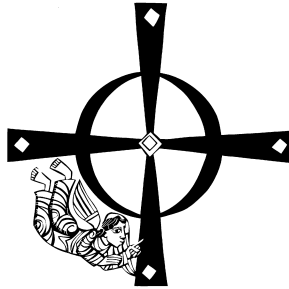


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**THE PARISH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
IN THE CITY OF HARRISON, OHIO

*Friday, December 22, 2023 ❖ 11:00AM*

*We gather in the sure and certain hope of the eternal life promised by Christ. All that you will need to participate fully in song and response may be found in this worship aid booklet. As the ministers come out from the sacristy, please stand and face the rear of the church for the beginning of our liturgy.*

**GATHERING RITE**

**GREETING**

The grace and peace of God the Father, who raised Jesus from the dead, be with you all.  
**R/. And with your spirit.**

**SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER**

Verses:



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my  
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my  
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin  
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them.  
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them.

My hand will save I, who made the  
 They turn a - way. I will break their  
 My hand will save. Fin - est bread I

stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.  
 hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 will pro - vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain:



Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord? I have heard you  
 call - ing in the night. I will go Lord, if you



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Tune: Dan Schutte, b. 1947; arr. by Michael Pope, SJ, and John Weissrock  
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OPENING PRAYER (*Following the prayer all are seated.*)

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING:

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

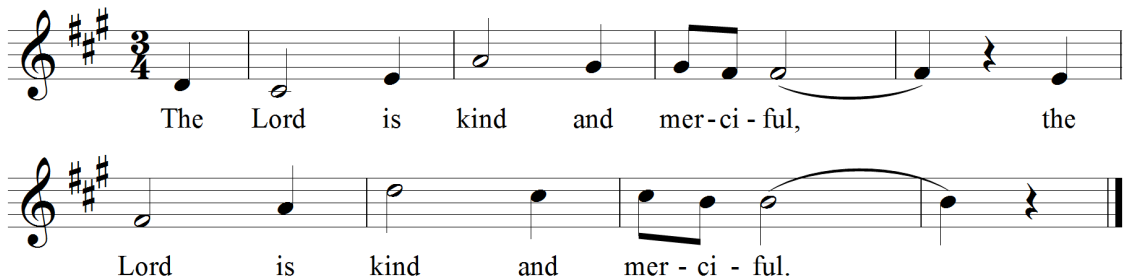
*The woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.*

The word of the Lord.

**R/. Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 103: The Lord Is Kind and Merciful*

Haugen



SECOND READING:

2 TIM 4:6-8

*I have finished the race. I have kept the faith.*

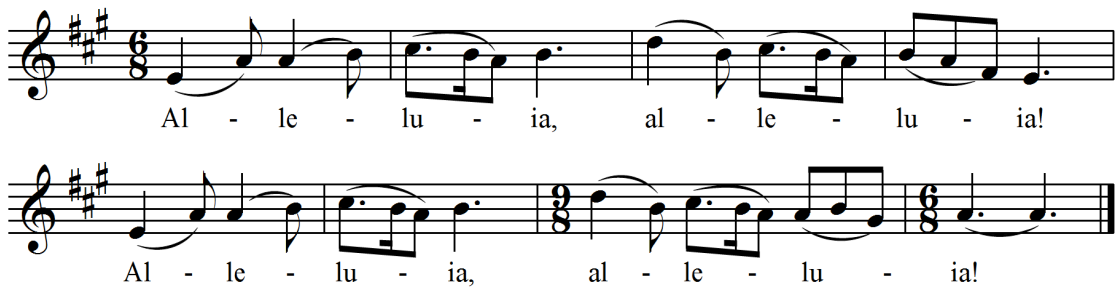
The word of the Lord.

**R/. Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Please stand.*)

*Celtic Alleluia*

Walker



The Lord be with you.  
R/. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.  
R/. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL READING

John 14: 1-6

*In my Father's house there are many dwellings.*

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

HOMILY (*Please be seated.*)

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS (*Please stand.*)

*To each petition the assembly responds: Lord, hear our prayer.*

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF GIFTS—*Instrumental: Be Not Afraid* (Dufford) (*Please be seated.*)

INVITATION TO PRAYER (*Please stand.*)

Pray Brothers & Sisters... the almighty father.  
R/. **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.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### PREFACE DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

