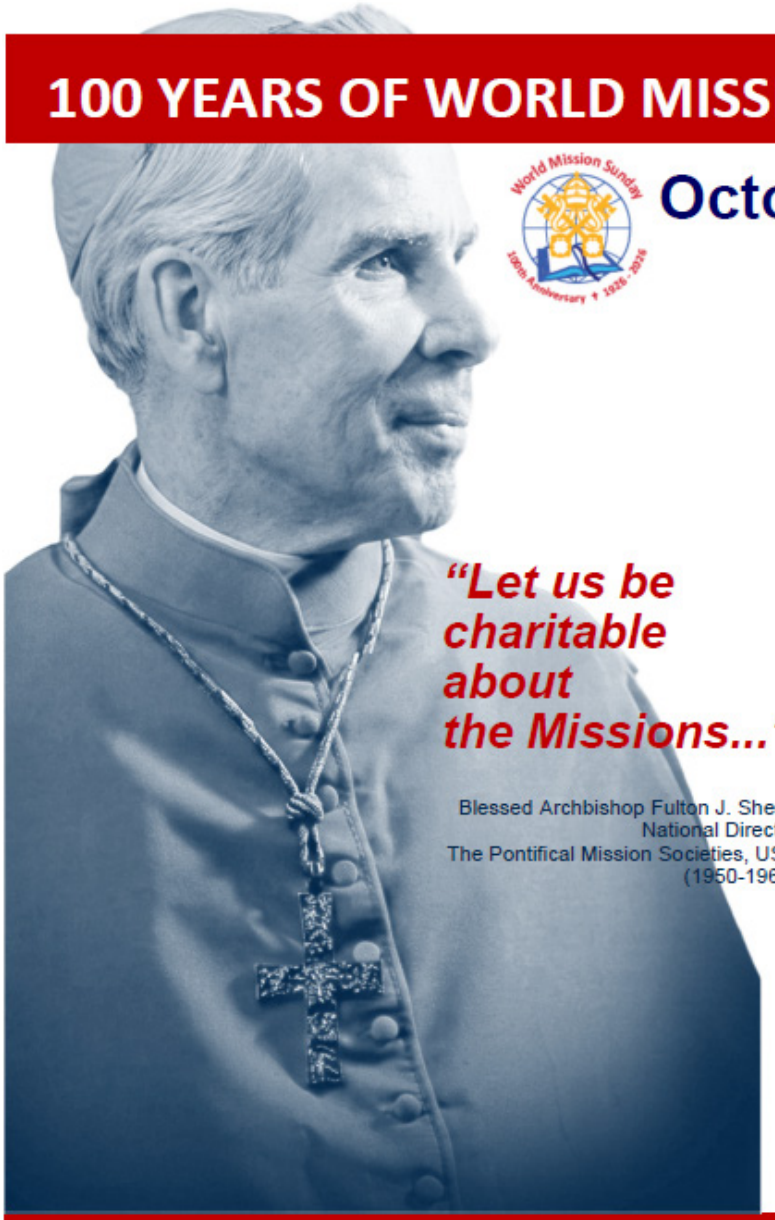
100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

October 18, 2026





"Let us be charitable about the Missions..."

Blessed Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen
National Director
The Pontifical Mission Societies, USA
(1950-1966)





ARCHDIOCESAN CELEBRATION • 9:30AM MASS

Cathedral Basilica SS Peter and Paul and the Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel

CELEBRANT: Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez

Today we celebrate 100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY! As we mark the 100th anniversary of this global day of prayer and solidarity, established by Pope Pius XI in 1926, we are reminded of our call to proclaim the Gospel to all nations. Jesus entrusted the commission to "make disciples of all nations," to each and every one of us. Sadly, two-thirds of the world's people — 5.5 billion people — still have no relationship with Christ or His Church. World Mission Sunday offers us a unique opportunity to do so.
This year's celebration is special for two reasons.

First, this year World Mission Sunday's centennial, this milestone should be celebrated with renewed Missionary passion. This year's theme, "One in Christ, United in Mission," chosen by Pope Leo XIV, invites us to rediscover the profound unity we share in our Savior through baptism and how our baptismal identity overflows into Mission, bringing others into communion with God and the Church.

ONE IN CHRIST,
United in Mission



Second, the recent beatification of Blessed Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen reminds us of the importance of the Missions. While he is best known for his TV presence, books, and charismatic eloquence, he repeatedly said, "My greatest love has always been for the Missions of the Church." For 16 years, as National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States, Blessed Fulton Sheen poured all of his talents into the Church's Missions worldwide.

