

St. Charles Borromeo Church - Bensalem, PA

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 7, 2025

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 119 (118):137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Entrance Hymn

Take Up Your Cross - ERHALT UNS, HERR

1. Take up your cross, the Sav - ior said, If
2. Take up your cross, be not a - shamed! Let
3. Take up your cross, which gives you strength, Which
4. Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, Nor

1. you would my dis - ci - ple be; De - ny your - self, the
2. not dis - grace your spir - it fill! For God him - self en -
3. makes your trem - bling spir - it brave: 'Twill guide you to a
4. think till death to lay it down; For on - ly they who

1. world for - sake, And hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
2. dured to die Up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
3. bet - ter home And lead to vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
4. bear the cross May hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

Gloria

Heritage Mass - Owen 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
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.

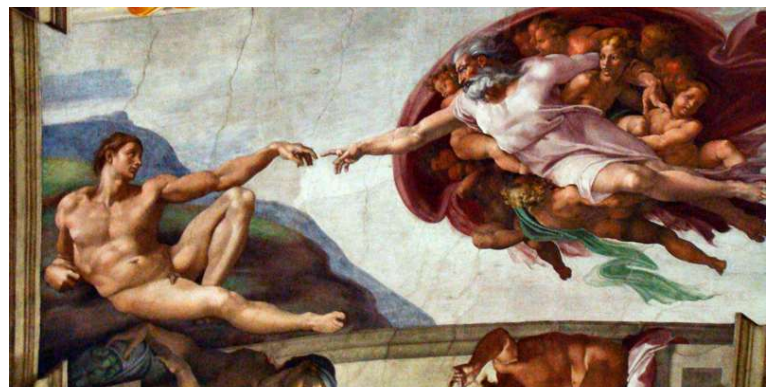
First Reading

Wisdom 9:13-18b

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what the LORD intends? For the deliberations of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans. For the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns. And scarce do we guess the things on earth, and what is within our grasp we find with difficulty; but when things are in heaven, who can search them out? Or who ever knew your counsel, except you had given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



Responsorial Psalm Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17



R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn man back to dust,
saying, "Return, O children of men."
For a thousand years in your sight
are as yesterday, now that it is past,
or as a watch of the night. **R**
2. You make an end of them in their sleep;
the next morning they are like the changing grass,
which at dawn springs up anew,
but by evening wilts and fades. **R**
3. Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Return, O LORD! How long?
Have pity on your servants! **R**
4. Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.
And may the gracious care of the LORD
our God be ours;
prosper the work of our hands for us!
Prosper the work of our hands! **R**

Second Reading

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to Philemon

I, Paul, an old man, and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus, urge you on behalf of my child Onesimus, whose father I have become in my imprisonment; I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I should have liked to retain him for myself, so that he might serve me on your behalf in my imprisonment for the gospel, but I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that

the good you do might not be forced but voluntary. Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a brother, beloved especially to me, but even more so to you, as a man and in the Lord. So if you regard me as a partner, welcome him as you would me.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 119:135

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Let your face shine upon your servant;
and teach me your laws. **R**

Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.' Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms. In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

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



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.

Offertory Hymn In Every Age - Janet Sullivan Whitaker

Verse 1

1. Long be - fore the moun - tains came to be and the land and
1. sea and stars of the night, through the end - less sea - sons of all
1. time, you have al - ways been, you will al - ways be.

Refrain

In ev - 'ry age, O God, you have been our ref - uge.

1-3 to Verses 2,3
last time: to Refrain

In ev - 'ry age, O God, you have been our hope.

Final

God, you have been our hope,
you have been our ref - uge, you have been our hope.

Verse 2

2. Des - ti - ny is cast, and at your si - lent word we re - turn to
2. dust and scat - ter to the wind. A thou - sand years are like a sin - gle mo - ment
2. gone, as the light that fades at the end of day.

to Refrain

Verse 3

3. Teach us to make use of the time we have. Teach us to be
3. pa - tient e - ven as we wait. Teach us to em - brace our ev - 'ry joy and
3. pain. To sleep peace - ful - ly, and to rise up strong.

to Refrain

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Psalm 42 (41):2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Communion Hymn Bread from Heaven - Iván Díaz

Estribillo/Refrain

If you eat of my flesh and drink of my blood, You re-
main in me and I in you. If you eat of my flesh and
drink of my blood, You re-main in me and I in you.

**1-3: to Verses
4: al Puente/to Bridge**

Verses

1. Bread of life, food for all the hun - gry.
2. Bread of life, hope for all the low - ly.
3. Bread of life, o - cean of God's mer - cy.

1. Bread of life, heav-en's lov - ing sac - ri - fice.
2. Bread of life, love and grace a - midst des-pair.
3. Bread of life, ho - ly ban-quet from a - bove.

1. Bread from heav - en, so - lace for the wea - ry.
2. Bread from heav - en, com - fort for the suf - f'ring.
3. Bread from heav - en, strength for all who jour - ney.

to Refrain

1. Bread from heav - en, taste of par - a - dise.
2. Bread from heav - en, love be-yond com-pare.
3. Bread from heav - en, mys - ter - y of love.

Puente/Bridge

I am the liv - ing bread come down from heav - en. Who -
ev - er eats this bread, will have e - ter - nal life.

al Estribillo/to Refrain

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Recessional Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth - DIX

1. For the beau - ty of the earth, For the glo - ry of the skies,
2. For the beau - ty of each hour Of the day and of the night,
3. For the joy of hu - man love, Broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
4. For your Church, that ev - er - more Lifts its ho - ly hands a - bove,
5. For Your - self, O Gift Di - vine To our world so free - ly giv'n,

1. For the love which from our birth O - ver and a - round us lies:
2. Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, Sun and moon, and stars of light:
3. Friends on earth and friends a - bove; For all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
4. Of-f'ring up on ev - ery shore A pure sac - ri - fice of love:
5. For that love from which will shine, Peace on earth and joy in heav'n:

1-5. Lord of all, to you we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

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