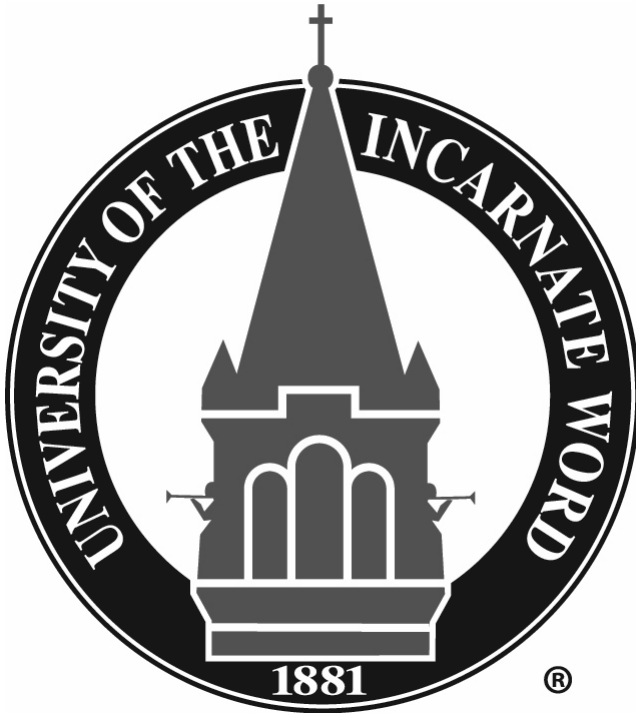


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Baccalaureate Mass
San Antonio, Tx
May 9, 2025



The ancient Greeks referred to *leitourgia* (liturgy) as a “public work” done for the people. In those times, the wealthy would fund some public effort for the good of the community — perhaps a building or ship in service of the state, or the expenses of actors or singers. These benefactors came to be known as “liturgists” and they recognized that there was a collaborative principle strongly rooted in the very action of liturgy. Though the “work” was done *for* the people, there was also a collaborative “work *of* the people” required if they were to receive a benefit. As liturgy came to be associated with religious action, this collaborative ethic was retained. It is what the Church continues to teach today.

The Mass is Christ’s “public work” done for us. This Sacred Liturgy is an action of “Christ, our redeemer and high priest [who] continues the work of our redemption in, with, and through his Church” — His Body — the members. Even today it requires the efforts and collaboration of others to achieve its purpose (its benefit), for what we put into it is what we get out of it. Simply, liturgy is “the participation of the People of God in “the work of God.” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1069)

The Second Vatican Council reminded us of the importance and need for the “full, conscious, active participation of all the faithful in the liturgy.” (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, # 14) And so, we offer the following thoughts:

Your participation is important. All the music and prayers for this morning’s liturgy are found in this worship aide. Whether or not we are currently members of a faith community or active in church ministry, today we share the same ministry — that of the assembly of worshippers. It is by far the ministry that calls us most to action in and outside of worship.

We invite you to participate fully in the prayers and music of this morning’s liturgy. In the words of the eighteenth-century German critic and dramatist, G.E. Lessing, “One single grateful thought raised to heaven is the most perfect prayer.” And, in the words of St. Augustine, “To sing is to pray twice.”

We are a diverse group of worshippers today. You may recognize all, some, or possibly none of the music today. But, luckily, most of the music has moments of repetition. One of the unique characteristics of a university is that, by its very nature, it is about learning — affirming what we know, expanding on what we do not, and challenging us to be open to the diversity of thought in the classroom and within campus life. At the very least, consider this an opportunity to experience something new or to use your voice to inspire others. More importantly, consider this your opportunity to give a gift to someone around you. We may never know the deep power of communal prayer (and the music which serves it) on another person — what it can do to lift or calm a spirit, give expression to our emotions, or even bring joy to someone’s day.

Finally, there is only one audience today – GOD. And isn’t it for the purpose of praising and thanking God that we have gathered? If God is the author of our worship, God must also be the final reviewer, too. What will we bring God this day? And so, let us bring ourselves into the presence of God, who loves us beyond all measure.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Welcome

Gathering Hymn

God, Our God of Distant Ages

- HYFRYDOL/OMER WESTENDORF

Verse 1

God, our God of distant ages, God, our God, now present here,
God of prophets, seers, and sages, Ever present, ever near.
Great and mighty Lord, we greet you; All your goodness we acclaim.
Here within our midst we meet you As we gather in your name.