VISIT THE ARTIFACTS OF BLESSED ARCHBISHOP FULTON SHEEN AT THE SAINT JOSEPH'S ALTAR IN THE CATHEDRAL.

In collaboration with the Office for Pastoral Care of Migrants and Refugees, we are joined by our Brothers and Sisters in Philadelphia representing global Mission areas.

The Pontifical Mission Societies extends a heartfelt thanks to:

† Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez, Celebrant and Homilist
† Reverend G. Dennis Gill, Cathedral Rector and Director, Office for Divine Worship
† Sister Gertrude Borres, RA, Director, Office for Pastoral Care of Migrants and Refugees
† Charlene Angelini, Director, Cathedral Parish Music
† Soloist from Cantus Angelorum Cathedral Children's Choir
† For proclaiming the Intercessory Prayers:
Ursula Yau: Chinese Community
John Sharraf: Pakistani Community
Nina Gomes: Goan, India Community
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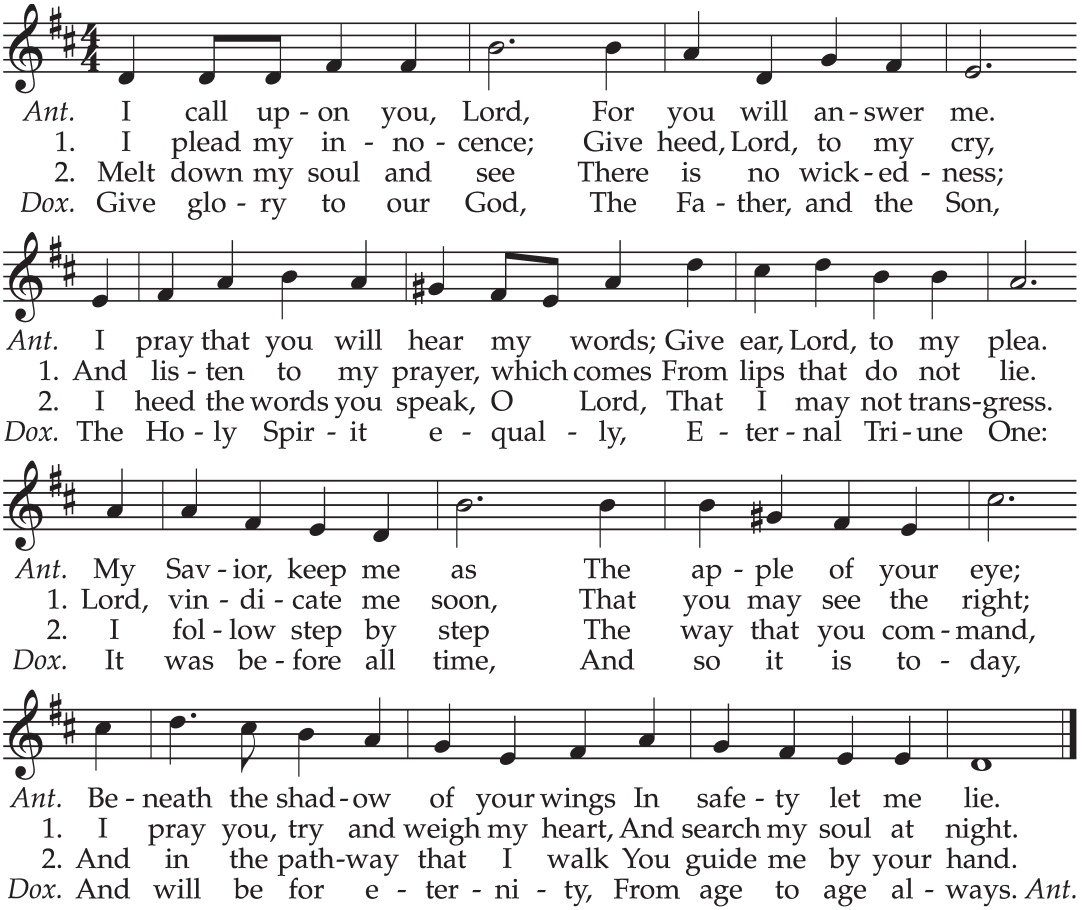
PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES

Marian Prelude

Introductory Rites

Entrance

Christoph Tietze



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George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

