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LOVE AND SERVE
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Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul
and the Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 17, 2021
11:00 AM Solemn Mass
Procession of the Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus, Associates, representatives of Holy Child American province schools and ministries

The first verse of the hymn will be sung (via video) by students of the Holy Child Network of Schools.

**Prelude**

**Hymn to the Holy Child**

Thou art the Light, the bright and morn-ing star, In Whom we e-ver
Thou art the Liv-ing Bread from God come down To give Thy-self to
Thou art the Way in which we learn to run With ar-dor till Thy
Thou art the Lifé which God’s a-bun-dance gave Which ne-ver saves it-
Thou Alpha O-me-ga First and last In whose e-ter-nal
live and move and are; Thou art the Key to trea-sures new and old
us, Thou art our Crown The bud which bloss-omed forth from Dav-id’s stem,
Fa-ther’s will be done Thou art the Truth from proud and wise con-cealed,
self, which dies to save; Thou art the Vine and we the branch-es bear
love our lives are passed; Thou art the Christ the liv-ing God’s own Son

That turn the toil of ev’ry day to gold, O Holy Child.
Teach us to love Thee poor in Beth-le-hem, O Holy Child.
In swad-dling bands to lit-tle ones re-vealed, O Holy Child.
grapes ripe for sac-rif-ice Thy Cross to share, O Holy Child.
Make us with Thee in heart and spir-it one, O Holy Child.
**Introductory Rites**

**Entrance**

Christopher Webber

**Ant.** I call upon you, Lord, For you will answer me.
1. I plead my innocence; Give heed, Lord, to my cry,
2. Melt down my soul and see There is no wickedness;
**Dox.** Give glory to our God, The Father, and the Son,

**Ant.** I pray that you will hear my words; Give ear, Lord, to my plea.
1. And listen to my prayer, which comes From lips that do not lie.
2. I heed the words you speak, O Lord, That I may not transgress.
**Dox.** The Holy Spirit equally, Eternal Triune One:

**Ant.** My Saviour, keep me as The apple of your eye;
1. Lord, vindicate me soon, That you may see the right;
2. I follow step by step The way that you command,
**Dox.** It was before all time, And so it is today,

**Ant.** Beneath the shadow of your wings In safety let me lie.
1. I pray you, try and weigh my heart, And search my soul at night.
2. And in the path-way that I walk You guide me by your hand.
**Dox.** And will be for eternity, From age to age always. **Ant.**

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**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 . . . and bring us to everlasting life.
**People:** Amen
Kyrie

Cantor, then All

Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son,
Christe e-le-i-son,

Cantor, then All

Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son,

Gloria

Mass in Honor of Pope Saint John Paul II

Choir: Glory to God in the highest

All:  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

Choir: We praise you, we bless you,

All:  
we adore you, we glorify you,

Choir: we give you thanks for your great glory,

All:  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Choir: Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

All:  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

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

All:  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
Collect

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 53:10-11

If he gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33

Robert Kreutz

Lord let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading

Hebrews 4:14-16

Let us confidently approach the throne of grace.

Acclamation Before the Gospel

James Chepponis

The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.
Gospel

Mark 10:35-45

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many.

Homily

Profession of Faith

Nicene Creed

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Universal Prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

Arr. Craig Courtney

Cathedral Basilica Choir

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only first in my heart.
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.
Prayer over the Offerings

Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus

A Community Mass

Richard Proulx

Heaven and Earth are Full of Your Glory


Mystery of Faith

A Community Mass

Richard Proulx

When We Eat This Bread and Drink This Cup

Amen A Community Mass
Richard Proulx

Communion Rite

Lord’s Prayer

Rite of Peace

Agnus Dei A Community Mass
Richard Proulx


A Community Mass
Richard Proulx


Communion Cathedral Basilica Choir
Chant

English translation, sung in Latin
O Lord our governor, how admirable is your name in all the earth!
Draw Near  
Steven Janco

REFRAIN
Cantor/All

Draw near, draw near! Take the body of your Lord. Draw near, draw near!

Drink the blood for you out-poured.