Verse 2

Present in the words once spoken By the prophets, saints of old,
Lord, your testaments unbroken By our lips are here retold.
Open, Lord, our hearts to hear you; Sacred are the words you speak.
In the Good News we are near you, You, the living News we seek.

Verse 3

Mighty Lord of all creation, Three-fold is your presence known:
Bread and word and congregation Are the symbols you have shown.
Time and space cannot confine you, Nor the earth nor heav'n above.
Yet our humble hearts enshrine you, Infinite, great God of love.

Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997
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Greeting

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

ALL: *Amen.*

Presider: The Lord be with you.

ALL: *And with your spirit.*

Penitential Act

Presider: Brothers and sisters,
let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves
to celebrate the sacred mysteries

ALL: *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
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.*

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

ALL: Amen.

Mass XVI, Chant, Mode III

Ký - ri - e e - lé - i - son. Ký - ri - e e - lé - i - son.

Chri - ste e - lé - i - son. Chri - ste e - lé - i - son.

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Collect

Presider: ... one God forever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 9:1-20

Saul, still breathing murderous threats against the disciples of the Lord,
went to the high priest and asked him
for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, that,
if he should find any men or women who belonged to the Way,
he might bring them back to Jerusalem in chains.
On his journey, as he was nearing Damascus,
a light from the sky suddenly flashed around him.
He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him,
"Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"
He said, "Who are you, sir?"
The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.
Now get up and go into the city and you will be told what you must do."
The men who were traveling with him stood speechless,
for they heard the voice but could see no one.
Saul got up from the ground,
but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing;
so they led him by the hand and brought him to Damascus.
For three days he was unable to see, and he neither ate nor drank.

There was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias,
and the Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias."
He answered, "Here I am, Lord."
The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight
and ask at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus named Saul.
He is there praying,
and in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias
come in and lay his hands on him,
that he may regain his sight."
But Ananias replied,
"Lord, I have heard from many sources about this man,
what evil things he has done to your holy ones in Jerusalem.
And here he has authority from the chief priests
to imprison all who call upon your name."
But the Lord said to him,
"Go, for this man is a chosen instrument of mine
to carry my name before Gentiles, kings, and children of Israel,
and I will show him what he will have to suffer for my name."
So Ananias went and entered the house;
laying his hands on him, he said,
"Saul, my brother, the Lord has sent me,
Jesus who appeared to you on the way by which you came,
that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

Immediately things like scales fell from his eyes
and he regained his sight.
He got up and was baptized,
and when he had eaten, he recovered his strength.

He stayed some days with the disciples in Damascus,
and he began at once to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues,
that he is the Son of God.

Lector: Palabra de Dios

ALL: *Te alabamos, Señor.*

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117: 1bc, 2

Salmo 116/Psalm 117: "Vayan por todo el mundo /
Go Out to All the World" — FRANCESCA LaROSA



Refrain translation: Go out to all the world and tell the good news.

Vs. 1: Praise the LORD, all you nations; glorify him, all you peoples!

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Gospel Acclamation

Festival Alleluia — JAMES CHEPPONIS



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Presider: A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John.

ALL: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Gospel

John 6:52-59

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: *Praise to You, Lord, Jesus Christ.*

Homily

The Universal Prayer

Risen Lord – LENA GOKELMAN



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For the Church/Por la Iglesia: That the Church may continue to make Jesus known to the world through words of hope and works of love.

We pray to the Lord. **TODOS/ALL: Risen Lord...**

For World Leaders/Por los líderes del mundo: Para que los líderes del mundo cooperen los unos con los otros para buscar la paz y promover el bien común.

Roguemos al Señor. **TODOS/ALL: Risen Lord...**

For those who minister in the Church/Por los ministros de la Iglesia: That bishops, priest, deacons, and lay men and women may never fail to proclaim the Gospel, even in the face of adversity.

We pray to the Lord. **TODOS/ALL: Risen Lord...**

For the Poor/Por los pobres: Para que nuestro amor se manifieste en acciones concretas, visitando a los enfermos, dando de comer a los hambrientos y protegiendo a los no-nacidos.

Roguemos al Señor. **TODOS/ALL: Risen Lord...**

For our Graduates/Por nuestros graduados: That our University of the Incarnate Word graduates take with them a profound respect for the dignity of the human person in every field of work they pursue.