Sign *of* the Cross and Greeting

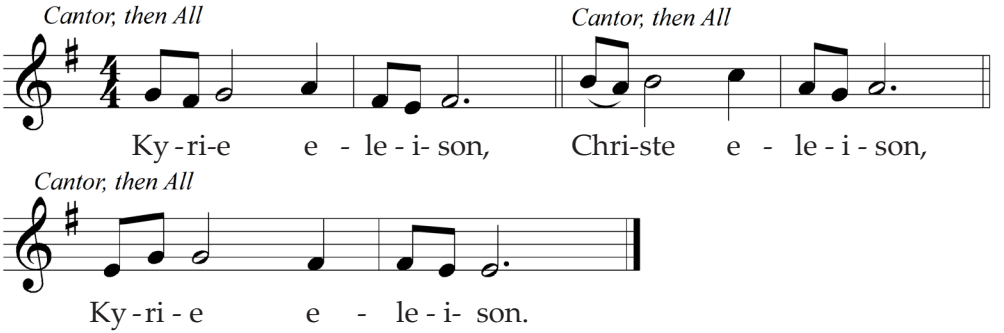
Penitential Act

Priest: Have mercy on us, O Lord.
People: **For we have sinned against you.**

Priest: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
People: **And grant us your salvation.**

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
People: **Amen.**
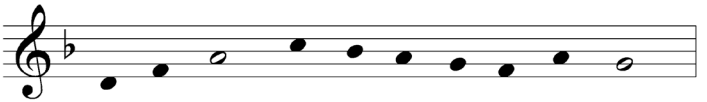
Kyrie — Mass *of* the Americas — Frank La Rocca



Gloria — Mass in Honor *of* Pope Saint John Paul II — Richard J. Clark

Cantor: Glory to God in the highest
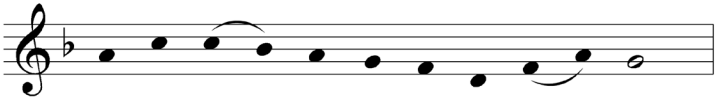
All:



and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will.

Cantor: We praise you, we bless you,
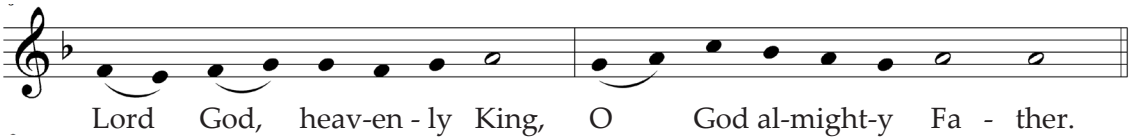
All:



we a - dore you, we glo - ri - fy you.

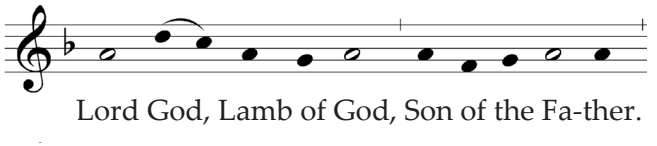
Cantor: we give you thanks for your great glory,

All:



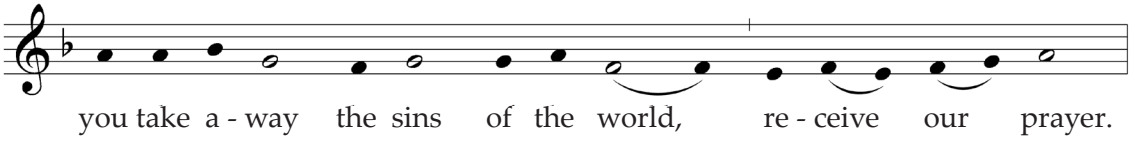
Cantor: Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

All:



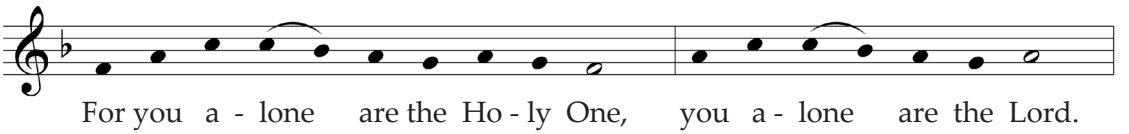
Cantor: you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

