



RITE OF ORDINATION OF

Deacons *for the*

Archdiocese *of* Detroit

Celebrated by Archbishop Edward J. Weisenburger

Saturday, September 27, 2025 | 10 a.m.  
The Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament

# **Guidelines for the Reception of Communion**

## **For Catholics**

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

## **For our fellow Christians**

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (Jn 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 § 4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 § 3).

## **For those not receiving Holy Communion**

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

## **For non-Christians**

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

# **The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Rite of Ordination of Deacons For the Archdiocese of Detroit**

**September 27, 2025 – 10:00 am  
Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament**

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## ***Candidates to be Ordained***

Mr. Joseph Jones

Mr. John Kovacik

Mr. John Rybski

# Liturgical Ministers

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**DEACON OF THE WORD BEFORE ORDINATION** Deacon Mike Stewart

**DEACON OF THE WORD AFTER ORDINATION** Deacon John Kovacik

**DEACON OF THE MASS BEFORE ORDINATION** Deacon Russ Ortisi

**DEACON OF THE MASS AFTER ORDINATION** Deacon John Rybski

**DEACON PROVIDING THANKSGIVING ADDRESS** Deacon Joseph Jones

**ORDAINING PRELATE** His Excellency, Archbishop Edward J. Weisenburger  
Archbishop of Detroit

**NOTARY** Deacon Marc Gemellaro

**MASTERS OF CEREMONIES** Reverend Adam Nowak and Monsignor Gary Smetanka

## **LECTORS**

1st Reading: Judy Rybski

2nd Reading: Bernadette Kovacik

**GIFT BEARERS** Bianca Jones and Family

**SERVERS AND USHERS** Diaconate Candidates

## **VESTING CLERGY**

Joseph Jones: Reverend Bob McCabe and Deacon Chris Remus

John Kovacik: Reverend Ron Victor and Deacon Jeff Loeb

John Rybski: Monsignor John Budde and Deacon Tom Mohan

**MUSIC** Dr. Horst Buchholz, Director of Sacred Music

## Introductory Rites

ENTRANCE

All Creatures of our God and King

Lasst Uns Erfreuen



1. All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voic - es,
2. Great rush - ing winds who are so strong, You clouds a - bove that
3. Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, Make mu - sic for your
4. Dear moth - er earth, who day by day Un - folds your bless-ings
5. All you with mer - cy in your heart, For - giv - ing oth - ers,
6. And e - ven you, most gen - tle death, Wait - ing to hush our
7. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, And wor-ship him in



1. let us sing: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing sun with
2. sail a - long, O — praise him! Al-le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing morn, with
3. Lord to hear, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Fire so in - tense and
4. on our way, O — praise him! Al-le - lu - ia! All flow'rs and fruits that
5. take your part, O — sing now! Al-le - lu - ia! All you that pain and
6. fi - nal breath, O — praise him! Al-le - lu - ia! You lead back home the
7. hum-ble - ness, O — praise him! Al-le - lu - ia! Praise God the Fa - ther,

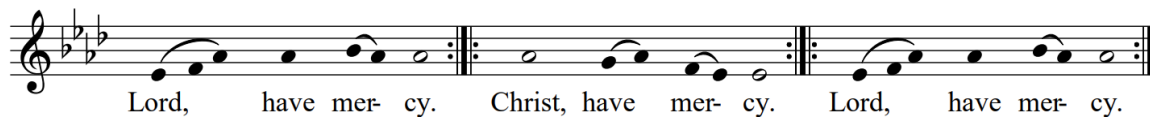


1. gold - en beams, Soft sil - ver moon that gent - ly gleams, O praise him!
2. praise re - joice, Stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice, O praise him!
3. fierce - ly bright, Who gives to us both warmth and light, O praise him!
4. in you grow, Let them his glo - ry al - so show: O praise him!
5. sor - row bear, Praise God, and cast on him your care: O praise him!
6. child of God, For Christ our Lord that way has trod: O praise him!
7. praise the Son, And praise the Spir - it, Three in One: O praise him!



