

Creighton University

2021

Baccalaureate Mass

TD AMERITRADE PARK | OMAHA, NEBRASKA

FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2021 | 7:30 P.M.



ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We recognize the ministry of the following:

Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD, President of Creighton University
Presider and Homilist

Concelebrants from the Jesuit Community and Creighton University

All liturgical ministers, representing:

College of Arts and Sciences	School of Law
Heider College of Business	School of Medicine
College of Nursing	School of Pharmacy and Health Professions
College of Professional Studies	Graduates of the Class of 2021
Graduate School	Creighton University community
School of Dentistry	

Creighton University Mission and Ministry staff

Special thanks to the TD Ameritrade Park staff.

The processional cross used at today's Mass was designed and created by Brian Besack of the Creighton Carpenter Shop and Littleton Alston of the Creighton Fine and Performing Arts Department.

HEALTH AND SAFETY



We kindly ask that you wear a mask over both your mouth and nose throughout the liturgy until you return to your vehicle. Please maintain at least six feet social distancing from other households throughout the liturgy by following the direction of the ushers and remaining at your seat once you arrive. In case of emergency, please follow the directions of the ushers to exit the facility.



Sung prayer will be led by a small ensemble of Creighton students. Because research has shown that public group singing increases the risk of spreading COVID-19, we ask that you not sing aloud. We invite you to imitate St. Cecilia, the patron of the Archdiocese of Omaha, in "singing in your hearts to God!"



Everyone is encouraged to join in the spoken responses during the Mass with full heart and voice.



PRELUDES

INTRODUCTORY RITES

CALL TO WORSHIP

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Lead Me, Lord (Becker)

GREETING

Presider: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

We respond: **Amen.**

Presider greets the assembly, ending with: The Lord be with you.

We respond: **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

Presider: Lord, have mercy. *We respond:* **Lord, have mercy.**

Presider: Christ, have mercy. *We respond:* **Christ, have mercy.**

Presider: Lord, have mercy. *We respond:* **Lord, have mercy.**

Presider: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

We respond: **Amen.**

COLLECT

We respond: **Amen.**



LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Proverbs 16:1-4, 7-9

Plans are made in human hearts,
but from the Lord comes the tongue's response.
All one's ways are pure in one's own eyes,
but the measurer of motives is the Lord.
Entrust your works to the Lord,
and your plans will succeed.
The Lord has made everything for a purpose,
even the wicked for the evil day.
When the Lord is pleased with someone's ways,
he makes even enemies be at peace with them.
Better a little with justice,
than a large income with injustice.
The human heart plans the way,
but the Lord directs the steps.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

We respond: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 118

We respond: **Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

Let the house of Israel say,
"His mercy endures forever."
Let the house of Aaron say,
"His mercy endures forever."
Let those who fear the LORD say,
"His mercy endures forever."

We respond: **Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

I was hard pressed and was falling,
but the LORD helped me.
My strength and my courage is the LORD,
and he has been my savior.
The joyful shout of victory
in the tents of the just:

We respond: **Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**



The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done;
it is wonderful in our eyes.
This is the day the LORD has made;
let us be glad and rejoice in it.

We respond: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

SECOND READING

1 John 3:14, 16-18

Beloved: We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers and sisters. The way we came to know love was that he laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If someone who has worldly means sees a brother or a sister in need and refuses them compassion, how can the love of God remain in them? Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

We respond: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Alleluia (Walker and O'Carroll)

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6:25-34

Priest: The Lord be with you.

We respond: And with your spirit.

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

We respond: Glory to you, O Lord.



Jesus said to his disciples, “Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they? Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span? Why are you anxious about clothes? Learn from the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work or spin. But I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was clothed like one of them. If God so clothes the grass of the field, which grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith? So do not worry and say, ‘What are we to eat?’ or ‘What are we to drink?’ or ‘What are we to wear?’ All these things the pagans seek. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides. Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

We respond: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

HOMILY

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

We respond: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

These Alone Are Enough (Schutte)

At the conclusion of the Preparation of the Gifts, the Presider invites us to prayer:

Presider: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

We respond: *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

We respond: Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Although it is the norm in the United States to kneel during the Eucharistic Prayer and Communion Rite, we are in an environment which makes kneeling difficult. So that we may all truly be united in posture and presence with Christ, we invite the entire community to remain standing during the Eucharistic Prayer.

PREFACE

<i>Presider:</i>	The Lord be with you.	<i>We respond:</i>	<i>And with your spirit.</i>
<i>Presider:</i>	Lift up your hearts.	<i>We respond:</i>	<i>We lift them up to the Lord.</i>
<i>Presider:</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	<i>We respond:</i>	<i>It is right and just.</i>

HOLY

*We respond: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!*

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

*We respond: We proclaim your death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection,
until you come again.*

GREAT AMEN

*Presider: ...for ever and ever.
We Respond: Amen.*



THE LORD'S PRAYER

We pray: *Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.*

Presider: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

We pray: *For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.*

SIGN OF PEACE

Presider: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

We respond: *And with your spirit.*

Presider: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

FRACTION RITE

We respond: *Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Grant us peace.*

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

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



COMMUNION

One Bread, One Body (Foley, SJ)

Hearts on Fire (Smith and Ridge)

Miracle of Grace (Stephan)



Please use your hand sanitizer before receiving communion. To receive, please remain standing in your place. The ministers will come to you. Please receive on the hand, extending your hands as far forward as you are able. When the minister has moved on to the next person, remove your mask by the ear loop and receive Holy Communion. Then, place your mask back on, covering both your mouth and nose, and be seated.



If you are not receiving Holy Communion today, you may indicate that you would like to receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your heart as shown to the left, or you may simply be seated. Low-gluten hosts will be available from a minister near an exit at the end of the liturgy.

CONCLUDING RITES

Blessing of the Parents, Families, Friends, Faculty and Staff

Graduates will be invited to raise a hand in blessing upon parents, family members, friends, faculty and staff.

Leader: We pray together:

Graduates: *Spirit of God,
Rest upon those who have journeyed with us to this
moment of celebration.
We thank you for our parents, our family and our friends.
Bless them with love and support,
as they have blessed us throughout our lives.
Comfort them as we move together into a new chapter of our lives,
and grant them the fullness of your peace.
O God of wisdom, thank you for the faculty and staff of
Creighton University, and for their support and guidance.
Bless and encourage them in all they do,
and help them to know our gratitude.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

All respond: *Amen.*



BLESSING OF THE GRADUATES

Parents, family members, friends, faculty and staff will be invited to raise a hand in blessing upon our graduates.

Leader: We pray together:

Assembly: **O God of all creation,**
Grant these graduates the gift of wisdom
as they enter a new stage of their lives.
Give them inner strength through your Spirit, and faith,
that Christ may dwell in their hearts.
Grant them awareness that they are uniquely sent
to help bring about the Kingdom of God in our world.
Give them courage and love to act on this wisdom for the dignity of all,
for the welfare of the less fortunate,
and for the pursuit of peace and reconciliation.
May our kinship and friendship with them be a blessing
that continues through the years to come.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All respond: **Amen.**

FINAL BLESSINGS

Presider: The Lord be with you.

We respond: **And with your spirit.**

The presider blesses the entire assembly.

We respond: **Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

Go Out, Go Out (Stephan)

The presider proclaims that the Mass has ended and sends us forth to serve God in the world.

We respond: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDES

Please continue to observe social distancing between households and keep your mask on as you leave the stadium this evening.

As we congratulate Creighton's graduates on their significant achievements, we also offer thanks for the opportunities and blessings God has bestowed upon them.



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