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THURSDAY OF THE
THIRTY-THIRD WEEK IN
ORDINARY TIME

VOTIVE MASS OF
SAINT THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

20 NOVEMBER 2025

His Eminence

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Rector of the Basilica

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Director of Pilgrimages

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THE ANGELUS

Celebrant: The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

Assembly: And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary...

Celebrant: Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

Assembly: Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary...

Celebrant: And the Word was made flesh.

Assembly: And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

Celebrant: Pray for us, holy Mother of God,

Assembly: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Assembly: Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

ORDER OF MASS

INTRODUCTORY RITES

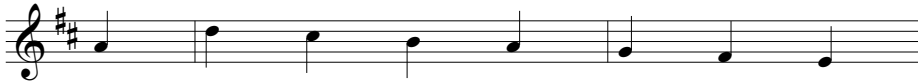
PROCESSIONAL HYMN



1. Let us with joy our voi - ces raise,
2. Filled with a pure ce - les - tial glow,
3. With fasts her bo - dy she sub - dued,
4. O Christ, the strength of all the strong,
5. To God the Fa - ther, with the Son,



In that he - ro - ic wo - man's praise,
She spurned all love of things be - low;
But filled her soul with prayer's sweet food;
To Whom all our best deeds be - long!
And Ho - ly Spi - rit, Three in One,



Whose name, with saint - ly glo - ry bright,
And heed - less here on earth to stay,
In o - ther worlds she tastes the bliss,
With her un - ceas - ing prayers on high,
Be glo - ry while the a - ges flow,



Shines in the star - ry realms of light.
Climbed to the skies her toil - some way.
For which she left the joys of this.
In mer - cy hear Thy peo - ple's cry.
From all a - bove, and all be - low.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Assembly: I confess to almighty God,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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

Assembly: Amen.

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING I

Isaiah 66: 10–14c

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 131:1bcde, 2–3



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 11:25



Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the Kingdom.

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:1–4

HOMILY

Wilton Cardinal Gregory
Archbishop Emeritus of Washington

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS



1. From clearhigh mans-ions of that shin-ing pal - ace Where you en-
2. Ros - es of faith to shed its light su-per - nal, Ros - es of
3. Through your own child - like con - fi-dence and can - dor Send us the
4. This be our por - tion, God for - ev - er bless-ed, Fa - ther e-



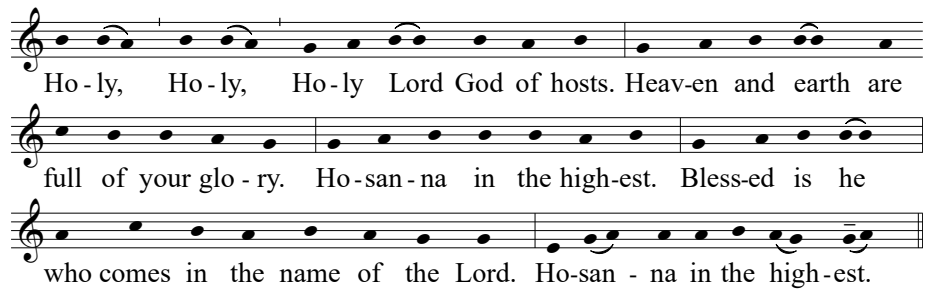
joy the light of God's dear pre - sence, And plead our caus - es,
hope when ob - sta - cles sur-round us, And for our strength-'ning
rose of qui - et - ly dis-cern - ing Love of a Fa - ther,
ter - nal, Son and Ho - ly Spi - rit, Whose is the glo - ry



mind - ful of your pro - mise Show'r down your ros - es.
in dai - ly liv - ing Ros - es of pure love.
shin - ing in each happ-'ning Both sweet and bit - ter.
which through all cre - a - tion Re - sounds for - ev - er.