- 1-7. O praise him! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

## KYRIE



## GLORIA

### Holy Name of Jesus

Norah Duncan IV

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 - en - ly King, O God, al - might - y Fa - ther.  
*Choir (Cong. 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.

## Liturgy of the Word

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FIRST READING

Jeremiah 1:4-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Let us sing to the Lord, can - te - mos al Se - ñor.

## SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4:1-2, 5-7

### ALLELUIA

Celtic Mass

O'Carroll and Walker



John 10:14

*I am the good shepherd says the Lord,  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.*

## GOSPEL

Luke 12:35-44

## Rite of Ordination

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### ELECTION OF THE CANDIDATES

**NOTARY** Let those to be ordained Deacons please come forward.

*As the name of each candidate is called, he approaches the Archbishop  
and makes a sign of reverence. When candidates are in their places before the Archbishop,  
the Priest or Deacon designated by the Archbishop says:*

**NOTARY** Most Reverend Father, holy Mother Church asks you to  
ordain these men, our brothers, to the responsibility of the  
Diaconate.

**ARCHBISHOP** Do you know them to be worthy?



**NOTARY** After inquiry among the Christian people and upon the recommendation of those responsible, I testify that they have been found worthy.

**ARCHBISHOP** Relying on the help of the Lord God and our Savior Jesus Christ, and we choose these, our brothers, for the Order of the Diaconate.

**ALL** **Thanks be to God.**

**HOMILY** His Excellency, Archbishop Edward J. Weisenburger

### **PROMISE OF THE ELECT**

*After the Homily, the elect alone rise  
and stand before the Archbishop, who questions them.*

**ARCHBISHOP** Dear sons, before you enter the Order of the Diaconate, you must declare before the people your intention to undertake this office. Do you resolve to be consecrated for the Church's ministry by the laying on of my hands and the gift of the Holy Spirit?

**ELECT** I do.

**ARCHBISHOP** Do you resolve to discharge the office of Deacon with humble charity in order to assist the priestly Order and to benefit the Christian people?

**ELECT** I do.

**ARCHBISHOP** Do you resolve to hold fast to the mystery of faith with a clear conscience, as the Apostle urges, and to proclaim this faith in word and deed according to the Gospel and the Church's tradition?

ELECT I do.

ARCHBISHOP Do all of you resolve to guard and increase the spirit of prayer that is proper to your way of life and, in keeping with this spirit and what is required of you, to celebrate faithfully the Liturgy of the Hours with and for the People of God and indeed for the whole world?

ELECT I do.

ARCHBISHOP Do you resolve to conform your manner of life always to the example of Christ, of whose Body and Blood you will handle at the altar?

ELECT I do, with the help of God.

ARCHBISHOP Do you promise respect and obedience to me and my successors?

ELECT I do.

ARCHBISHOP May God who has begun the good work in you bring it to fulfillment.

## LITANY OF SUPPLICATION

*All stand.*

ARCHBISHOP Let us pray, dearly beloved,  
that God the almighty Father will, in his mercy,  
pour out the grace of his blessing on these his servants,  
whom he pleased to receive into the Sacred Order  
of the Diaconate.

DEACON Let us kneel.



