



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 7, 2025
Grandparents Day
INTRODUCTORY RITES



Gathering Song:

Canticle of the Sun

Refrain

The heav - ens are tell - ing the glo - ry of God,
and all cre - a - tion is shout - ing for joy. Come,
dance in the for - est, come, play in the field, and
sing, sing to the glo - ry of the Lord.

Verses

1. Praise for the sun, the bring - er of day, He car - ries the
2. Praise for the wind that blows through the trees, The seas might - y
3. Praise for the rain that wa - ters our fields, And bless - es our
4. Praise for the fire who gives us his light, The warmth of the
5. Praise for the earth who makes life to grow, The crea - tures you
6. Praise for our death that makes our life real, The knowl - edge of
light of the Lord in his rays; The moon and the stars who
storms, ⁂ the gen - tl - est breeze; They blow where they will, they
crops ⁂ so all the earth yields; From death un - to life her
sun ⁂ to bright - en our night; He danc - es with joy, his
made ⁂ to let your life show; The flow - ers and trees that
loss ⁂ that helps us to feel; The gift of your - self, your
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light up the way Un - to your throne.
blow where they please To please the Lord.
mys - t'ry re - vealed Springs forth in joy.
spir - it so bright, He sings of you.
help us to know The heart of love.
pres - ence re - vealed To lead us home.

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Sign of the Cross

Greeting

Act of Penitence

Gloria

Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est. Glo-ry!

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God, heav-en - ly King, O God, al - might-y 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. 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 Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est. Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will. A - men.

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Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1

Wisdom 9:13-18b

Who can know God's counsel,
or who can conceive what the LORD intends?
For the deliberations of mortals are timid,
and unsure are our plans.
For the corruptible body burdens the soul
and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many
concerns.
And scarce do we guess the things on earth,
and what is within our grasp we find with difficulty;
but when things are in heaven, who can search them out?
Or who ever knew your counsel, except you had given wisdom
and sent your holy spirit from on high?
And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight.
The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

PSALM 90: IN EVERY AGE

Timothy R. Smith



1. You return us to dust,
saying, "Return, O children, to earth."
For to you a thousand years
are like yesterday passed,
or as a watch of the night.
2. You sweep us away in a dream.
At dawn we are like morning grass
that rises to the morning sun,
then withers and fades.
3. Teach us to treasure our days.
Give wisdom to our hearts.
Return, O Lord, how long must we wait?
Pity your servants.
4. Fill our day-break with your love
that we may rejoice in song.
May your gracious eye watch over us
and the work of our hands.

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Reading 2 - Philemon 9-10, 12-17

I, Paul, an old man,
and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus,
urge you on behalf of my child Onesimus,
whose father I have become in my imprisonment;
I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you.
I should have liked to retain him for myself,
so that he might serve me on your behalf
in my imprisonment for the gospel,
but I did not want to do anything without your consent,
so that the good you do might not be forced but voluntary.
Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while,
that you might have him back forever,
no longer as a slave
but more than a slave, a brother,
beloved especially to me, but even more so to you,
as a man and in the Lord.
So if you regard me as a partner, welcome him as you would me.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation



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Priest or Deacon: The Lord be with you

All Respond: And with your spirit

Priest or Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel According to: Luke

*All Respond: (signing the cross on their forehead, lips and heart)
Glory to you, O Lord.*

Gospel -[Luke 14:25-33](#)

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus,
and he turned and addressed them,
“If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother,
wife and children, brothers and sisters,
and even his own life,
he cannot be my disciple.
Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me
cannot be my disciple.
Which of you wishing to construct a tower
does not first sit down and calculate the cost
to see if there is enough for its completion?
Otherwise, after laying the foundation
and finding himself unable to finish the work
the onlookers should laugh at him and say,
‘This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.’
Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down
and decide whether with ten thousand troops
he can successfully oppose another king
advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops?
But if not, while he is still far away,
he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms.
In the same way,
anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions
cannot be my disciple.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

All respond: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated
at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful)

Please respond: Lord hear our prayer

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation Song:

Seek Ye First

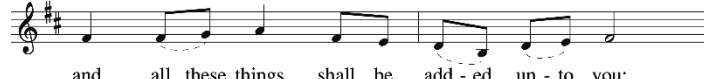
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1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God
2. Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,
3. You do not live by bread a - lone,
4. Where two or three are gath - ered in my name,



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



and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you;
and 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;



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

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Invitation to Pray

Pray my brothers and sisters ...