We pray to the Lord. **TODOS/ALL: Óyenos, Señor...**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation of the Gifts

Drawn to You

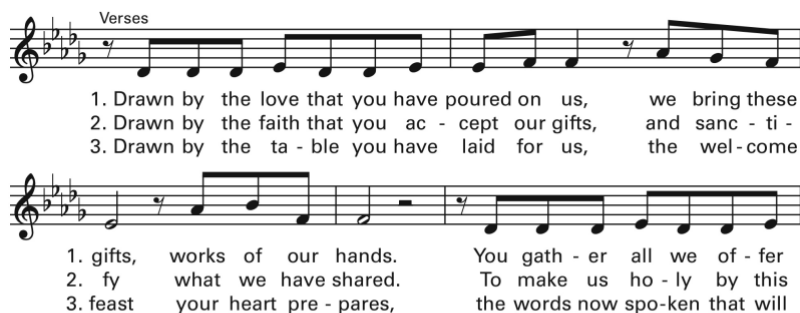
— SARAH HART

Refrain



Drawn to you, Lord, we are drawn to you, to the
beau-ty of your pres-ence in this place. Here for you, God, we are
here for you as the gifts we bring be-come a feast of
grace. We are drawn to you.

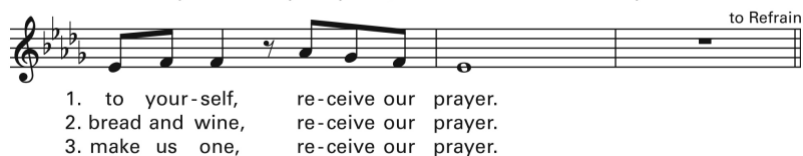
Verses



1. Drawn by the love that you have poured on us, we bring these
2. Drawn by the faith that you ac - cept our gifts, and sanc - ti -
3. Drawn by the ta - ble you have laid for us, the wel - come

1. gifts, works of our hands. You gath - er all we of - fer
2. fy what we have shared. To make us ho - ly by this
3. feast your heart pre - pares, the words now spo-ken that will

to Refrain



1. to your-self, re-ceive our prayer.
2. bread and wine, re-ceive our prayer.
3. make us one, re-ceive our prayer.

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

ALL: *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

Presider: ... one God forever and ever.

ALL: Amen.



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Preface Dialogue

PRESIDER: The Lord be with you.

ALL: *And with your spirit.*

PRESIDER: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

ALL: *It is right and just.*

Preface Acclamation

Mass of Renewal

— WILLIAM GOKELMAN/DAVID KAUFFMAN

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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of
f

hosts. Heav-en and earth are full, full of your
mf

glo - ry. Ho - san - na, Ho -
f

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
mf

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
f

- na, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san -
ff

- na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.
rit.

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Mystery of Faith

Mass of Renewal

— WILLIAM GOKELMAN/DAVID KAUFFMAN

President: The mys-ter-y of faith. *ALL:* We pro-claim your

Opt. I ♪
Opt. II When we eat this Bread and
→ Opt. III ♪ Save us, Sav-ior

Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion,
drink this Cup, we pro-claim your Death, O Lord,
of the world, for by your Cross and Res-ur-rec-tion,

1. un-til you come a - gain. ♪ gain.
un-til you come a - gain. When we gain.
♪ you have set us free. ♪ free.

2. ♪

Amen

Mass of Renewal

— WILLIAM GOKELMAN/DAVID KAUFFMAN

ALL:
(Priest intones) A - men, A - men,

A - men, A - men, A - men!



The Lord's Prayer (RECITED)

(All:)

*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.*

(Todos:)

*Padre nuestro, que estás en el
cielo, santificado sea tu nombre;
venga a nosotros tu reino; hágase
tu voluntad en la tierra
como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada
día; perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros
perdonamos a los que nos
ofenden; no nos dejes caer en la
tentación, y libranos del mal,*

Presider: ... of our Savior, Jesus Christ

(All:)

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

(Todos:)

*Tuyo es el reino,
tuyo la poder y la gloria,
por siempre, Señor.*

Sign of Peace

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

ALL: *And with your spirit.*

Lamb of God

Misa Santa Fe

— MARY FRANCES REZA

Sung in Spanish



1-3. Cor - de - ro de Dios, que qui-tas el pe - ca - do del mun-do,
1-3. ♪ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,

1, 2. ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ♪ ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.
3. ♪ da - nos la paz, ♪ da - nos la paz.

1, 2. have mer - cy on us, ♪ have mer - cy on us.
3. ♪ grant us peace, ♪ grant us peace.