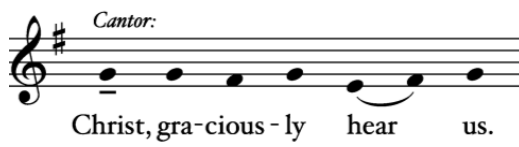
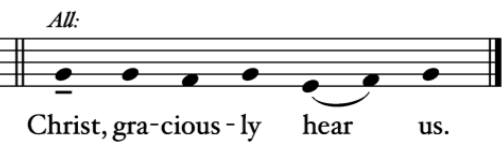
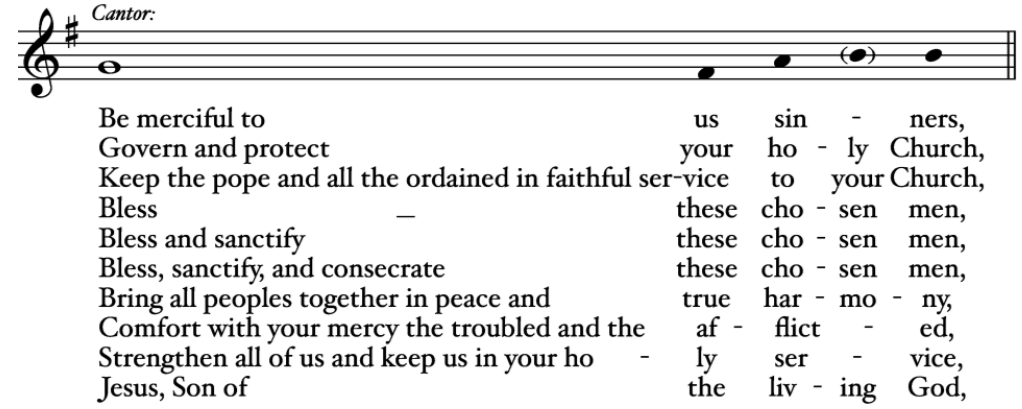
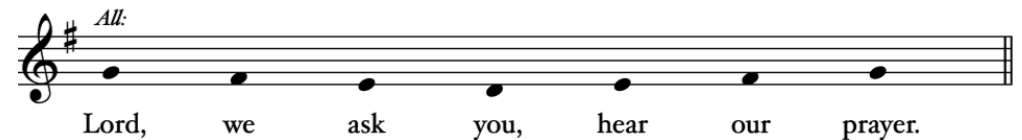
*The elect prostrate themselves and the Litany is sung.*

<p><i>Cantor:</i></p>	<p><i>All:</i></p>
Lord, have mer - cy.	Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy.	Christ, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy.	Lord, have mer - cy.

<p><i>Cantor:</i></p>	<p><i>All:</i></p>
Holy Mary, Mother of	God, pray for us.
Saint	Mich - ael, pray for us.
Holy Angels of	God, pray for us.
Saint John the	Bap - tist, pray for us.
Saint	Jo - seph, pray for us.
.....	pray for us.
All holy men and women, Saints of God,	pray for us.

<p><i>Cantor:</i></p>	<p><i>All:</i></p>
Lord, be mer - ci - ful,	Lord, de - li - ver us, we pray.
From all e - vil,	Lord, de - li - ver us, we pray.
From ev - 'ry sin,	Lord, de - li - ver us, we pray.
From e - ver - last - ing death,	Lord, de - li - ver us, we pray.

<p><i>Cantor:</i></p>	<p><i>All:</i></p>
By your in - car - na - tion,	Lord, de - li - ver us, we pray.
By your Death and Res - ur - rec - tion,	Lord, de - li - ver us, we pray.
By the outpouring of the Ho - ly Spi - rit,	Lord, de - li - ver us, we pray.

<p><i>Cantor:</i></p>  <p>Christ, hear us.</p>	<p><i>All:</i></p>  <p>Christ, hear us.</p>
<p><i>Cantor:</i></p>  <p>Christ, gra-cious - ly hear us.</p>	<p><i>All:</i></p>  <p>Christ, gra-cious - ly hear us.</p>
<p><i>Cantor:</i></p>  <p>Be merciful to us sin - ners,          Govern and protect your ho - ly Church,          Keep the pope and all the ordained in faithful ser-vice to your Church,          Bless these cho - sen men,          Bless and sanctify these cho - sen men,          Bless, sanctify, and consecrate these cho - sen men,          Bring all peoples together in peace and true har - mo - ny,          Comfort with your mercy the troubled and the af - flict - ed,          Strengthen all of us and keep us in your ho - ly ser - vice,          Jesus, Son of the liv - ing God,</p>	
<p><i>All:</i></p>  <p>Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.</p>	

ARCHBISHOP

Lord God, mercifully hear our prayers,  
 and kindly accompany with your help what we are  
 about to do by virtue of our office;  
 sanctify with your blessings  
 those whom, in our judgement, we believe worthy  
 to be offered  
 for the exercise of sacred ministries.  
 Through Christ our Lord.