*Response: 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.*

Preface Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

Response: And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

Response: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Response: It is right and just.

Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Saint Ann

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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

The musical score is written on six staves in 6/8 time. The melody is in B-flat major. 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, ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Memorial Acclamation

Priest: Let us proclaim the Mystery of Faith:

All Sing:

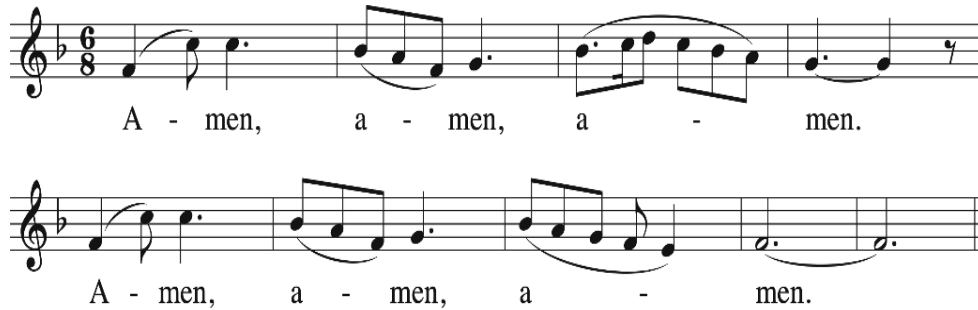
Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your
Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

The musical score is written on two staves in 4/4 time. The melody is in B-flat major. The lyrics are: Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

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AMEN



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The Lord's Prayer

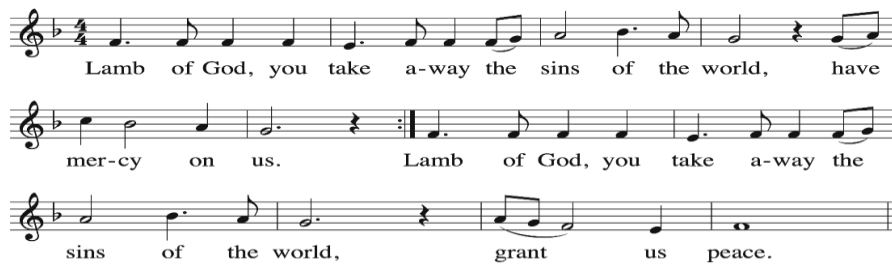
Sign of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Response: And with your Spirit

Breaking of the Bread

LAMB OF GOD



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Invitation to Communion

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.

*Response: 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:

Come to me (Gregory Norbet)

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Refrain

COME TO ME

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Weston Priory

Come to me, all who la-bor and are heav-y bur - dened, and
I shall give you rest. Take up my yoke and learn from
me, for I am meek and hum - ble of heart,
and you'll find rest for your souls. Yes, my
yoke is eas - y and my bur - den is
light.

Verses

1. You, God, are my shep-herd.
2. Be - side peace-ful wa - ters
3. Should I be sur-round-ed
4. Be - fore my deep hun - ger
5. Pur - sue me, O God, —

1. I shall nev - er be in need. Fresh and green are the
2. you re - store — my true self; There you lead me to
3. by the shad - ows of death, I will not fear, for
4. you spread out — your — feast. My — skin you a -
5. with your fath - om - less love. In your tent let me

mead-ows where you give me — rest.
walk — in the path of new life.
you are stead-fast in your — love.
noint — with the rich - est of oil.
dwell — all the days of my life.

to Refrain

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Post Communion Prayer

CONCLUDING RITES

Announcements

Blessing of Grandparents

Final Blessing

Dismissal

12 noon Novena to Filipino Martyrs follows

Sending Song:

STAND BY ME

Tom Kendzia

Verses

1. When the storms of life are rag-ing, Lord, stand by
2. In the midst of per - se - cu - tion, Lord, stand by

1. me. When the cur - rent pulls me un - der, Lord,
2. me. When my en - e - mies sur-round me, Lord,

1. stand by me. When the ris - ing wa - ters
2. stand by me. When the ty - rant wields his

1. toss me like a ship up - on the sea, You who
2. ter - ror and the ar - mies wage their might, When the

1. rule the wind and wa - ter, Lord, stand by me.
2. dark - ness o - ver-whelms me, Lord, stand by me.

Refrain

Stand by me, stand by me. Lift me up from the rest - less sea.

When I am lost, when love can't be found, when no one cares, Lord,

1 stand by me. to Verse 2 Final Repeat twice
stand by me. stand by me.

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Novena Prayers To THE FILIPINO MARTYRS

SAN LORENZO RUIZ



SAN PEDRO CALUNGSOD



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St. Mary's Dumont

Opening Song: Sa 'Yo Lamang

Puso ko'y binihag Mo, sa tamis ng
pagsuyo
Tanggapin yaring alay; ako'y iyo
habang buhay.
Anhin pa ang kayamanan, luho at
karangalan?
Kung Ika'y mapasa'kin, lahat na nga ay kakamtin.

Koro:

Sa 'Yo lamang ang puso ko;
Sa 'Yo lamang ang buhay ko.
Kalinisan, pagdaralita, pagtalima, aking sumpa.

Tangan kong kalooban, sa Iyo'y
nilalaan
Dahil atas ng pagsuyo, tumalima
lamang sa 'Yo

Koro:

My heart is captured by the sweetness of your
affection.

Accept my whole being
For I am yours, my whole life
What is there to do with riches,
luxury, and fame?
For if you're mine, then I have everything.

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To you alone, I give my heart
To you alone, I give my life
Holiness, Poverty, Obedience, these are my vows

All I hold within, I lift up to you
Because of your affection, all I can do is to follow
you

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OPENING PRAYER

Priest: Let us Pray:

Lord Jesus Christ,
we kneel before You as Your children, Filipinos by race, by heart, by soul, grateful for the life You have blessed us with in this land. We are workers, parents, students, citizens, carrying the hopes of our families and the faith of our ancestors.

You gave up everything to walk among us. You embraced the Cross, suffered for our sins, and rose again to bring us eternal life. By Your wounds, we are healed. By Your mercy, we are restored.

You have also given us a Mother, Mary, full of grace, who walks with us wherever life takes us. She is with us when we leave for work before sunrise, when we send money back home, when we raise our children in a world filled with confusion and noise. She comforts us when we cry quietly at night, missing loved ones and carrying silent burdens.

You have given us San Lorenzo Ruiz and San Pedro Calungsod, two brave sons of our land who followed You to the end. Through their example and prayers, strengthen our hearts when life grows hard. Help us be faithful in our duties, patient in trials, and generous in love, wherever we are.

May the Blessed Mother shelter us under her mantle, hold our tears in her hands, and bring us always to You. We ask this through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER TO THE FILIPINO MARTYRS

(Leader) San Lorenzo Ruiz and San Pedro Calungsod, beloved Filipino sons, you bore witness to the light of Christ with courage and love, even when it cost your very lives. In faraway lands, in unfamiliar tongues, you stood firm, not for power or glory, but for your faith in the Lord and your devotion to the Blessed Mother.

(All) You, who once lived simple lives, San Lorenzo as a husband, father, and church helper; San Pedro as a young catechist with a heart full of zeal, are now honored as saints of the universal Church, proof that ordinary Filipinos can become heroes of faith.

(Leader) Today, we Filipino-Americans turn to you with love and confidence. You know our struggles. You understand the silent sacrifices we make, working multiple jobs, caring for families both here and back home, raising children between cultures, trying to remain faithful in a world of distractions.

