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PRELUDES

INTRODUCTORY RITES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Please stand and join in singing as we gather to hear the scriptures.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Gather Your People (Hurd)

Refrain

Gather your people, O Lord.
Gather your people, O Lord.
One bread, one body, one spirit of love.
Gather your people, O Lord.

1. Draw us forth to the table of life:
brothers and sisters,
each of us called to walk in your light.
2. We are parts of the body of Christ,
needing each other,
each of the gifts the Spirit provides.
3. No more harm on the mountain of God;
swords into plowshares.
Free us, O Lord, from hardness of heart.
4. Wash us, Lord, in the waters of life;
waters of mercy,
waters of hope that flow from your side.

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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.**

Please be seated as we listen to God's word in scripture.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Proverbs 3:1–6

My child, do not forget my teaching,
take to heart my commands;
For many days, and years of life,
and peace, will they bring you.
Do not let love and fidelity forsake you;
bind them around your neck;
write them on the tablet of your heart.
Then will you win favor and esteem
before God and human beings.
Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
on your own intelligence do not rely;
In all your ways be mindful of him,
and he will make straight your paths.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 139: I Praise You, O Lord (Guimont & Gelineau, SJ)

Antiphon:
I praise you, O Lord, for I am wonderfully made.

O Lord, you search me and you know me.
You yourself know my resting and my rising;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
You mark when I walk or lie down;
you know all my ways through and through.

O where can I go from your spirit,
or where can I flee from your face?
If I take the wings of the dawn
or dwell at the sea's furthest end,
even there your hand would lead me;
your right hand would hold me fast.

For it was you who formed my inmost being,
knit me together in my mother's womb.
I thank you who wonderfully made me;
how wonderful are your works,
which my soul knows well!

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SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4–9

Brothers and sisters:

Rejoice in the Lord always.

I shall say it again: rejoice!

Your kindness should be known to all.

The Lord is near.

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.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand and join in singing to greet the Gospel.

Celtic Alleluia (Walker and O'Carroll)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:13–16

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:

You are the salt of the earth.

But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned?

It is no longer good for anything

but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

You are the light of the world.
A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.
Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket;
it is set on a lampstand,
where it gives light to all in the house.
Just so, your light must shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds
and glorify your heavenly Father.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated for the homily.

HOMILY

THE UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Please stand as we pray for the gathered community, the world, and the Church.

***We respond:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS AND ALTAR

Please be seated as we begin the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

These Alone Are Enough (Schutte)

1. Take my heart, O Lord, take my hopes and dreams.
Take my mind with all its plans and schemes.
Give me nothing more than your love and grace.
These alone, O God, are enough for me.
2. Take my thoughts, O Lord, and my memory.
Take my tears, my joys, my liberty.
Give me nothing more than your love and grace.
These alone, O God, are enough for me.
3. I surrender, Lord, all I have and hold.
I return to you your gifts untold.
Give me nothing more than your love and grace.
These alone, O God, are enough for me.
4. When the darkness falls on my final days,
take the very breath that sang your praise.
Give me nothing more than your love and grace.
These alone, O God, are enough for me.

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At the conclusion of the Preparation of the Gifts and Altar, please stand as 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

Presider: The Lord be with you.

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

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

***We respond:* We lift them up to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***We respond:* It is right and just.**

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

Mass of Renewal (Stephan)

Holy:

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!

We Proclaim:

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

Great Amen:

Amen, amen, 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.

We exchange a gesture of peace with those near us as we prepare to share in the One Body of Christ.

FRACTION RITE

Lamb of God, Mass of Renewal (Stephan)

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



Receiving Christ in the real presence of the Eucharist is the primary sacrament of unity for Catholics. Please remain at your seats as our ministers take up their positions. **For communion, please wait until we announce it is time to begin the procession.**

Low-gluten hosts are available near the first aid station. If you prefer not to receive the Eucharist, please approach with your arms crossed over your heart as shown here to receive a blessing. Please return to your seat by the opposite end of the row.

COMMUNION HYMNS

One Bread, One Body (Foley, SJ)

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man no more.
2. Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.
3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all.