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

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

Communion Hymn

See What You Are

— DAVID KAUFFMAN

REFRAIN



See what you are, be-come what you eat, we are the bo-dy of



Christ.____ Blessed and then bro-ken, shared by us all so that



we be - come_ Christ's pre - sence,____ to God's peo - ple.____

VERSES

1. Take and eat, take and eat, this is the bread of life,
 take and drink, take and drink; this is the cup of salvation.
2. Grain from the field, fruit from the vine, become our gifts to you.
 Now comes this meal, into our lives, so we become gift to others.
3. Here is our prayer, Lord hear our prayer, as we share in this meal
 may all that you are, become in us, so that your love lives forever.

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Ubi Caritas – BOB HURD

Refrain



[Translation: Where there is true charity: God is there.]

Verse 1

The Love of Christ joins us together. Let us rejoice in him,
and in our love and care for all now love God in return. (TO REFRAIN)

Verse 2

Reunidos y alimentados, ya libres del rencor,
vivamos nuestra comunión en Cristo, Salvador. (TO REFRAIN)

*[Translation: In true communion let us gather. May all divisions cease
and in their place be Christ the Lord, our risen Prince of Peace.]*

Verse 3

May we who gather at this table to share the bread of life
become a sacrament of love, you healing touch, O Christ. (TO REFRAIN)

Verse 4

Y para los necesitados de amor y de bondad
seamos la esperanza, justicia y paz. (TO REFRAIN)

*[Translation: For those in need make us your mercy, for those oppressed, your
might. Make us, your Church, a holy sign of justice and new life.]*

Verse 5

May we one day behold your glory and see you face to face,
rejoicing with the saints of God to sing eternal praise. (TO REFRAIN)

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Blessing of the Graduates

May God Bless and Keep You

— CHRISTOPHER WALKER



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Concluding Rites

Final Blessing and Dismissal

Presider: The Lord be with you.

ALL: *And with your spirit.*

Presider: May almighty God bless you,
the Father, Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

ALL: *Amen.*

Presider: "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life"
(or a similar option is used)

ALL: *Thanks be to God*

Recessional

Hymn to the Incarnate Word

— SR. INFANT JESUS

Verse 1

Come join your prayerful voices and sing with sweet accord.
A hymn of love and worship, "Praised be the Incarnate Word!"
Thus may we sing forever at God's eternal throne,
this hymn of love triumphant, "Praised be the Incarnate Word!"

Verse 2

Receive, Oh sweet Child Jesus the love we offer thee.
Our hearts, our souls, our lives, may yours forever be.
Let ev'ry thought, word, action, in fervent hearts be stirred,
with zeal for thy great glory, Oh great Incarnate Word.

Verse 3

Oh Jesus, Word Incarnate, accept our homage meet.
Our daily consecration we lay at thy dear feet.
We've chosen thee for model our King and Loving Lord,
Oh keep us loyal ever, to thee, great Incarnate Word.

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Building Up the Kingdom – M. ROGER HOLLAND II

Verses



1. My hands are your hands, to pray and
 2. My feet are your feet, to go where
 3. My tongue is your tongue, to speak your ho -



to serve, to do works of jus -
 you please, 7 clothed in your right-
 ly word, 7 spread - ing the gos -



tice, to heal where there is hurt, to
 eous - ness with the gos - pel of peace. I'll
 pel, to bless and not curse, to



touch the un - touch - a - ble as God did in the flesh.
 run and not get wear - y, 7 walk and not faint,
 sing with the an - gels, their song from a - bove.



Great - er works you said we'll do, if
 strength - ened by your Spir - it to
 I ded - i - cate my life to you, an



in your name we'll ask.
 run this Chris - tian race. I wan - na be
 of - fer - ing of love.

Refrain



used for the build - ing up of the king - dom of God;



keep my hand on the gos - pel plow, nev - er gon - na stop.

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I wan - na be used for the build - ing up of the
king - dom of God. I'm gon - na build it up un -
til I get home.
home. I wan - na be
Coda
God. Ain't gon - na stop, nev - er, nev - er nev - er stop.
Ain't gon - na stop, nev - er gon - na stop, no!
Ain't gon - na stop, nev - er gon - na stop, un - til I get home.

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GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

On November 14, 1996, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops approved the following guidelines on the reception of Communion. These guidelines replace the guidelines approved by the Administrative Committee of the NCCB in November 1986. The guidelines, which are to be included in missalettes and other participation aids published in the United States, seek to remind all those who may attend Catholic liturgies of the present discipline of the Church with regard to the sharing of Eucharistic 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 one-ness 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.



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