All:
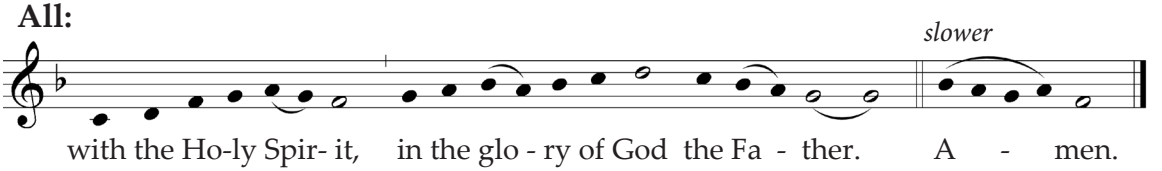


Cantor: you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

All:



Cantor: you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

All:



COLLECT

Liturgy *of* the Word

Primera Lectura — Isaías 45, 1. 4-6
First Reading — Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

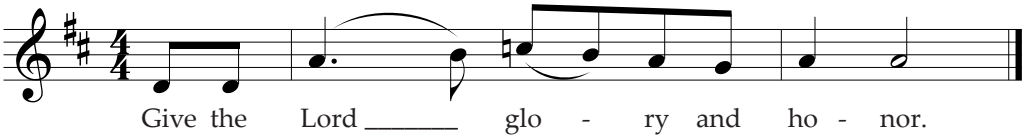
Spanish translation, read in English

Lectura del libro del profeta Isaías

Así habló el Señor a Ciro, su ungido,
a quien ha tomado de la mano
para someter ante él a las naciones
y desbaratar la potencia de los reyes,
para abrir ante él los portones
y que no quede nada cerrado:
"Por amor a Jacob, mi siervo, y a Israel, mi escogido,
te llamé por tu nombre y te di un título de honor,
aunque tú no me conocieras.
Yo soy el Señor y no hay otro;
fuera de mí no hay Dios.
Te hago poderoso, aunque tú no me conoces,
para que todos sepan, de oriente a occidente,
que no hay otro Dios fuera de mí.
Yo soy el Señor y no hay otro".

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm — Psalm 96 — Charlene Angelini
Salmo Responsorial — Salmo 95



Aclamen la gloria y el poder del Señor.

Spanish translation, sung in English

Cantemos al Señor un canto nuevo,
que le cante al Señor toda la tierra.
Su grandeza anunciemos a los pueblos;
de nación en nación sus maravillas. **Response**

Cantemos al Señor, porque él es grande,
más digno de alabanza y más tremendo
que todos los dioses paganos, que ni existen;
ha sido el Señor quien hizo el cielo. **Response**

Alaben al Señor, pueblos del orbe,
reconozcan su gloria y su poder
y tribútenle honores a su nombre.
Ofrézcanle en sus atrios sacrificios. **Response**

Caigamos en su templo de rodillas.
Tiemblen ante el Señor los atrevidos.
"Reina el Señor". digamos a los pueblos.
El gobierna a las naciones con justicia. **Response**

Second Reading — 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5*b*
Segunda Lectura — 1 Tesalonicenses 1, 1-5

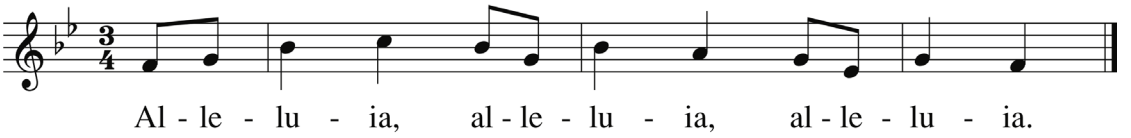
English translation, read in Spanish

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians
in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
grace to you and peace.
We give thanks to God always for all of you,
remembering you in our prayers,
unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love
and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ,
before our God and Father,
knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God,
how you were chosen.
For our gospel did not come to you in word alone,
but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Acclamation Before *the* Gospel — A. Gregory Murray
Aclamación Antes *del* Evangelio



Music: A. Gregory Murray, OSB, © 1958, The Grail, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

Spanish translation, sung in English
Iluminen al mundo con la luz del Evangelio
reflejada en su vida

Evangelio — Mateo 22, 15-21
Gospel — Matthew 22:15-21

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Spanish translation, read in English

En aquel tiempo, se reunieron los fariseos para ver la manera de hacer caer a Jesús, con preguntas insidiosas, en algo de que pudieran acusarlo.

