

**Church of the Little Flower**  
Berkeley Heights, NJ



**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
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# THE TIME OF FULFILLMENT: A LENTEN GATHERING RITE

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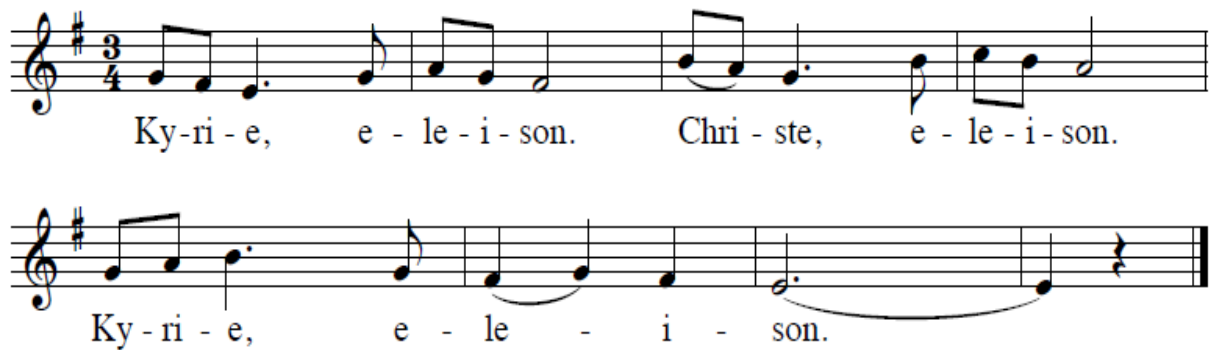
## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Repeat refrain after cantor/choir and following the verse*



This is the time of ful - fill - ment! The  
reign of God is at hand!

## KYRIE ELEISON



Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, e - le - i - son.  
Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

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**First Reading**  
**Ezekial 37: 12-14**

Thus says the Lord GOD: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

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

## Responsorial Psalm

### PSALM 130: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A



**R. With the Lord there is mer-cy and full-ness of re-demp-tion.**

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Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;  
LORD, hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive  
to my voice in supplication.

**R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

If you, O LORD, mark iniquities,  
LORD, who can stand?  
But with you is forgiveness,  
that you may be revered.

**R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

I trust in the LORD;  
my soul trusts in his word.  
More than sentinels wait for the dawn,  
let Israel wait for the LORD.

**R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

For with the LORD is kindness  
and with him is plenteous redemption;  
And he will redeem Israel  
from all their iniquities.

**R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

**Second Reading**  
**Romans 8: 8-11**

Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.

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

## LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION NO. IX-A



**R. Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, King of end - less glo - ry!**

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**Gospel**  
**John 11: 1-45**

Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill. So the sisters sent word to him saying, “Master, the one you love is ill.” When Jesus heard this he said, “This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, “Let us go back to Judea.” The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?” Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in a day? If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.” He said this, and then told them, “Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him.” So the disciples said to him, “Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved.” But Jesus was talking about his death, while they thought that he meant ordinary sleep. So then Jesus said to them clearly, “Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him.” So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go to die with him.”

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to

comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise.” Martha said to him, “I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, “The teacher is here and is asking for you.” As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and went to him. For Jesus had not yet come into the village but was still where Martha had met him. So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw Mary get up quickly and go out, they followed her, presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Sir, come and see.” And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him.” But some of them said, “Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?”

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the



dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

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

## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body  
and life everlasting.  
Amen.

# 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.



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

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

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


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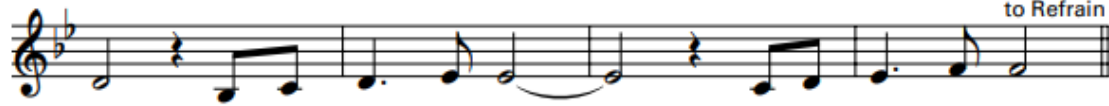
Verse 3



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

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

4

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

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one flat) and 3/4 time. The first staff begins with a four-measure rest. The lyrics are: "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. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The score ends with a double bar line.

