



Welcome to
Holy Martyrs Catholic Church

July 26th, 2026
17th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Using three other parables about the kingdom of heaven, today's Gospel provides accounts of joyful discovery, each character making their discoveries in familiar places: A man finds treasure in his field, a merchant of pearls finds a unique pearl, and fishermen find themselves with nets so full of fish that they need to throw some back. Jesus announces that the kingdom of heaven is in our midst, but he also announces the consequences of those who reject it. Even so, the Father consistently promises and offers his abundant mercy and forgiveness; his recompense is true love and the freedom to love and care for others unconditionally. Such was the case with Solomon in the first reading, who was rewarded with many blessings because he did not ask for wealth or power, but simply for the wisdom of God. The parables of the kingdom, presented in segments as the Gospel texts for previous Sundays, must be seen as a whole .

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

ST. DENIO

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3. Life - giv - ing Cre - a - tor, of both great and small;
4. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

1. In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
2. Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, you rule day and night;
3. Of all life the mak - er, the true life of all;
4. Your an - gels a - dor - ing, all veil - ing their sight;

1. Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
2. Your jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
3. We blos - som, then with - er, as leaves on a tree,
4. We too, God in - vis - i - ble, of - fer our praise;

1. Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, your great name we praise.
2. Your clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
3. But you live for ev - er, who is and will be.
4. O light in - ac - ces - si - ble, An - cient of Days!

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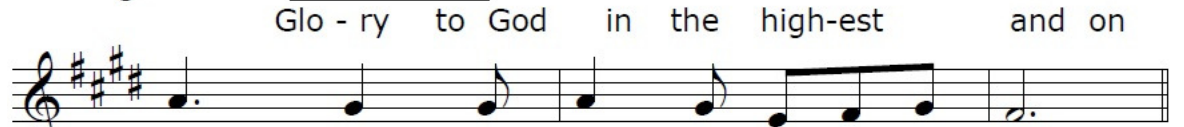
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Lord have mercy – Christ have mercy – Lord have mercy.

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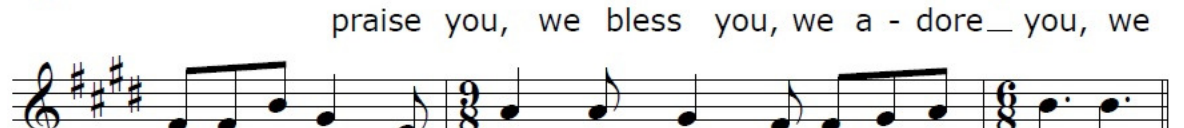
Glo - ry to God in the high-est and on



earth, peace to peo - ple of — good will.



praise you, we bless you, we a - dore — you, we

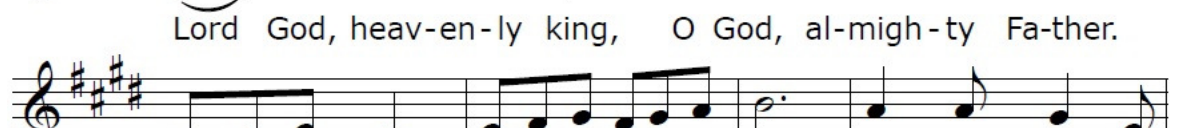


glo-ri - fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry.

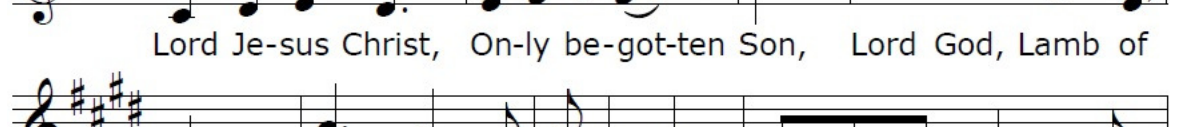
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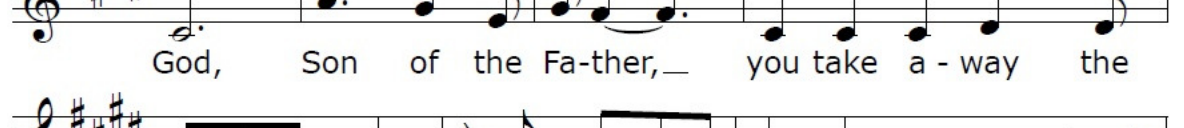
Lord God, heav-en-ly king, O God, al-migh-ty Fa-ther.