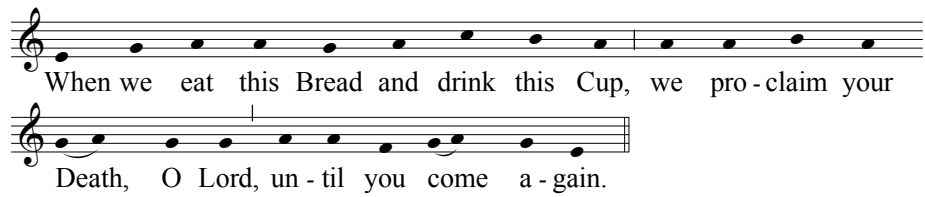
PREFACE DIALOGUE

PREFACE ACCLAMATION



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

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



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

GREAT AMEN



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

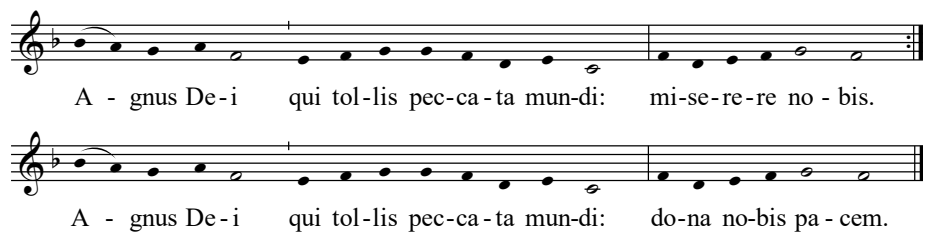
COMMUNION RITE

LORD’S PRAYER

DOXOLOGY

SIGN OF PEACE

LITANY AT THE BREAKING OF BREAD



A - gnus De-i qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di: mi-se-re-re no - bis.
A - gnus De-i qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa - cem.

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" (John 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 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.

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.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1996

COMMUNION PROCESSION

1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
2. I want to see the bright - ness of God.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Clear sun of right - eous - ness shine on my path, And

star of my life - is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther.

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The
night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING OF ROSES

Cardinal: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Assembly: Who made heaven and earth.

Cardinal: O Lord hear our prayer.

Assembly: And let our cry come to you.

Cardinal: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

Cardinal: Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, we ask you to look with favor on these roses which we bless in honor of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face. Grant that all who breathe their sweetness may run after you to the fragrance of your perfumes, and may deserve the intercession of your spouse, to receive health of mind, soul, and body. You who live and reign with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Assembly: Amen.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL HYMN

*We ask you to respect our custom of standing in place
and singing the complete Recessional Hymn.*



1. Lift up thine eyes un - to the hills, And see o'er
2. 'Mid all the stars which crown our Queen, Or li - lies
3. Hid - den by Car - mel's cloi - ster wall, But e'en more
4. Then why the bright un - earth - ly glow, Which crowns that



Car - mel's dis - tant height, A new, a bril - liant
of her heav'n - ly bower, No star, no bloom have
"hid with Christ in God," Love's vic - tim, who, in
brow so sweet and mild? It mir - rors forth for



star which thrills Our souls with its ce - les - tial light.
fair - er been Than Je - sus' hum - ble "Lit - tle Flower."
giv - ing all, Her "Lit - tle Way" un - swerv - ing trod.
us be - low Christ's words: "Be as a lit - tle child."

CANONIZATION CENTENARY OF SAINT THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

"A Shower of Roses" Exhibit

August 29 to November 30, 2025 ♦ Memorial Hall

Veneration of the Relic of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

November 20 to 22, 2025 ♦ Great Upper Church

Public veneration available

from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on November 20 and 21

and from 9:00 a.m. through the 12:10 p.m. Mass on November 22.

Centenary Masses in the Great Upper Church

Mass for the Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

November 21, 2025 ♦ 12:10 P.M.

SEÁN CARDINAL O'MALLEY, OFM CAP.

Archbishop Emeritus of Boston

Principal Celebrant and Homilist

Votive Mass of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

November 22, 2025 ♦ 12:10 P.M.

CHRISTOPHE CARDINAL PIERRE

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Principal Celebrant and Homilist

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