Le enviaron, pues, a algunos de sus secuaces, junto con algunos del partido de Herodes, para que le dijeran: "Maestro, sabemos que eres sincero y enseñas con verdad el camino de Dios, y que nada te arredra, porque no buscas el favor de nadie. Dinos, pues, qué piensas: ¿Es lícito o no pagar el tributo al César?"

Conociendo Jesús la malicia de sus intenciones, les contestó: "Hipócritas, ¿por qué tratan de sorprenderme? Enséñenme la moneda del tributo". Ellos le presentaron una moneda. Jesús les preguntó: "¿De quién es esta imagen y esta inscripción?" Le respondieron: "Del César". Y Jesús concluyó: "Den, pues, al César lo que es del César, y a Dios lo que es de Dios".

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

Profession *of* Faith — Nicene 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

At the words that follow, up to and including "and became man," all bow.

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 the life of the world to come. Amen.

Universal Prayer

Read in Chinese
For Members of the Church, that the spirit of World Mission Month may renew in us the fire of our Missionary vocation and help us to advance together in our commitment to evangelization. Let us pray to the Lord. ℟ **Lord hear our prayer.**

Read in Pakistini
For our Holy Father, Archbishop Pérez, our Auxiliary Bishops and all Church leaders, that they may guide us to live out the Church's Missionary efforts, encourage our encounter with Christ and proclaim in a meaningful way. Let us pray to the Lord. ℟ **Lord hear our prayer.**

Read in Goan
For Mission areas where the Church barely exists, where she is young, poor or persecuted. May today's offerings and prayers bring Christ, his Gospel and the love of his Church to them. Let us pray to the Lord. ℟ **Lord hear our prayer.**

Read in Spanish
For our parish communities and the world that we may open our hearts to the needs of the Missions and respond generously on this World Mission Sunday. Let us pray to the Lord. ℟ **Lord hear our prayer.**
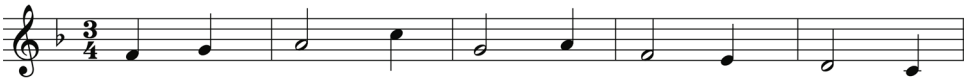
Read in Filipino
For the sick, the suffering and those in need, especially those in our parish bulletin, that they may experience the love, care and hope of the Christian community through our Missionary efforts. Let us pray to the Lord. ℟ **Lord hear our prayer.**

Read in English
For all who have died, that they who hoped in rising with Christ, may enter eternal life. Let us pray to the Lord. ℟ **Lord hear our prayer.**

