Bishop Larry J. Kulick • Keynote Speakers  
Praise & Worship • Breakout Sessions • Rosary  
Witness Testimonials • Eucharistic Adoration  
Confession • Vendors • Breakfast • Lunch

More Details and Registration Coming Soon.



# DIAMOND JUBILEE SUMMER CELEBRATION



BISHOP LARRY J. KULICK  
invites you to join him  
for a celebration of the  
75TH ANNIVERSARY  
of the Diocese  
of Greensburg



Christ Our Shepherd Center  
2900 Seminary Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601

SATURDAY  
JUNE 6  
1:00-7:00PM



**FREE Children and Teen Events**  
Sponsored by Faith, Family and Discipleship

**Petting Zoo**

**LIVE Ethnic Music and Dancing**

**Food Trucks**  
Available for food and beverage purchase

**FREE Ice Cream for Children under 14**  
Stop by Catholic Schools booth

**People of Hope Museum**  
Sponsored by Catholic Charities - The museum's ONLY stop in western PA

**Heritage Center**  
Debuts NEW Exhibit on the History of the Diocese

**Mass with Bishop Larry J. Kulick**  
4:30PM in Saint Josephs Chapel

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PRIESTLY VOCATIONS  
DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

# QUO VADIS DAYS



FREE 3-day, 2-night event  
for High School Men  
JULY 20-22, 2026

Brotherhood  
Daily Mass  
Prayer & Adoration  
Talks on the Priesthood  
Help with Discernment  
Recreation



Info: 724.837.0901

Register:  
[GreensburgPriest.org](http://GreensburgPriest.org)



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# FREE BASEBALL NIGHT WITH THE ALTOONA CURVE



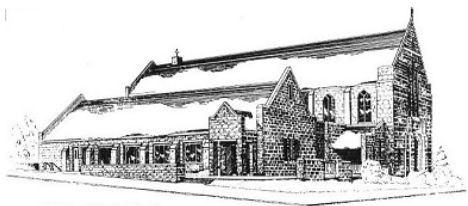
JUNE 9 | 6:30PM

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

REGISTER TODAY  
@ WEBSITE BELOW

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# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Irwin, Pennsylvania

Office of Liturgical Music Ministry

## THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 17, 2026 - 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

Be Joyful, Mary



1. Be joy - ful, Mar - y, heav'n - ly Queen, be  
2. The Son you bore by heav - en's grace, be  
3. The Lord has ris - en from the dead, be  
4. Then pray to God, O Vir - gin fair, be



joy - ful, Mar - y! Your grief is changed to joy se-rene,  
joy - ful, Mar - y! Did by his death our guilt e-raise,  
joy - ful, Mar - y! He rose in glo - ry as he said,  
joy - ful, Mar - y! That he our souls to heav-en bear,



Al - le - lu - ia! Re - joice, re - joice, O Mar - y!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Re - joice, re - joice, O Mar - y!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Re - joice, re - joice, O Mar - y!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Re - joice, re - joice, O Mar - y!

GLORIA

A New Mass for Congregations

Carroll Andrews

*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 1:12-14

After Jesus had been taken up to heaven the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they entered the city they went to the upper room where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 27

*Howard Hughes*

*I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.*

### SECOND READING

1 Peter 4:13-16

Beloved: Rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when his glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let no one among you be made to suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as an intriguer. But whoever is made to suffer as a Christian should not be ashamed but glorify God because of the name.

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

### GOSPEL READING

John 17:1-11a

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him. Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ. I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began. "I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you gave me is from you, because the words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you."

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



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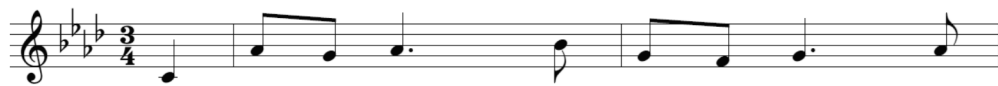
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with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

### THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

#### PREPARATION OF GIFTS

#### If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death



1. If Christ had not been raised from death Our  
2. If Christ still lay with - in the tomb Then  
3. If Christ had not been tru - ly raised His



faith would be in vain, Our preach - ing but a  
death would be the end, And we should face our  
Church would live a lie; His name should nev - er -



waste of breath, Our sin and guilt re - main.  
fi - nal doom With nei - ther guide nor friend.  
more be praised, His words de - serve to die.



