



DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

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MASS

JUNE 28, 2026 at 2:30 P.M.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER

SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

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Bishop of Scranton

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PRELUDE

If Ye Love Me Thomas Tallis 1505-1585

Introductory Rites

ENTRANCE HYMN

"Love Has Brought Us Here Together"

HYFRYDOL

Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

Arr. by Tony Alonso

Mary Louise Bringle



1. Love has brought us here to - geth - er: love of
2. Love is gen - tle, love is pa - tient, soft in
3. Love does not re - jice at e - vil; love re -



fam - 'ly, love of friends; love, our vow till
words and kind in deeds. Love is strong and
joic - es in the right. Keen in giv - ing



death should part us; love, God's gift, that nev - er
nev - er pom - pous; love puts first the oth - er's
and for - giv - ing, spread - ing love is love's de -



ends. From our birth, through - out our life - time,
needs. Not quick - tem - pered or re - sent - ful,
light. When two peo - ple pledge their un - ion,



love's in - sis - tence calls our name.
prone to take of - fense or brood,
all who wit - ness are re - newed,



Floods of wa - ters can - not drown it,
love ex - cels in grace and mer - cy,
feast - ing at love's earth - ly ban - quet,



or put out its danc - ing flame.
nev - er jeal - ous, nev - er rude.
tast - ing heav'n's be - at - i - tude.

SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GREETING

Bishop Bambara: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Assembly: Amen.

Bishop Bambara: Peace be with you.
Assembly: And with your spirit.

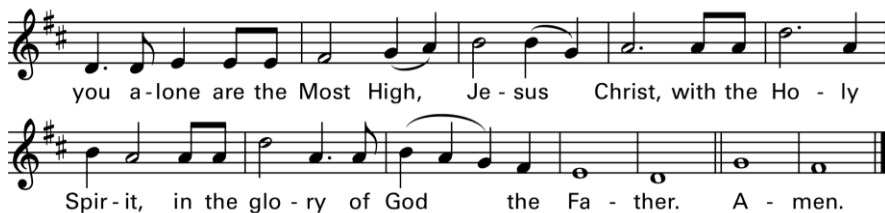
PENITENTIAL ACT

GLORIA

"Heritage Mass"

Alstott

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.
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
you take a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
sins of the world, re - ceive our _ prayer;
right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us.
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.

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COLLECT

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a

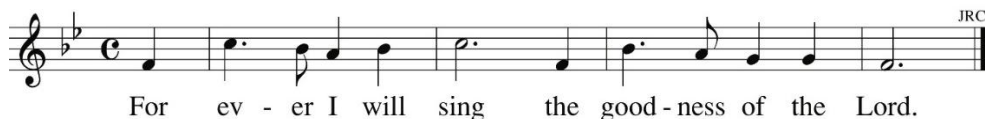
One day Elisha came to Shunem, where there was a woman of influence, who urged him to dine with her. Afterward, whenever he passed by, he used to stop there to dine. So she said to her husband, "I know that Elisha is a holy man of God. Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room on the roof and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp, so that when he comes to us he can stay there." Sometime later Elisha arrived and stayed in the room overnight. Later Elisha asked, "Can something be done for her?" His servant Gehazi answered, "Yes! She has no son, and her husband is getting on in years." Elisha said, "Call her." When the woman had been called and stood at the door, Elisha promised, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son."

The Word of the Lord.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19



For ev - er I will sing the good - ness of the Lord. JRC

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SECOND READING

Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him. As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Alleluia

O'Carroll

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Deacon: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

Deacon: A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

Assembly: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus said to his apostles: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a

righteous man's reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple – amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

HOMILY

The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera

RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT

Bishop: On the anniversary of that celebration at which you joined your lives in an unbreakable bond through the Sacrament of Matrimony, you now intend to renew before the Lord the promises you made to one another. Turn to the Lord in prayer, that these vows may be strengthened by divine grace.

Husbands:

Blessed are you, Lord, for by your goodness I took (Name) as my wife.

Wives:

Blessed are you, Lord, for by your goodness I took (Name) as my husband.

Husbands and Wives:

Blessed are you, Lord, for in the good and the bad times of our life you have stood lovingly by our side. Help us, we pray, to remain faithful in our love for one another, so that we may be true witnesses to the covenant you have made with humankind.

Bishop: May the Lord keep you safe all the days of your life. May he be your comfort in adversity and your support in prosperity. May he fill your home with his blessings. Through Christ our Lord.

Assembly: **Amen.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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, *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

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.