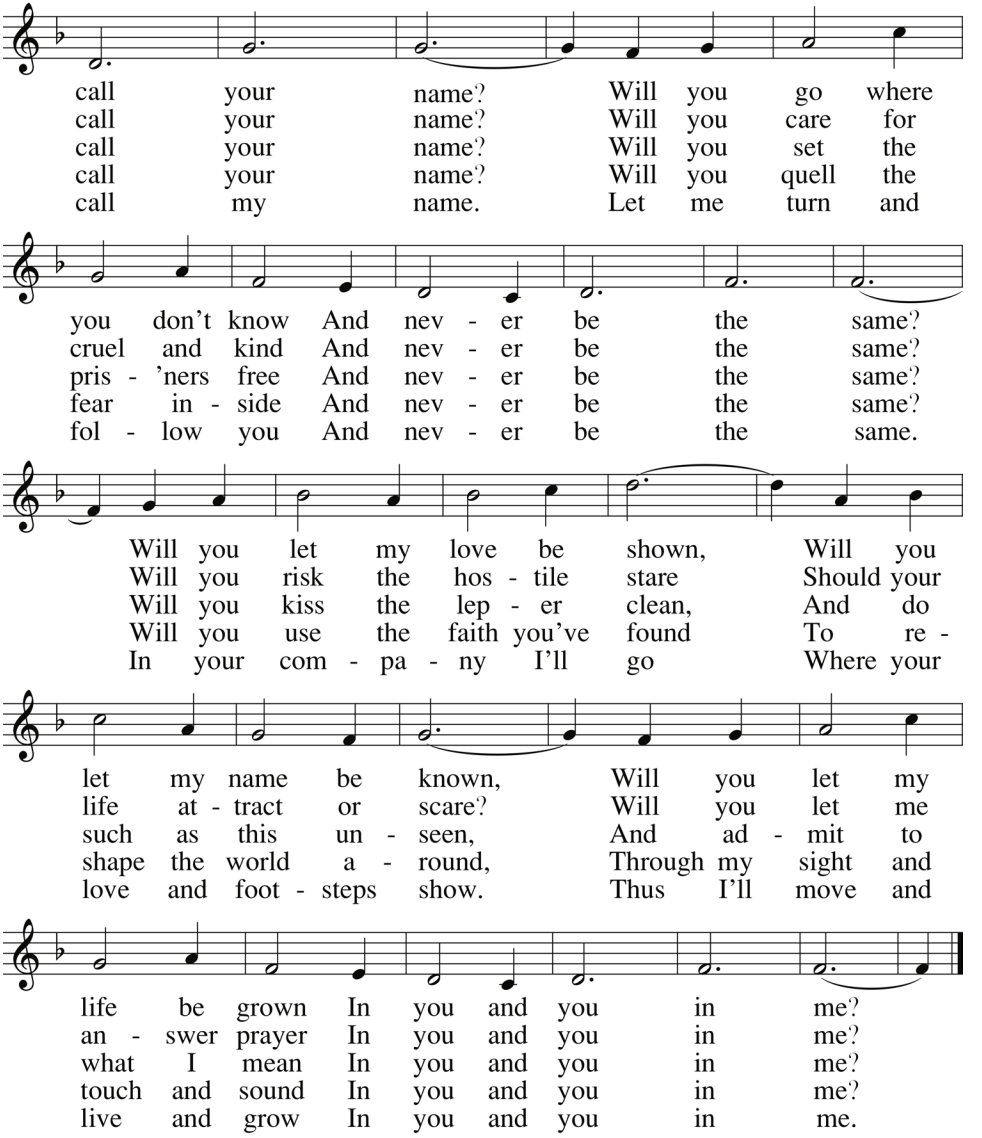
Liturgy *of* the Eucharist

Preparation *of* the Gifts

Offertory — The Summons — KELVINGROVE



1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but
3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but
4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but



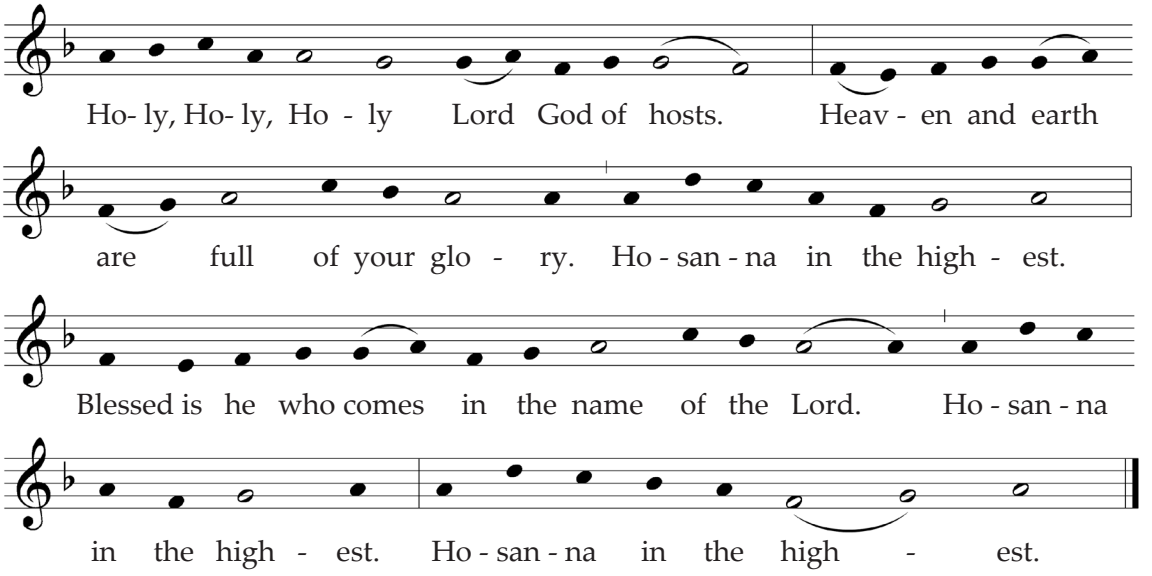
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Tune: KELVINGROVE, 7 6 7 6 777 6; Scottish traditional; arr. by John L. Bell, b.1949