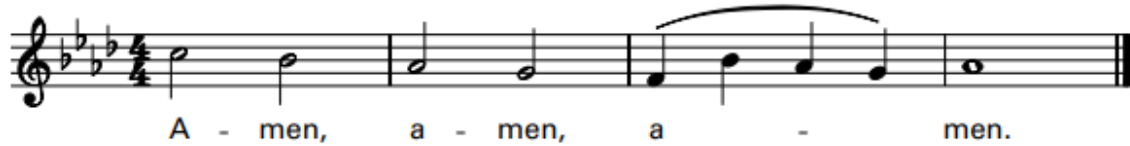
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## Mystery of Faith

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death Oh  
Lord, until you come again

### DANISH AMEN

Traditional Danish



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

### AGNUS DEI XVIII



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

Text and music: Chant; *Graduale Romanum*, 1974.

# I, THE LORD

Tom Kendzia

**Refrain**



I, the Lord, am with you, al - ways by your side.  
Come and take my hand, for I will lead you home. Fol-low  
me, fol-low me.

1, 2  
2 to Verses

**Final**



Fol-low me, fol-low me.

**Verse 1**



1. I am the res - ur - rec-tion, and I am the life; if  
1. you be-lieve in me, you shall live for - ev - er.

to Refrain

**Verse 2**



2. You shall have new life and live it to the full.  
2. Turn your sor-row in - to joy, for life has just be - gun.

to Refrain

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### **Spiritual Communion Prayer**

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present  
in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

**AMEN.**





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# I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE YO SOY EL PAN DE VIDA

Based on John 6 and 11  
Spanish Tr. Anon., rev. Ronald F. Krisman

BREAD OF LIFE  
Words and Music by  
Suzanne Toolan, RSM

## Verses / Estrofas



1. †	I am the Bread of Life.	You who
2.	The bread that I will give	is my
3.	Un - less you eat	of the
4. †	I am the Res - ur - rec - tion,	
5. †	Yes, Lord, we be - lieve	that
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1. †	Yo soy el Pan de Vi - da.	A mí
2.	El pan que yo da - ré	es mi
3. †	Si us - te - des no co - men	la
4.	Yo soy la Re - su - rrec - ción,	
5. †	Sí, Se - ñor, cre - e - mos	que



come to me shall	not hun - ger;	and who be -
flesh for the life	of the world,	and if you
flesh of the Son	of Man	and
I am the Life.		If you be -
you are the Christ,		the
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ven - gan: no ten - drán	ham - bre.	En mí
car - ne, la vi - da del mun - do.		Los que
car - ne del Hi - jo del Hom - bre,		y no
yo soy la Vi - da.		Si en
tú e - res el Me - sí - as,		el



lieve in me shall	not	thirst.
eat of this		bread,
drink of his		blood, and
lieve in		me,
Son of		God,
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cre - an: no ten - drán		sed.
co - men de es - te		pan
be - ben de su		san - gre, no
mí us - te - des		cre - en,
Hi - jo de		Dios, que

No one can come to me un -  
 you shall live for ev - er,  
 drink of his blood, you  
 e - ven though you die,  
 who has come in -  
*Na - die vie - ne a mí si mi*  
*vi - vi - rán por siem - pre,*  
*be - ben - de su san - gre, no po -*  
*aun - que ha - yan muer - to,*  
*has ve - ni - do al mun - do*

less the Fa - ther beck - ons.  
 you shall live for ev - er.  
 shall not have life with - in you.  
 you shall live for ev - er.  
 to the world.  
*Pa - dre no lo a - tra - e.*  
*vi - vi - rán por siem - pre.*  
*drán te - ner mi vi - da.*  
*vi - vi - rán por siem - pre.*  
*pa - ra re - di - mir - nos.*

**Refrain / Estribillo**

And I will raise you up, and I will  
*Yo los re - su - ci - ta - ré, yo los re -*  
 raise you up, and I will raise you  
*su - ci - ta - ré, yo los re - su - ci - ta -*  
 up on the last day.  
*ré en el dí - a fi - nal.*

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