ALL

**Amen.**

DEACON

Let us stand.

## LAYING ON OF HANDS

*The elect rise. One by one they go to the Archbishop.*

*The Archbishop lays his hands upon the head of each of them.*

## PRAYER OF ORDINATION

*With the elect kneeling before him, the Archbishop, with hands outstretched,  
sings or says the Prayer of Ordination.*

### ARCHBISHOP

Draw near, we pray, almighty God,  
giver of every grace,  
who apportion every order and assign every office.  
While remaining unchanged, you make all things new  
and, setting all things in order with  
everlasting providence,  
you make due provision for every age,  
through you Word, your Power, and your Wisdom,  
Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

You grant that your Church, his Body,  
adorned with manifold heavenly graces,  
drawn together in the diversity of her members,  
and united by a wondrous bond through the Holy Spirit,  
should grow and spread forth  
to build up a new temple.  
As once you chose the sons of Levi  
to minister in the former tabernacle,  
so now you establish three ranks of ministers  
in their sacred offices to serve in your name.

Thus, in the first days of your Church,  
your Son's Apostles, led by the Holy Spirit,  
appointed seven men of good repute  
to help them in the daily ministry,  
so that they might devote themselves  
more fully to prayer and preaching of the word.

By prayer and the laying on of hands  
they entrusted to these chosen men  
the ministry of serving at table.

Look favorable also on these your servants,  
we pray, O Lord,  
whom we humbly dedicate to serve at your holy altars  
in the office of the Diaconate.

SEND FORTH THE HOLY SPIRIT UPON THEM  
O LORD, WE PRAY,  
THAT THEY MAY BE STRENGTHENED  
BY THE GIFT OF YOUR SEVENFOLD GRACE  
TO CARRY OUR FAITHFULLY THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY.

May every evangelical virtue abound in them:  
unfeigned love,  
concern for the sick and the poor,  
unassuming authority,  
the purity of innocence,  
and the observance of spiritual discipline.

May your precepts shine forth in their conduct,  
that by the example of their manner of life  
they may inspire the imitation of your holy people.  
In offering the witness of a good conscience,  
may they remain firm and steadfast in Christ,  
so that, by imitating you Son on earth,  
who came not to be served but to serve,  
they may be found worthy to reign with him in heaven.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.

**ALL**

**Amen.**

## VESTING OF DEACONS

*After the Prayer of Ordination, all sit. The Archbishop puts on the miter and the newly ordained Deacons stand. Some of the assisting Deacons or other ministers assist with a diaconal stole and dalmatic for each of them.*

## INVESTITURE

## The Servant Song

Choir

## HANDING ON OF THE BOOK OF THE GOSPELS

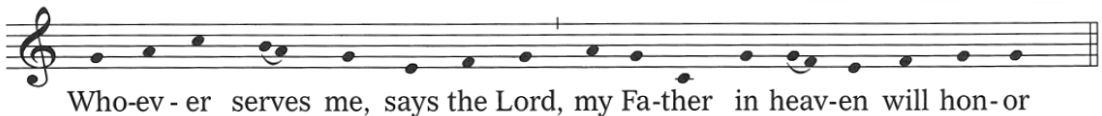
*The newly ordained go to the Archbishop and kneel before him.  
He places the Book of the Gospels in the hands of each one and says:*

## ARCHBISHOP

Receive the Gospel of Christ, whose herald you have become.  
Believe what you read, teach what you believe,  
and practice what you teach.