Liturgy of the Eucharist

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS


"Your Love, O Lord"

Alan Hommerding


LONDONDERRY AIR

Arr. by Edward Eicker


VERSES



1. Your love, O Lord, called to this man and wom - an. —
2. Your love, O Lord, is shown in dai - ly liv - ing. —



1. — Your love, O Lord, u - nit - ed hus-band, wife.
2. — Your love, O Lord, is known in home and heart.



1. To - day we gath - er in your faith - ful pres - ence —
2. Our prayers we raise and ask your ho - ly bless - ing. —




1. — to of - fer thanks for gifts of love and life.
2. — Re - main with them, your peace and joy im - part.


REFRAIN




Your love, O Lord, shines on our ev - 'ry morn - ing. —



— Your love, O Lord, pro - tects us through the night.



Each day, each hour the love we live is hal - lowed. —



— O bless their love — and — keep them in your sight.

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Assembly: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS acclamations from the Heritage Mass

Alstott

Holy, Holy, Holy



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

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Memorial Acclamation



We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your
Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come, un - til you come a - gain.

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Amen



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

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The Communion Rite

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SIGN OF PEACE

Bishop: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Assembly: **and with your spirit.**

PRAYER OF BLESSING OVER THE COUPLES

Bishop: We praise you, O God, we bless you, Creator of all things, who in the beginning made man and woman that they might form a communion of life and love. We also give you thanks for graciously blessing the family life of these your servants, so that it might present an image of Christ's union with the Church. Therefore look with kindness upon them today, and as you have sustained their communion amid joys and struggles, renew their Marriage covenant each day, increase their charity, and strengthen in them the bond of peace, so that they may for ever enjoy your blessing. Through Christ our Lord.

Assembly: **Amen.**

FRACTION RITE

"Heritage Mass"

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

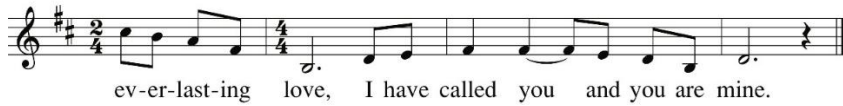
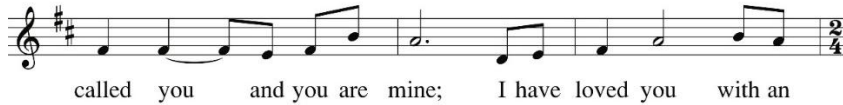
Bishop: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Assembly: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
Baut only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION HYMN "I Have Loved You"

Joncas

Refrain



Verses



1. Seek the face of the Lord and long for
2. Seek the face of the Lord and long for
3. Seek the face of the Lord and long for



him: He will bring you his light and his peace.
him: He will bring you his joy and his hope.
him: He will bring you his care and his love.

Text: Jeremiah 31:3, Psalm 24:3; Michael Joncas, b.1951
Tune: Michael Joncas, b.1951
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Concluding Rites

BLESSING

Deacon: Bow down for the blessing.

Bishop: May God the all-powerful Father grant you his joy.

Couples: Amen.

Bishop: May the Only-Begotten Son of God stand by you with compassion in good times and in bad.

Couples: Amen.

Bishop: May the Holy Spirit always pour forth his love into your hearts.

Couples: Amen.

Bishop: And may almighty God bless all of you who are gathered here, † the Father, † the Son, † and the Holy Spirit.

Assembly: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go forth, the Mass is ended.

Assembly: Amen.

All are invited to proceed immediately after Mass to the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Avenue, for a light reception.

Bishop Bambara will greet honored couples.

An anniversary packet that includes your personalized certificate will be available there.

SONG OF SENDING FORTH

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"



1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry,
 2. All your works with joy sur - round you, Earth and heav'n re -
 3. You are giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing,
 4. Mor - tals, join the might - y cho - rus, Which the morn - ing



Lord of love; Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore you,
 flect your rays, Stars and an - gels sing a - round you,
 ev - er blest, Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing,
 stars be - gan; God's own love is reign - ing o'er us,



O - p'ning to the sun a - bove. Melt the clouds of
 Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise. Field and for - est,
 O - cean - depth of hap - py rest! God our Fa - ther,
 Join - ing peo - ple hand in hand. Ev - er sing - ing,



sin and sad - ness; Drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 vale and moun - tain, Flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Christ our broth - er, Let your light up - on us shine;
 march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day!
 Chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain Sound their praise e - ter - nal - ly!
 Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph - song of life.

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1933, alt.

Tune: HYMN TO JOY, 8 7 8 7 D; arr. from Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, by Edward Hodges, 1796-1867

POSTLUDE

Carillon Herbert Murill 1909-1952



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