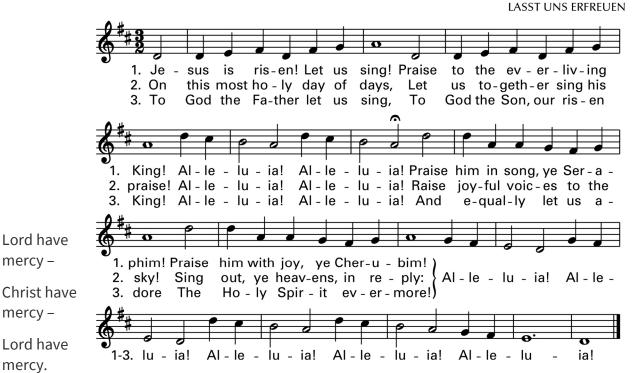


# *Welcome to* Holy Martyrs Catholic Church *May 4, 2025 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter*

In today's readings, the tension that comes from the apostles' response to Christ's call to follow him and shepherd his flock is palpable. On the one hand, the testimony of his resurrection led them to severe punishment while, on the other hand, the communion of love they experienced at the eucharistic banquet gave them everlasting sustenance and joy. In today's Gospel, Saint John presents us with the beautiful dialogue between Christ and Peter during which Peter affirms his love for the Lord and the Lord understands that this love will grow and mature over time as Peter shepherds his flock. All these texts can help those who will be receiving holy orders this year reflect. They can also help their communities. What motivates their desire to be missionaries in today's world? How can the communities that will become their new families show their love for their new family member? Embracing sacrifice in order to serve others should become their primary source of motivation.

**JESUS IS RISEN** 



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ACTS Chapter 5 Verses 27-32, 40-41 When the captain and the court officers had brought the apostles in and made them stand before the Sanhedrin, the high priest questioned them, "We gave you strict orders, did we not, to stop teaching in that name? Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and want to bring this man's blood upon us." But Peter and the apostles said in reply, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our ancestors raised Jesus, though you had him killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins. We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The Sanhedrin ordered the apostles to stop speaking in the name of Jesus, and dismissed them. So they left the presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

We respond with a refrain

# PSALM

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Verses 2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13



At nightfall, weeping enters in, but with the dawn, rejoicing.

R.

Hear, O LORD, and have pity on me; O LORD, be my helper. You changed my mourning into dancing; O LORD, my God, forever will I give you thanks.

R.

# REVELATION

who surrounded the throne and the living creatures and the elders. They were countless in number, and they cried out in a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing." Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, everything in the universe, cry out: "To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever." The four living creatures answered, "Amen, " and the elders fell down and worshiped.

I, John, looked and heard the voices of many angels

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**Chapter 5** 

Verses 11-14



Christ is risen, creator of all; he has shown pity on all people.

The Lord be with you. And with your Spirit.

JOHN Chapter 21 Verses: 1-19

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

At that time, Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way. Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We also will come with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the

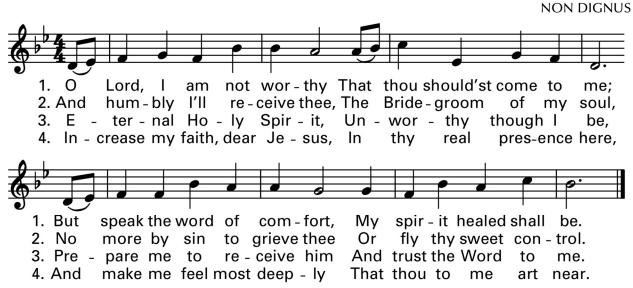
net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to eter, "It is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." He then said to Simon Peter a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." Jesus said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me."

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

# Homily \* Prayers Of The People

# 9:30 Choir Anthem "If You Love Me"......Purifoy



O LORD, I AM NOT WORTHY

Text: 76 76; based on Matthew 8:8; O Herr, ich bin nicht würdig; Landshuter Gesangbuch, 1777; tr. Anon. Music Anon. in Catholic Youth Hymnal, 1871.

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father

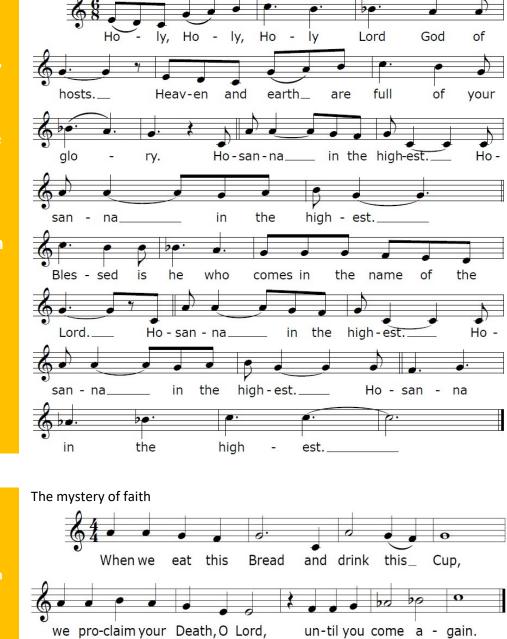
People: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church

#### The Lord be with you – And with your spirit. Lift up your hearts - We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God – It is right and just.

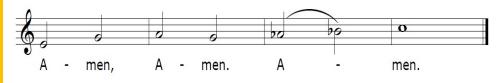
Before we sing the "Holy, Holy," the Priest, in the name of the whole of the whole of the holy people, glorifies God the Father in a prayer and gives thanks to God for the whole work of salvation.

As part of the

prayer, we



We respond to the entire Eucharistic prayer Through him, and with him, and in him, O God Almighty Father, in unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.



## **The Lord's Prayer**



Priest: 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.

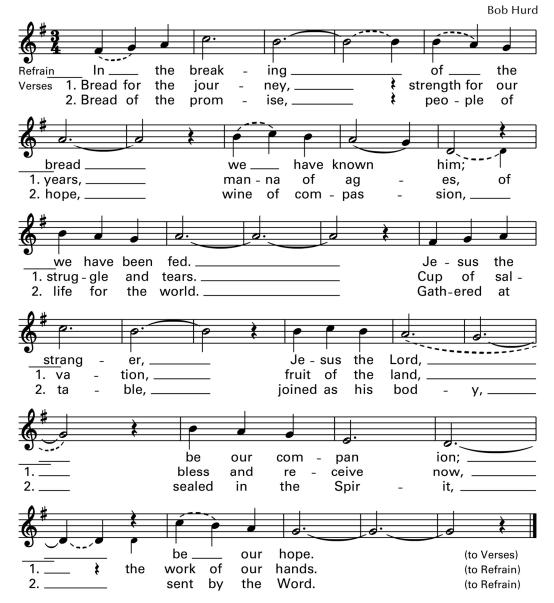
People: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

A prayer for all unable to physically be here today.

### Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. This music plays in the background as Eucharistic Ministers receive communion Tantum ergo Sacramentum Veneremur cernui: Et antiquum documentum Novo cedat ritui: Praestet fides supplementum Sensuum defectui.

Humbly let us voice our homage for so great a sacrament. Let all former rites surrender to the Lord's New Testament. What our senses fail to fathom, let us grasp through faith's consent



#### IN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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