*The Archbishop gives each of the newly ordained Deacons the fraternal kiss.  
Other deacons present then give the newly ordained the fraternal kiss as well.*

## CHOIR/ALL



# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## OFFERTORY HYMN

## Señor, Quiero Servirte

Fernández

Estrofas/Verses

1. Se - ñor, te ven - go a en - tre - gar mi ri - sa, mi llo -  
 2. Nues - tro e - jem - plo a se - guir, Ma - rí - a di - jo:  
 1. My Lord, I of - fer all I am, my ev - ery dream and  
 2. As your moth - er was so blessed, she spoke her faith - ful

1. rar, mi go - zo y mi do - lor; ven y llé - na - me de  
 2. "Sí", con - ti - go siem - pre fiel; hoy pos - tra - do an - te tus  
 1. plan, sur - ren - dered to your love; I give my life for all you  
 2. "Yes" and gave her heart to you; so too, I give my - self in

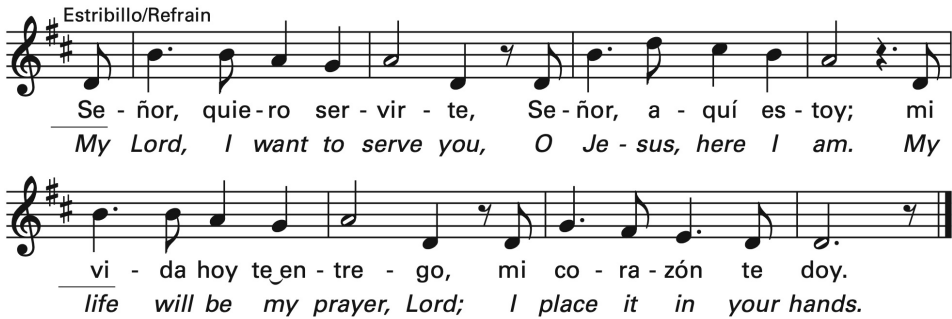
1. ti, tu fue - go haz - me sen - tir, en - vuél - ve me en tu a - mor.  
 2. pies, te doy mi pe - que - ñez, co - mo e - lla quie - ro ser.  
 1. are with all that's in my heart, oh, may your will be done.  
 2. faith to you, my ev - ery - thing to do as she would do.

1,2. For - ta - lé - ce - me, i - lu - mí - na - me, en tu  
 1. Send your light and show the way to me, send me  
 2. Be the strength and com - fort of my soul, be my

1,2. nom - bre en - ví - a - me, Se - ñor, mi Dios.  
 1. out in - to the world to be your peace.  
 2. way as I go out to share your hope.



Estrillo/Refrain



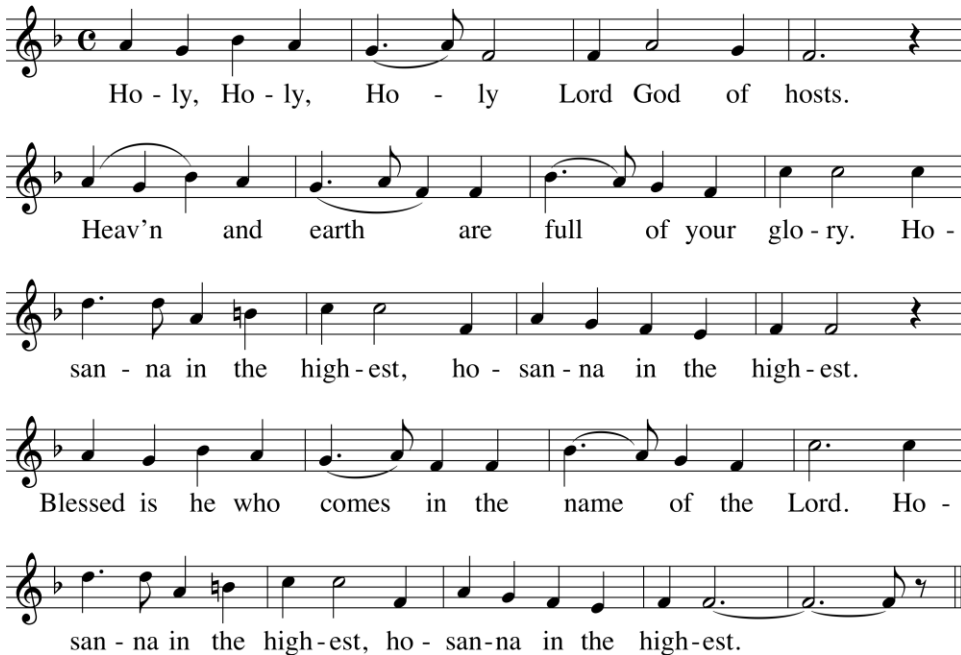
Se - ñor, quie-ro ser - vir - te, Se - ñor, a - quí es - toy; mi  
 My Lord, I want to serve you, O Je - sus, here I am. My

vi - da hoy te en - tre - go, mi co - ra - zón te doy.  
 life will be my prayer, Lord; I place it in your hands.