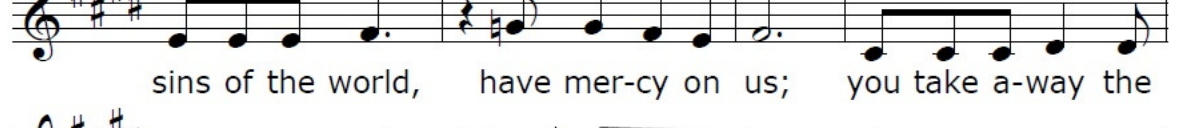
Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly be-got-ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of



God, Son of the Fa-ther, — you take a - way the



sins of the world, have mer-cy on us; you take a-way the



sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed



at the right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us.

(Refrain)



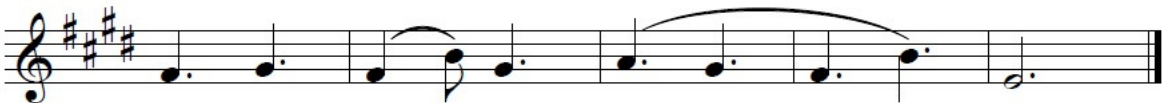
For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly



Spi-rit in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. *(Refrain)*



A - men. A - men. A - - - men.

Liturgy of the Word

*9:30am Children's
exit for the Word!*



Gath-er, gath-er, one and all. Gath-er, gath-er,
Go now, sent now, filled with God's grace. Go now, sent now,



hear the Lord's call. Chil-dren run joy-ful-ly,
in God's em-brace. Led by the Spi-rit to



the Lord is here. Our God is speak-ing for
live in God's Word. Shout from the moun-tain-tops



all to hear. Gath-er, gath-er, Good News to share.
'til all have heard. Go now, share now, God's Ho-ly Word!

1st KINGS

Chapter 3 Verses 5, 7-12

The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night.
God said, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you."
Solomon answered:
"O LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant, king
to succeed my father David;
but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act.
I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen,
a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted.
Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart
to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong.
For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?"

The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request.
So God said to him:
"Because you have asked for this—
not for a long life for yourself,
nor for riches,
nor for the life of your enemies,
but for understanding so that you may know what is right—
I do as you requested.
I give you a heart so wise and understanding
that there has never been anyone like you up to now,
and after you there will come no one to equal you."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

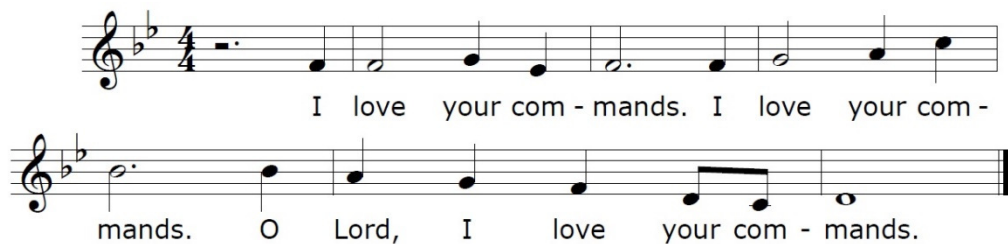
We
respond
to the 1st
reading
with

PSALM

119

Verses 57,
72, 76-77 ,
127-128, 129-
130

Music CPILG



*I have said, O LORD, that my part is to keep your words.
The law of your mouth is to me more precious
than thousands of gold and silver pieces.*

R.

*Let your kindness comfort me according to your promise to your servants.
Let your compassion come to me that I may live,
for your law is my delight.*

R.

*For I love your commands more than gold, however fine.
For in all your precepts I go forward; every false way I hate.*

R.

*Wonderful are your decrees; therefore I observe them.
The revelation of your words sheds light,
giving understanding to the simple.*

R.

ROMANS

Chapter 8 Vs 28-30

Brothers and sisters:

We know that all things work for good for those who love God,
who are called according to his purpose.

For those he foreknew he also predestined
to be conformed to the image of his Son,
so that he might be the firstborn
among many brothers and sisters.

And those he predestined he also called;
and those he called he also justified;
and those he justified he also glorified.

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

Our resurrection
acclamation as
we are about to
hear the Gospel
of the Lord!

Music CPILG



**Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.**

MATTHEW

**Ch. 13
vs 44-52**

The Lord be with you. **And with your Spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to MATTHEW.

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said to his disciples:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field,
which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that
he has and buys that field.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls.
When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and
buys it.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which
collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down
to put what is good into buckets.

What is bad they throw away.

Thus it will be at the end of the age.

The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous
and throw them into the fiery furnace,
where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

"Do you understand all these things?"

They answered, "Yes."