VERSES
Cantor

1. Draw near and take the body of your Lord,
2. Christ, our Redeemer, God’s eternal Son,
3. Let us approach with faithful hearts sincere,
4. With heav’nly bread makes those who hunger whole,

1. And drink the holy blood for you out-poured:
2. Has by his cross and blood the victory won:
3. And take the pledges of salvation here:
4. Gives living waters to the thirsting soul:

1. Saved by his body and his holy blood, With
2. He gave his life for greatest and for least, Him-
3. Christ, who in this life all the saints defends, Gives
4. Judge of the nations, to whom all must bow, In

To Refrain

1. souls refreshed we give our thanks to God.
2. self the of’ring and himself the Priest.
3. all believing life that never ends.
4. this great feast of love is with us now.

Sancti, venite, Christi corpus sumite
7th cent. hymn, tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Steven R. Janco
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Concluding Rites

SHCJ Slide Presentation  A Place Called Home  FINLANDIA
Words and Arr. Michael Joncas
(Adapted for SHCJ 175th anniversary)

1. A place called home with kindness for each family;
a place called home of nourishment and joy;
a place called home that welcomes in the stranger,
where one unknown becomes a life-long friend,
where love can find a human face and spirit;
God grant us all this grace; a place called home.

2. A place called home where tenderness can flourish;
a place called home where children learn to trust;
a place called home where hearts and minds are opened,
where spirits soar and each becomes them self,
where peace can find a human face and spirit;
God grant us all this grace; a place called home.

3. A place called home, a promise for tomorrow;
a place called home, a vision handed down;
a place called home for all God’s sons and daughters,
where love prevails, and peace is ever found,
where hope can find a human face and spirit;
God grant us all this grace; a place called home.
(Interlude)

4. A place called home for every human being;
a place called home where dwells not words but actions;
a place called home where dignity is offered,
where none are lost, alone or cast aside,
but members of one Holy Child family;
God grant us grace to be a place called home.

Greeting, Blessing and Dismissal

Blessing of the Memorial to Venerable Cornelia Connelly
and the Shrine of the Holy Child

Prayer for the Beatification of Venerable Cornelia Connelly
God of life, in Christ You lead us,
guiding us along the way.
In our past, through joys and sorrows,
You have been our strength and stay.
Keep us faithful, true disciples,
in our learning and our praise,
celebrating past and present,
consecrating future days.

God of words and Word incarnate,
Words that challenge and embrace,
grant us boldness in our speaking,
while we know Your loving grace.
Give us words both clear and certain,
loving hearts and listening ears,
celebrating past and present,
consecrating future years.

God of days and years and people,
still You call, as in the past.
Work undone demands our labor;
justice yearns for peace at last.
Yours the vision and the challenge;
ours the mission and the praise,
celebrating past and present,
consecrating future days.

Venerable Cornelia Connelly, 1809-1879
Foundress of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus

Cornelia Augusta Peacock Connelly, an American-born wife, mother of five children, convert, and Catholic Sister, founded the Society of the Holy Child Jesus, an international community of women religious, on October 15, 1846, in Derby, England. Sixteen years later, Cornelia sent six Sisters to the United States to establish what is now the American Province. The Sisters who first arrived in America opened a school in Towanda, Pennsylvania. One year later, a second group of Sisters began serving in Cornelia’s hometown of Philadelphia. The Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus have been ministering in Philadelphia and the surrounding counties for nearly 160 years.

Cornelia’s life leading up to establishing the Society was filled with challenges—the loss of her parents before she was 14; her marriage and subsequent separation from her husband Pierce, when he became a Catholic priest; and the tragic deaths of three of her young children.

Even in the midst of suffering and loss, Cornelia embraced life and even joy through her unshakable faith. She channeled her trials into “a love full action” and established a religious community and an education system rooted in joy, compassion, zeal, and respect.

Today, the Society of the Holy Child Jesus carries on Cornelia’s work in Africa, Europe, North America, and South America through its educational, social justice, health, and spiritual ministries.

Cornelia’s educational philosophy—while unconventional at the time—is widely praised today for its innovation and vision. The Society’s motto is “Actions Not Words.”

On Easter Friday in 1879, Cornelia died at the age of 70. As early as 1911, petitions for cures through Cornelia’s intercession were recorded. The official Cause for Cornelia’s canonization was opened in 1959. Cornelia Connelly was declared Venerable by the Church in 1992. A miracle is needed to confirm her holiness and declare her Blessed.