## SANCTUS

## A Community Mass

Proulx



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 -

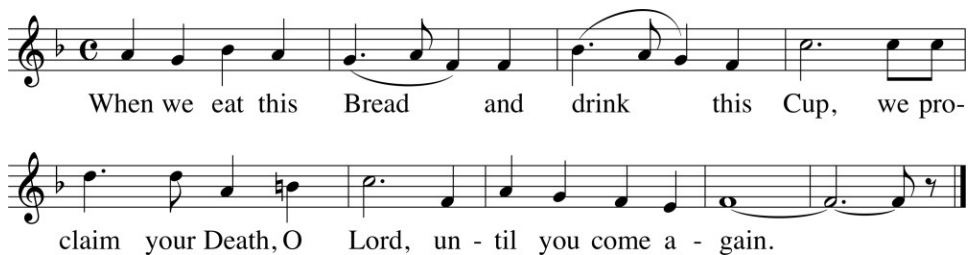
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



# MYSTERY OF FAITH

# A Community Mass

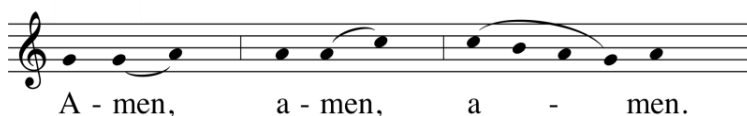
Proulx



# AMEN

# Roman Missal Mass

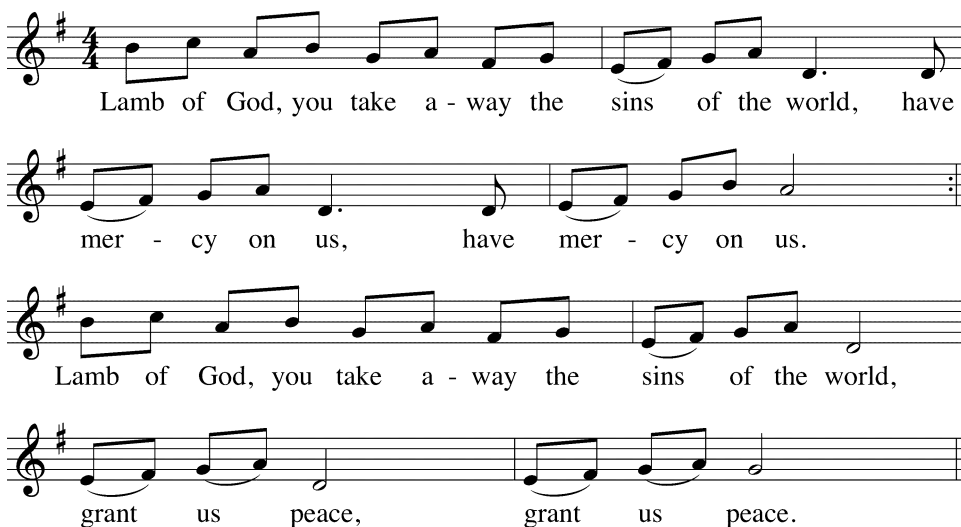
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# AGNUS DEI

# Unity Mass

Duncan





Like a flame my hope is\_\_ bur-ning, may my song a - rise to\_\_ you:



Source of life that has no\_\_ en-ding, on life's path I trust in\_\_ you.