But now the Lord is ris'n in - deed; He  
But now the Sav - ior is raised up, So  
But now our great Re - deem - er lives; Through



rules in earth and heav'n. His Gos - pel meets a  
when a Chris - tian dies We mourn, yet look to  
him we are re - stored. His word en - dures, his



world of need— In Christ we are for - giv'n.  
God in hope— In Christ the saints a - rise!  
Church re - vives— In Christ, our ris - en Lord.



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.



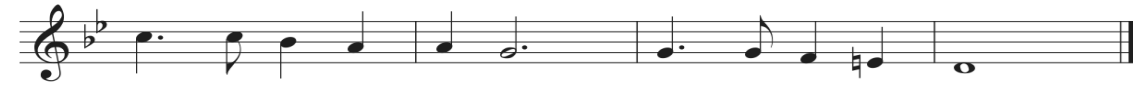
Bless - ed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho



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



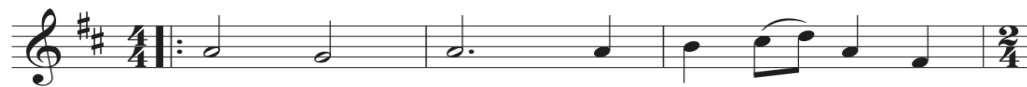
Save us, Sav - ior of the world for by your



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



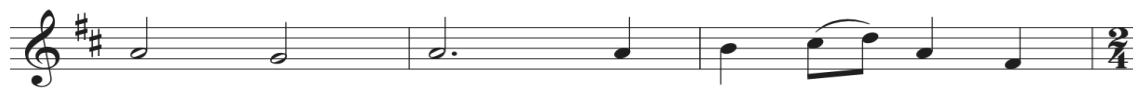
A - men, a - men, a -- men.



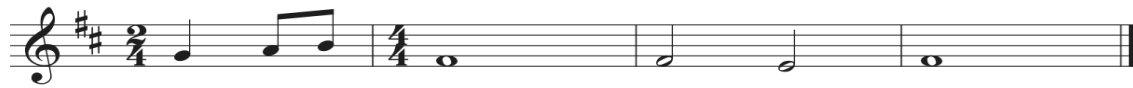
Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sins of the world, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

Lord, Who At Your First Eucharist

1. Lord, who at your first Eucharist did pray  
That all your Church might be forever one,  
Help us at ev'ry Eucharist to say  
With longing heart and soul, "Your will be done."  
Thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,  
Through this blest Sacrament of Unity.

2. For all your Church O Lord, we intercede;  
O make our lack of charity to cease.  
Draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,  
By drawing all to you, O Prince of Peace.  
Thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,  
Through this blest Sacrament of Unity.

3. We pray for those who wander from your fold;  
O bring them back, Good Shepherd of the sheep,  
Back to the faith which saints believed of old,  
Back to the Church which still that faith does keep.  
Thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,  
Through this blest Sacrament of Unity.

4. So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,  
May we be one with all your Church above,  
One with your saints in one unbroken peace,  
One with your saints in one unbounded love.  
More blessed still, in peace and love to be  
One with the Trinity in unity.

Text: William H. Turton, 1859-1938, alt.

Tune: UNDE ET MEMORES, 10 10 10 10 10 10; William H. Monk, 1823-1889, alt.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing



1. Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing!  
2. The Lord of life is ris'n to - day!  
3. Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry  
4. Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord,  
5. To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



Now is the tri - umph of our King!  
Death's might - y stone is rolled a - way;  
That love, that life which can - not die,  
And sing to - day with one ac - cord  
To God the Spir - it, al - ways One,



To all the world glad news we bring:  
Let all the earth re - joice and say:  
And sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
The life laid down, the life re - stored:  
We sing for life in us be - gun:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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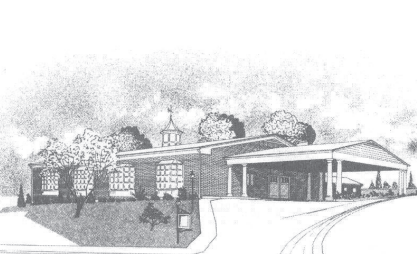
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