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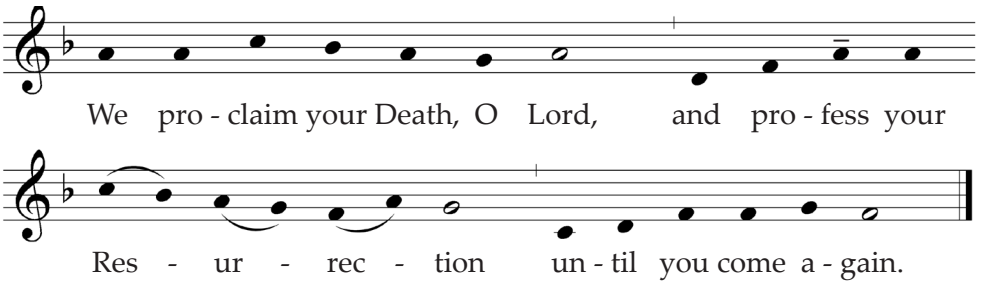
Prayer over the Offerings

Eucharistic Prayer

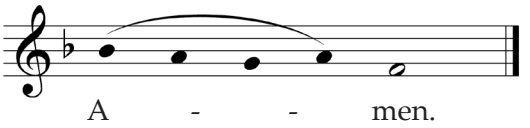
Sanctus — Mass in Honor *of* Pope St. John Paul II — Richard J. Clark



Mystery *of* Faith — Mass in Honor *of* Pope St. John Paul II — Richard Clark



Amen — Mass in Honor *of* Pope St. John Paul II — Richard J. Clark
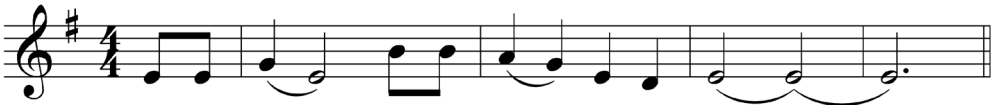


Communion Rite

Lord's Prayer

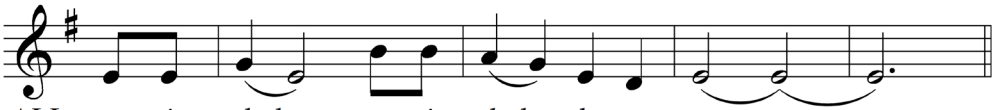
Rite *of* Peace

Agnus Dei/Cordero *de* Dios — Misa *de* San José — Howard Hughes
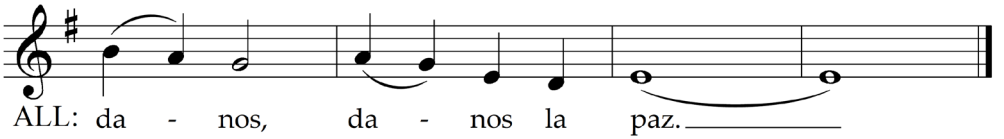
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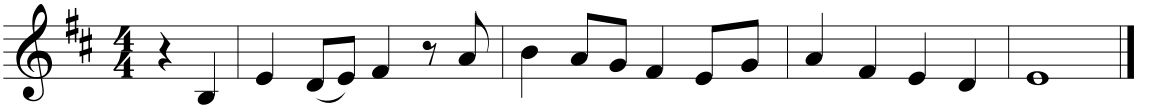


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Communion

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Hymn *of* Praise

O Savior *of* the World — John Goss (1800-1880)