1. Ev' - ry na - tion, tongue, and\_\_ peo - ple
2. God, so ten - der and\_\_ so\_\_ pa - tient,
3. Raise your eyes, the wind\_\_ is\_\_ blo - wing,



find a light with - in\_\_ your Word. Scat - tered fra - gile sons  
dawn of hope, you care\_\_ for\_\_ all. Heav'n and earth are re -  
for our God is born in\_\_ time. Son made man\_\_ for you



and\_\_ daugh-ters find a home in your dear Son.\_\_\_  
cre - at - ed by the Spi-rit of Life set\_\_ free.\_\_\_  
and\_\_ ma - ny who will find\_\_ the way in\_\_ him.\_\_\_  
*to Refrain*



- Verse 1:      Order my steps in your word, dear Lord.  
                 Lead me, guide me every day.  
                 Send your anointing, Father, I pray.  
                 Order my steps in your word.  
                 Please order my steps in your word.
- Verse 2:      Humbly I ask thee, teach me your will.  
                 While you are working, help me be still.  
                 Though Satan is busy, God is real!  
                 Order my steps in your word.  
                 Please order my steps in your word.
- Verse 3:      Bridle my tongue, let my words edify,  
                 Let the words of my mouth be acceptable in thy sight  
                 Take charge of my thoughts both, day and night  
                 Order my steps in your word.  
                 Please order my steps in your word.
- Bridge:        I want to walk worthy, my calling to fulfill.  
                 Please, order my steps Lord,  
                 and I'll do Your blessed will.  
                 The world is ever changing,  
                 but You are still the same.  
                 If You order my steps,  
                 I'll praise Your name. (repeat bridge)

**Estribillo**

Sal - ga-mos a lle - var el E - van - ge - lio, o - fre -  
 cien-do la vi-da de Je - sús; sal - ga-mos y o-frez - ca-mos  
 su con - sue - lo al pue-blo he-ri-do, per - di-do sin su luz.

**Estrofas**

1. Que nues-tra j - gle - sia a - su-ma el com-pro - mi - so  
 2. Que nues-tra j - gle - sia no vi - va a - fe - rra - da,  
 3. Que nues-tra j - gle - sia siem-pre se - a ca - sa a - bier - ta,  
 1. y de lle - gar a to-dos, fiel a su mi - sión;  
 2. y en - ce - rra-da en u - na fal - sa con-ten - ción;  
 3. y a - co - ja a to-dos sin nin - gu - na ex - cep - ción;

1. y que pro - duz-ca mi-sio - ne - ros, va - lien-tes men-sa -  
 2. si - no que va - ya por las ca - lles, por mon - ta - ñas y por  
 3. y con los po-bres ol - vi - da-dos, y en - fer-mos des-pre -

**al Estribillo**

1. je - ros, a - gen-tes de e - van-ge - li - za - ción.  
 2. va - lles, brin - dan-do su a - mor y com-pa - sión.  
 3. cia-dos, prac - ti - que la jus - ti - cia del Se - ñor.

THANKSGIVING ADDRESS

Deacon Joseph Jones

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ASSIGNMENTS

Archbishop Edward J. Weisenburger

EPISCOPAL BLESSING

The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

**R. Now and forever.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**R. Who made heaven and earth.**

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

**R. Amen.**



## RECESSIONAL

## Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Grosser Gott



1. Ho - ly God, we praise thy name; Lord of  
 2. Hark! the loud ce - les - tial hymn An - gel  
 3. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly



1. all, we bow be - fore thee! All on earth thy  
 2. choirs a - bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and  
 3. Spir - it, Three we name thee; While in es - sence



1. scep - ter claim, All in heav'n a - bove a - dore thee;  
 2. Ser - a - phim, In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing;  
 3. on - ly One, Un - di - vid - ed God we claim thee;



1. In - fi - nite, thy vast do - main, Ev - er -  
 2. Fill the heav'ns with sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly,  
 3. And a - dor - ing, bend the knee, While we



1. last - ing is thy reign. In - fi - nite, thy  
 2. ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!" Fill the heav'ns with  
 3. own the mys - ter - y. And a - dor - ing,



1. vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.  
 2. sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"  
 3. bend the knee, While we own the mys - ter - y.

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