And he replied,

"Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven
is like the head of a household
who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."

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

Homily * Prayers of the People

9:30am Choir “A Servant In Your Heavenly House”

By Pepper Choplin

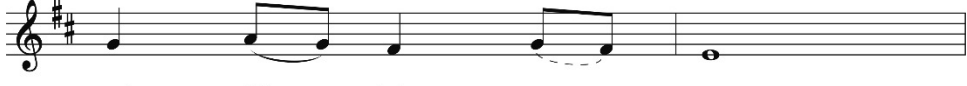
Seek Ye First

*1.



1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God
2. Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,
3. You do not live by bread a - lone,
4. Where two or three are gath - ered in my name,

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



and his right - eous - ness,
seek, and you shall find,
but by ev - 'ry word
there am I in their midst;

**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**



and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you;
knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you;
that comes forth from the mouth of God;
and what - so - ev - er you ask I will do;

The Lord be with you
– **And with your
spirit.**



Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

Lift up your hearts -
**We lift them up to
the Lord**

2. *Optional Refrain, Descant, or Canon:*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

Let us give thanks to
the Lord our God – **It
is right and just.**



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

**May be sung as a two-voice canon.*

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Before we sing the “Holy, Holy,” the Priest, in the name 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.

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts.
Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho-
san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
san - na, Ho-san - na, Ho san - na in the high - est.

As part of the Eucharistic prayer, we acclaim our faith together.

The mystery of faith

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-
fess your re-sur-rection un-til you come a-gain.

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.

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

The Lord's Prayer

**Agnus Dei qui
tollis peccata
mundi**

Miserere nobis

**Dona Nobis
Pacem**



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

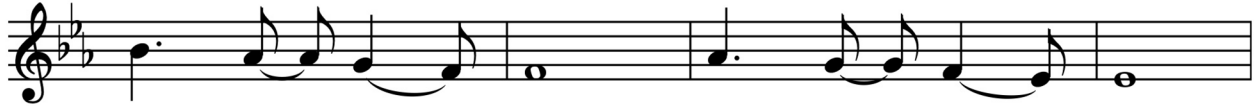
KING OF MY HEART

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Verses



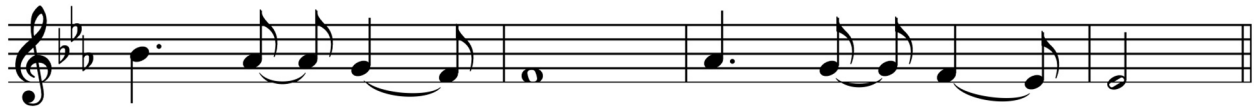
1. Fill me, I'm an emp - ty ves-sel; make me whole,
2. Bread of life, — blessed and bro-ken; make us whole,
3. Sa - cred cup of our sal - va-tion; make us whole,



1. king of my heart, king of my heart.
- 2, 3. king of our hearts, king of our hearts.



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2. Bread of life, — blessed and bro-ken; make us whole,
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1. king of my heart, king of my heart.
- 2, 3. king of our hearts, king of our hearts.

Refrain



You are Lord, Lord.



You are Lord and king { of my heart.
of our hearts.
of our hearts.

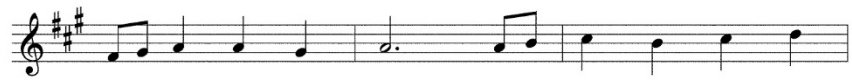
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1. "Go make of all dis - ci - ples:" We hear the call, O
2. "Go make of all dis - ci - ples:" Bap - tiz - ing in the
3. "Go make of all dis - ci - ples:" We at your feet would
4. "Go make of all dis - ci - ples:" We wel - come your com -



Lord, That comes from you, our Fa - ther, In
name Of Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it— From
stay Un - til each life's vo - ca - tion Ac -
mand; "Lo, I am with you al - ways:" We



your e - ter - nal Word. In - spire our ways of
age to age the same. We call each new dis -
ciple your ho - ly way. We cul - ti - vate the
take your guid - ing hand. The task looms large be -



learn - ing Through earn - est, fer - vent prayer, And
ci - ple To fol - low you, O Lord, Re -
na - ture God plants in ev - 'ry heart, Re -
fore us— We fol - low with - out fear. In



let our dai - ly liv - ing Re - veal you ev - 'ry-where.
deem - ing soul and bod - y By wa - ter and the Word.
veal - ing in our wit - ness The Mas - ter Teach - er's art.
heav'n and earth your pow - er Shall bring God's king - dom here.

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Congratulations Fr. Steve Dohner!!**