Cathedral Basilica Schola

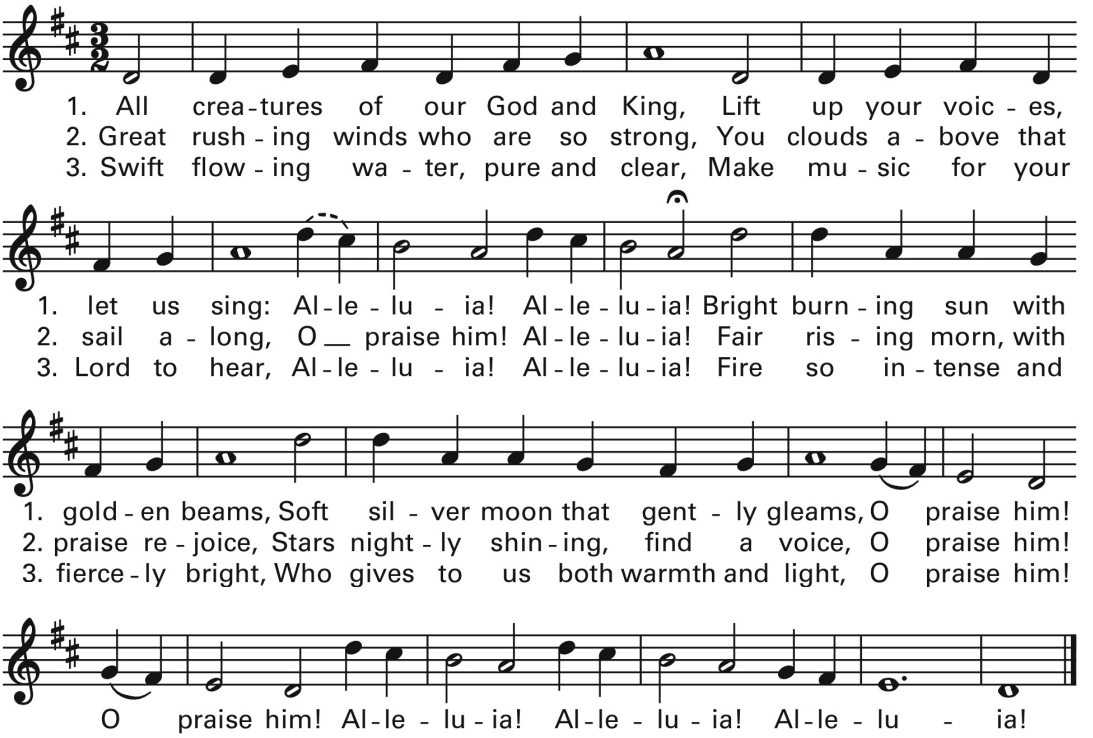
O Saviour of the world, O Saviour of the world
Who by Thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us,
Save us, and help us, Save us and help us.
O Saviour of the world, O Saviour of the world,
O Saviour, who by Thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us,
save us, and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord. Amen

Prayer after Communion

Concluding Rites

Greeting, Blessing and Dismissal

Recessional — All Creatures *of* Our God and King — LASST UNS ERFREUEN



Text: LM with additions; St. Francis of Assisi, 1182–1226; *Laudato sia Dio mio Signore;*
tr. by William H. Draper, 1855–1933, alt. Music: *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesänge,* Cologne, 1623

Postlude — *Piezas para la Misa,* Allegro — José Lidón

World Mission Sunday reminds us that we are all part of one worldwide family. Though we live in different countries, speak different languages and have different cultures, we are united in God and asked to share the joy of Gospel with everyone! Students in our Catholic Schools and Parish Programs of Religious Education proclaim their expressions of faith in art which beautifully reflects the joy of Christ's birth and the spirit of Mission.

Congratulations!

Missionary Childhood Association
2025-2026 Christmas Artwork *National* Winner

Angelina Laskey
Holy Cross Regional Catholic School, Collegeville

Angelina is one of twenty-four winners selected from thousands of entries across the US. Their artwork will be displayed at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. during this Advent and Christmas, as well as, featured in Christmas cards printed Nationally and in Philadelphia. Angelina will also be honored at the National Day of Recognition at the Basilica Shrine in Washington. Last year, Angelina was recognized as an Archdiocesan winner.

2025-2026 Christmas Artwork *Archdiocesan* Winners

Everett Armbruster ● Notre Dame de Lourdes School, Swarthmore

Chiara DeGennaro ● Saint Mary Catholic School, Schwenksville

Eliana Hamilton ● Saint Francis of Assisi School, Springfield

Jonah Joseph ● Maternity BVM School, Philadelphia

Miranda Margerum ● Saint Laurentius School, Philadelphia

Joseph Mikolajewski ● Resurrection Regional School, Philadelphia

Conlan Quattrone ● Saint George Independent School, Philadelphia

Aubrey Whiting ● Holy Rosary Regional Catholic School, Plymouth Meeting

Take a closer look at all the Winners' Artwork on display at the Cathedral Basilica today . As one of the Pontifical Mission Societies, MCA works to nurture a Missionary spirit in children, encouraging them to share their faith and material resources—especially with their most vulnerable peers— while fostering vocations to Missionary service.

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in remote areas







As we reflect on 100 Years of World Mission Sunday, are reminded that the Church in the United States was once a Mission area. The faith we now live was nurtured through the prayers and sacrifices of Catholics around the world, inspired by the vision of Blessed Pauline Jaricot, who invited ordinary believers to pray daily and give regularly for the Missions. Today, we are blessed to carry that Mission forward.

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