R/. **And with your spirit.**

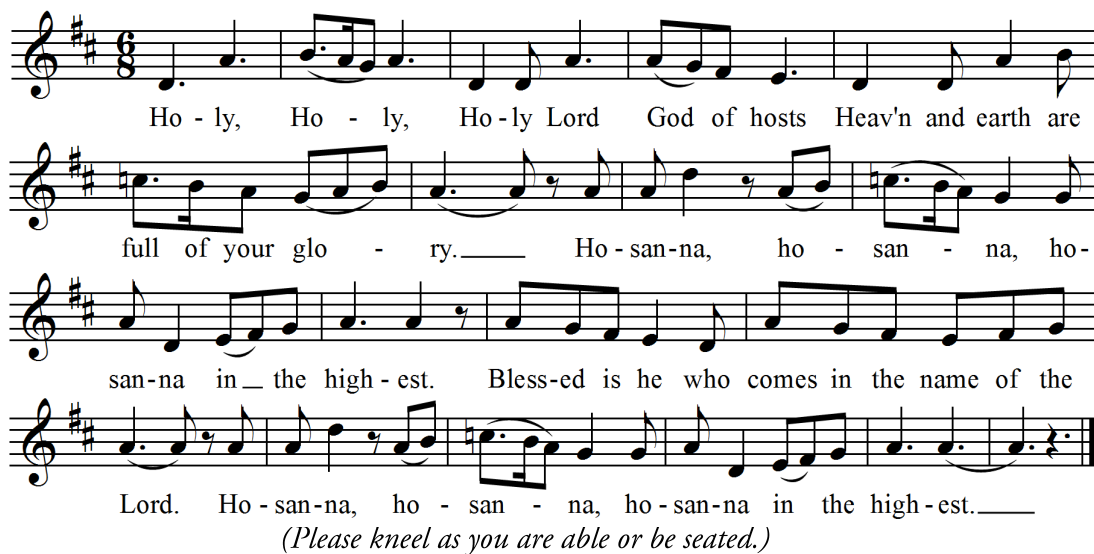
Lift up your hearts.

R/. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R/. **It is right and just.**

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts Heav'n and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. — Ho - san-na, ho - san - na, ho -  
san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san-na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. —  
*(Please kneel as you are able or be seated.)*

### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -



## GREAT AMEN



## COMMUNION RITE *(Please stand.)*

### OUR FATHER

### SIGN OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
R/. And with your spirit.

### LAMB OF GOD

*Cantor; All repeat*



### Last time

*Cantor; All repeat*



*Cantor; All repeat*



INVITATION TO COMMUNION (*Please kneel as you are able or be seated.*)

Behold the Lamb of God... Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

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

*Believing that the reception of Communion is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united ordinarily do not receive Holy Communion.*

*Because Communion is a commitment to living fully in Christ, Catholics who are conscious of grave sin do not participate in Communion without prior sacramental confession unless there is no opportunity for confession.*

*Anyone not receiving Communion is welcome to come forward for a blessing by crossing their arms over their chest.*

COMMUNION SONG: *On Eagle's Wings*

Joncas

Verse 1:

1. You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -

bide in his shad-ow for life, say to the Lord: "My

ref - gue, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain:

And he will raise you up on ea - gle's wings, bear you on the  
 breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and  
 hold you in the palm of his hand. 2. The


Verse 2:

snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, and  
 fam - ine will bring you no fear: un - der his wings your  
 ref - uge, his faith - ful - ness your shield. (to Refrain)

Verse 3:

3. You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, nor the






ar - row that flies by day; though thou - sands fall a -  
bout you, near you it shall not come. *(to Refrain)*

Verse 4:



4. For to his an - gels he's giv - en a com - mand to  
guard you in all of your ways; u - pon their hands they will  
bear your up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone. *(to Refrain)*

⊕ Coda



And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

Text: Psalm 91; Michael Joncas, b.1951

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(Please Stand)*

## FINAL COMMENDATION

INVITATION TO PRAYER

SONG OF FAREWELL

*As the smoke of the burning incense rises to the heavens, so too do our prayers rise to the heavens. (Based on Ps. 141)*

Congregational Response:



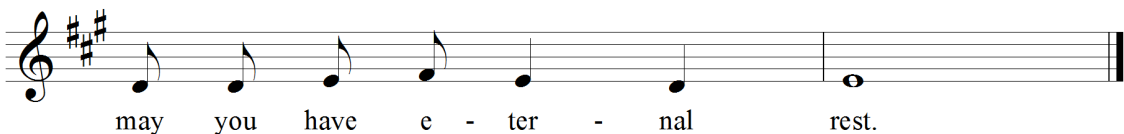
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## PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

*Sung by cantor and then by all*



Cantor: May the choir of angels welcome you where Lazarus is poor no longer, may you have eternal rest, (*All sing:*)



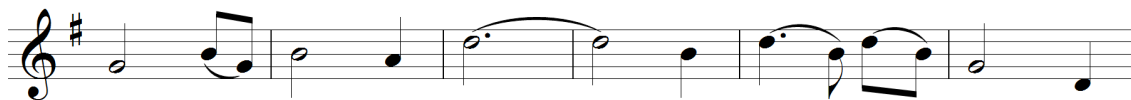
*All sing "May the angels lead you into paradise..."*

Cantor: may you have eternal rest, (*All repeat:*)

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1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, That  
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And  
 3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
 4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
 5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



1. saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 2. grace my fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that  
 3. word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
 4. have al - read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me  
 5. shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



1. now am found; Was blind, but now I see.  
 2. grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!  
 3. por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
 4. safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.  
 5. sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: Sts. 1–4, John Newton, 1725–1807; st. 5, attr. to John Rees, fl.1859

Tune: NEW BRITAIN, CM; Virginia Harmony, 1831; harm. by Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921



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