

Mary,
Mother of Life

Pray for us!



Respect Life Sunday

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PRELUDE

Partita on KINGSFOLD Charles Callahan b.1951

Plenty Good Room arr. Rob Glover

Introductory Rites

ENTRANCE HYMN

"The Church of Christ"



1. The Church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age Be - set by
2. A - cross the world, a - cross the street, The vic - tims
3. Then let the ser - vant Church a - rise, A car - ing
4. For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, Can cure the
5. We have no mis - sion but to serve In full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, Must claim and test its her - it -
of in - jus - tice cry For shel - ter and for bread to
Church that longs to be A part - ner in Christ's sac - ri -
fe - ver in our blood, And teach us how to share our
be - dience to our Lord: To care for all, with - out re -



age And keep on ris - ing from the dead.
eat, And nev - er live un - til they die.
fice, And clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
bread And feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
serve, And spread his lib - er - at - ing Word.

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PENITENTIAL ACT

GLORIA

"Belmont Mass"

Walker

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heav-en - ly King,

O God, al - might - y Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Be - got - ten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the

world, have mer - cy on us; you take away the sins of the world,

re - ceive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mer - cy on us. For you a - lone are the Holy One, you a - lone

are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. A - men, a - men.

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Liturgy of the Word

READING I

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me now sing of my friend, my friend's song concerning his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside; he spaded it, cleared it of stones, and planted the choicest vines; within it he built a watchtower, and hewed out a wine press. Then he looked for the crop of grapes, but what it yielded was wild grapes. Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard: What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done? Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? Now, I will let you know what I mean to do with my vineyard: take away its hedge, give it to grazing, break through its wall, let it be trampled! Yes, I will make it a ruin: it shall not be pruned or hoed, but overgrown with thorns and briers; I will command the clouds not to send rain upon it. The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished plant; he looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed! for justice, but hark, the outcry! The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 80:9 and 12, 13-14,15-16,19-20



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READING II

Philippians 4:6-9

Brothers and sisters: Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

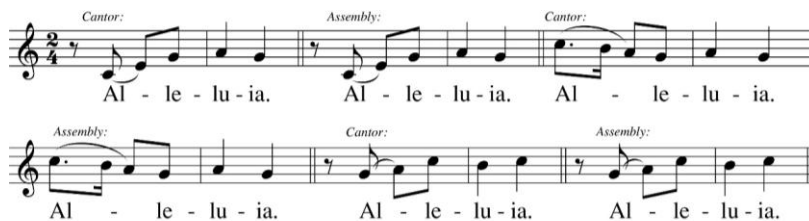
The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Alleluia"

Hughes



Music: *Alleluia in C*, Howard Hughes, SM, © 1973, 1982, GIA Publications, Inc.

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

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

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times." Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes?* Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." The Gospel of the Lord. All: **Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera

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,

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 ALTAR

"I Will Be the Vine"

Refrain



Verses 1, 2

1. Re - main in me, as I re-main in
 2. As the Fa - ther loved me, so have I loved
 you. You may ask what you will, ask what you
 you. Re - main in my love, re - main in my
 will, and you shall give re - ceive.
 love, and I will give you life. D.C.

Verse 3

3. If you are my friends, you will live my com -
 mands. There is no great - er love, no great - er
 love than to lay down your life for your friends. D.C.

Text: Based on John 15:5–14; Liam Lawton, b.1959
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INVITATION TO PRAYER

All: 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.

PREFACE DIALOGUE

Bishop Bambara: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Bishop Bambara: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Bishop Bambara: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

“Acclamations from *A Community Mass*”

Proulx

Sanctus

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

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Memorial Acclamation

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-
claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

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Amen

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

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE RITE OF PEACE

Bishop Bambera: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

THE FRACTION RITE

Litany from *Holy Cross Mass*

Isele

Cantor or Choir: Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,

All: have mer-cy on us. grant us peace.

To repeat *Last time*

Music: *Holy Cross Mass*, David Clark Isele, © 1979, GIA Publications, Inc.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Bishop Bambera: 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.

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

HYMN DURING COMMUNION

"Christ Has No Body but Yours"

Refrain

Christ has no bod-y now but yours, no hands but

yours. Here on this earth yours is the work, to

serve with the joy of com - pas - sion.

Verses



1. No hands but yours to heal the wound - ed world,
 2. No eyes but yours to see as Christ would see,
 3. No feet but yours to jour - ney with the poor,
 4. Through ev - 'ry gift, give back to those in need:



no hands but yours to soothe all its suf - f'ring,
 to find the lost, to gaze with com - pas - sion;
 to walk this world with mer - cy and jus - tice.
 As Christ has blessed, so now be his bless - ing,



no touch but yours to bind the bro - ken
 no eyes but yours to glimpse the ho - ly
 Yours are the steps to build a last - ing
 with ev - 'ry gift a ben - e - dic - tion



hope of the peo - ple of God.
 joy of the cit - y of God.
 peace for the chil - dren of God.
 be to the peo - ple of God.

Text: St. Teresa of Ávila, 1515–1582, adapt. by Steven C. Warner, b.1954
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Concluding Rite

FINAL BLESSING

Bishop Bambara:

The Lord be with you.

All:

And with your spirit.

Bishop Bambara:

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All:

Now and for ever.

Bishop Bambara:

Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

All:

Who made Heaven and earth.

Bishop Bambara:

May almighty God bless you, the †Father, and the †Son, and the †Holy Spirit.

All:

Amen.

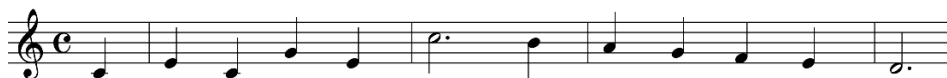
DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go forth, the Mass is ended.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way”

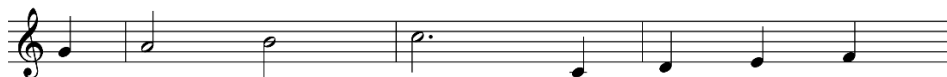
Wesley



1. Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!
2. The Lord, our Sav - ior, reigns, The God of truth and love.
3. His king-dom can - not fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n.
4. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! For Christ the Judge shall come



Re - joice, give thanks, and sing, And tri-umph ev - er - more.
When he had purged our sins, He took his seat a - bove.
The keys of death and hell Are to our Je - sus giv'n.
And take his ser - vants up To their e - ter - nal home.



Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!



Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Tune: DARWALL'S 148TH, 6 6 6 6 with refrain; John Darwall, 1731–1789; harm. from *The Hymnal 1940*

POSTLUDE

Chorale On Darwall's 148th *Barbara Harbach B.1946*

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