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Oceans / Where Feet May Fall (Hillsong)

Verse 1

You call me out upon the waters,
the great unknown where feet may fail.
And there I find You in the mystery,
in oceans deep my faith will stand.

Chorus

And I will call upon Your name,
And keep my eyes above the waves.
When oceans rise,
my soul will rest in Your embrace,
for I am Yours and You are mine.

Verse 2

Your grace abounds in deepest waters.
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide.
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me,
You've never failed, and You won't start now. *(Chorus)*

Bridge

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders,
let me walk upon the waters,
wherever You would call me.
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander,
and my faith will be made stronger
in the presence of my Savior. *(Chorus)*

Final Chorus

I will call upon Your name,
and keep my eyes above the waves.
When oceans rise,
my soul will rest in Your embrace.
I am Yours and You are mine.

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Hearts on Fire (Ridge and Smith)

Verse 2

Fiery pillar in our darkness,
lead us through the barren sand:
saints and sinner all together,
walking bravely hand in hand.

Refrain

Speak again, O Lord, and lead us
in the service you inspire.
Make us all your holy people,
called to set the world on fire, the world on fire.

Verse 3

Try us in your fiery furnace;
burn away our fear and greed.
Only your love and your grace, Lord,
these are all that we will need. *(Refrain)*

Verse 4

Do our hearts not burn within us
at the breaking of the bread?
Will you, Lord, not journey with us
on the thorny road ahead? *(Refrain)*

Verse 5

Let us build your kingdom daily,
let us daily heed your call;
let us spend our lives completely
for your love consumes us all. *(Refrain)*

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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

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

We respond: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lead Me, Lord (Becker)

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, longing for their Lord,
for God's coming kingdom shall be theirs.
Blessed are the sorrowing, for they shall be consoled,
and the meek shall come to rule the world.

Refrain

- Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord,
by the light of truth
to seek and to find the narrow way.
Be my way; be my truth;
be my life, my Lord,
and lead me, Lord, today.
2. Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs,
and the pure in heart shall see their God.
Blest are they whose hunger only holiness can fill,
for I say they shall be satisfied.
 3. Blest are they who through their lifetimes
sow the seeds of peace;
all will call them children of the Lord.
Blest are you, though persecuted in your holy life,
for in heaven, great is your reward.

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POSTLUDE

O God, Beyond All Praising (THAXTED, arr. Proulx)

Verse 1

O God, beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Verse 2

The flow'r of earthly splendor in time must surely die,
its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high;
but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown –
though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:
for Christ the man from heaven from death has set us free,
and we through him are given the final victory.

Verse 3

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to praise you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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Wake the World With Dawning Joy (Warner)

Verse 1

Wake the world with dawning joy!
Wake it with your gladness!
Work for justice, live in peace,
claim the Word courageous!
Let us sing to God this new day,
see the world in a diff'rent way.
Let us wake the world, wake the world,
with abiding words of faith.

Verse 2

Though the world is locked in sleep,
let us rise rejoicing!
One with Christ, his light to keep,
called to human kindness.
Let us sing to God this new day,
walk the world in a holy way.
Let us wake the world, wake the world,
with uplifting words of hope.

Verse 3

Love the world with diff'rent eyes,
God's own love incarnate!
Leaving all to follow Christ:
sweet and endless mercy!
Let us sing to God this new day,
reach the world in miraculous ways.
Let us wake the world, wake the world,
with prophetic words of love.

Verse 4

Thunder now God's song of praise,
wake to harp and dancing,
song to lift us all our days,
song of love and triumph!
For the Bridegroom now awaits us
in the faces of all we meet.
Now awake the world! Wake the world,
with unending words of joy.

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Go Out, Go Out (Stephan)

Refrain

Go out, go out to all the world
and tell the Good News,
tell the Good, Good News.

1. Praise the LORD,
praise the LORD, all you nations!
Glorify him,
glorify him, you peoples!
2. Steadfast,
steadfast is his kindness toward us,
and the faithfulness
of the LORD endures!

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