

**MASS OF THANKSGIVING AND
GRADUATION CEREMONY
FOR THE 2025 EIGHTH GRADE CLASS
OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**



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

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PRELUDE: *Improvisation on THAXTED*

ORDER OF MASS

GATHERING RITE

GATHERING: *O God, Beyond All Praising*

THAXTED



1. O God, be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day and
2. The flow'r of earth - ly splen-dor in time must sure - ly die, its
3. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring, that



sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay; for
frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord most high; but
we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King; and



we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send, at
hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown though
wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill, we'll



bles - sings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end: we
small in mor - tal stat - ure, to heav-en's gar - den grown: for
tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to praise you still: to



lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - pon your word, we
Christ the man from heav - en from death has set us free, and
mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways, and



hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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Tune: THAXTED, 13 13 13 13 13 13 13; Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING

PENITENTIAL ACT

Presider:

All:

Lord, have mercy... Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy... Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy... Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT

(Following the prayer all are seated.)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING:

Philippians 3:12-14

Our pursuit of perfection in Christ is a lifelong goal.

The word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 98 The Lord has revealed to the nations*

Guimont



The Lord has re-vealed to the na - tions his sav - ing pow'r, his sav - ing pow'r.

Text: Verses, *The Abbey Psalms and Canticles*, © 2018, 2010, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. Refrain:
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Mass of Wisdom*

Janco



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GOSPEL DIALOG

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

Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus teaches his followers that they are to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

SIT

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

STAND

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF GIFTS: *Ave Maria*

Kantor

1. Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among all women, blest is the fruit of your womb.

Refrain:

Je - sus, formed in your faith, A - ve Ma - ri - a, al - le - lu -
ia. Je - sus, born in your love, A - ve Ma -
ri - a, al - le - lu - ia.

2. Holy Mary mother of God, the Lord is with you. Pray for us sinners, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

Text: Hail Mary; additional text by Dan Kantor, b.1960, © 1993, GIA Publications, Inc.

INVITATION TO PRAYER

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 DIALOG

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: *Mass of Wisdom*

Janco

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav-en 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.

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION: *Mass of Wisdom*

Janco

Save us, Sa - vior of the world, for by your Cross and

Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

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GREAT AMEN: *Mass of Wisdom*

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COMMUNION RITE

STAND

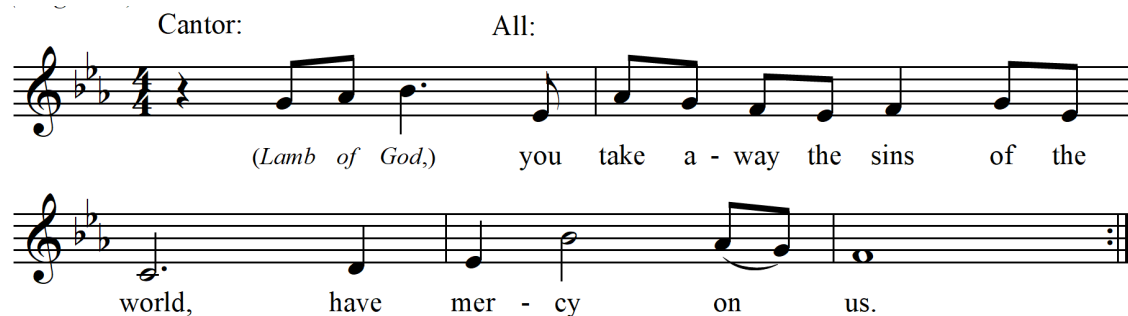
THE LORD'S PRAYER

SIGN OF PEACE

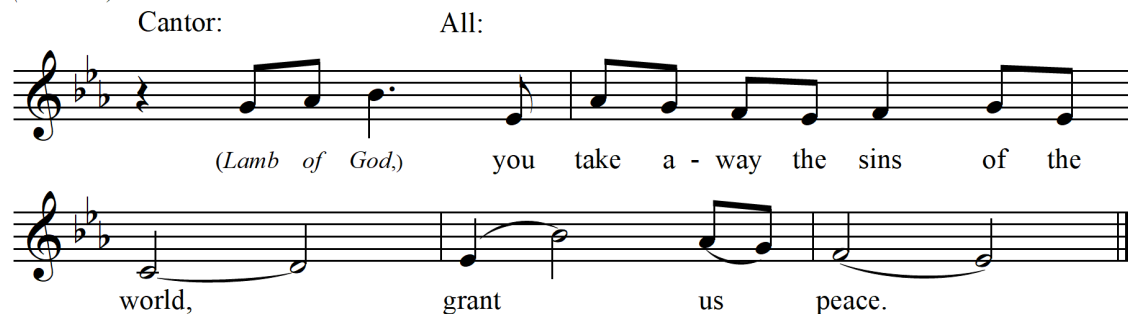
The peace of the Lord be with you all.
R/. And with your spirit.

LAMB OF GOD: *Mass of Wisdom*

Janco



(last time)



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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.

COMMUNION SONG: *Ubi Caritas*

Hurd

Refrain:



U - bi ca - ri - tas est ve - ra, est ve - ra:
De - us i - bi est, De - us i - bi est.

Verses:



1. The love of Christ joins us to - geth-er. Let us re - joice in
2. In true com - mu - nion let us gath-er. May all di - vi - sions
3. May we who gath - er at this ta - ble to share the bread of
4. For those in need make us your mer-cy, for those op - pressed, your
5. May we one day be - hold your glo - ry and see you face to
him, and in our love and care for all now
cease and in their place be Christ the Lord, our
life be - come a sac - ra - ment of love, your
might. Make us, your Church, a ho - ly sign of
face, re - joic - ing with the saints of God to





love God in re - turn.
ris - en Prince of Peace.
heal - ing touch, O Christ.
jus - tice and new life.
sing e - ter - nal praise.

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Refrain Translation: Where there is true charity, God is present.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

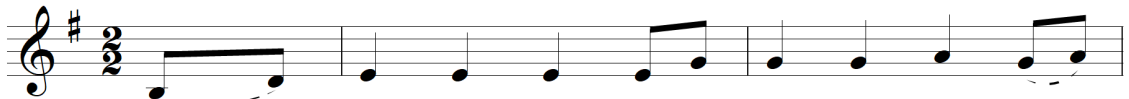
CONCLUDING RITE

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

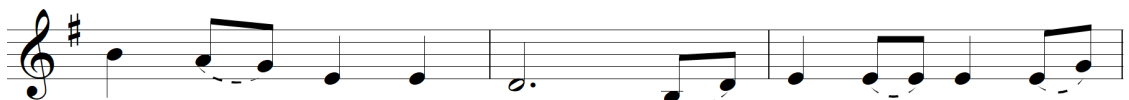
SENDING FORTH: *Canticle of the Turning*

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

Verses:



1. My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2. Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, And my spir - it sings of the
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing graps. This



fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
sav - ing word that our fore - bearers heard is the

weak - ness you did not spurn. So from east to west shall my
prom - ise which holds us bound, 'Til the spear and rod can be

name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain:

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the

fires of you jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the

dawn draws near, And the world is a - bout to turn!

Text: Luke 1:46-58; Rory Cooney, b. 1952

Tune: STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN, Irregular with refrain; Irish melody; arr. by Rory Cooney, b. 1952

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