(All) Pray for us, that we may have your unwavering trust in God when we are overwhelmed by stress, injustice, or loneliness. Give us your courage to defend our faith, not with loud voices, but with quiet strength, daily integrity, and love in action.

(Leader) Help us when we are tempted to give up, when we feel forgotten or unappreciated. Whisper to us the truth: that every small act of love, every honest job done with care, every tear offered in prayer, is precious in the eyes of God.

(All) Intercede for our families. Strengthen marriages stretched by time and distance. Guide our children who are growing up in a fast-changing culture. Teach them to love their faith, their heritage, and their elders. Pray for our elders, who carry the memory of the Philippines in their hearts. May their example of perseverance and prayer remain a lamp for our communities.

(Leader) Watch over Filipino priests, religious sisters, missionaries, lay ministers, and chaplains who serve across America with joyful hearts and generous lives. May their work plant seeds of faith in every parish, hospital, school, and home they touch.

(All) You, who loved the Blessed Virgin Mary, keep us under her motherly care. Let us run to her when we are tired, speak to her when words fail us, and imitate her quiet strength in every trial. May she be the Star that guides all Filipinos in this land.

(Leader) We now bring to you our personal intentions...

(Pause for silent prayer)

San Lorenzo Ruiz and San Pedro Calungsod, remind us that we are not here just to succeed, but to serve, to love, to witness, and to become saints in our own time. Pray that we may live every day with faith, hope, and compassion, bearing Christ in our hearts, sharing Him through our hands, and finding Him in the face of every neighbor. So that when our work is done, we may join you at the banquet of heaven, and together praise the Lord forever.

(All) Amen.

THE HOLY ROSARY – Glorious Mysteries – led by members of Palad

CLOSING PRAYER

(Priest) Almighty and ever-living God, You are glorified in Your saints. Today, we turn to You as Your Filipino children in America, grateful, hopeful, and longing to be faithful.

Thank You for the gift of San Lorenzo Ruiz and San Pedro Calungsod, our brothers in faith, who remind us that holiness is possible even in the midst of hardship, sacrifice, and distance.

Thank You, too, for the loving protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our mother. She watches over every Filipino family, whether here or in the Philippines. She stays close to every child, every caregiver, every overseas worker.

Bless our families and communities. Give unity to our homes, purpose to our work, and peace to our hearts. Protect our children from harm and confusion. Heal the sick, comfort the weary, and strengthen the lonely.

Draw us always to the altar of the Eucharist, where Jesus gives Himself to us, and where we are reminded that we belong to one Body, one Faith, one Love. And when our journey in this life is done, welcome us into Your eternal embrace, where with San Lorenzo, San Pedro, and Mama Mary, we may praise You forever. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Closing Song

San Lorenzo Ruiz

Koro: <i>Sa 'yo San Lorenzo Ruiz, Ang bayan ay umaawit Ng 'sang magandang papuri Na abot sa langit Kami ay iyong turuan Ang buhay ay ilaan Sa lubos at ganap na pagtataya Sa Diyos at Inang Bayan.</i>	<i>For you San Lorenzo Ruiz The nation sings Of a beautiful praise That reaches to heaven Teach us That we may offer our life In full and complete surrender To God and to the nation.</i>
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<i>Yamang kami sa 'yo'y di naiba Kalahi nami't kabalat; Iisang bansa ating pinagmulan, Perlas ng silanganan! Tulungan mo't, akayan mo Kami sa tunay na kabanalan. (Koro)</i>	<i>Since we're not different from you Both in race and in color We came from one nation Pearl of the Orient Help and guide us To true holiness.</i>
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<i>Sa 'yo, bayani't kawal ni Hesus Ang atas niya'y natupad. Sana kami laging maging tapat, H'wag nang masindak Sa anumang karahasan Ang kamatayan man ay maharap. (Koro)</i>	<i>In you, martyr and servant of Jesus His command is realized. May we always be faithful Never to be scared To any threat Evan in the face of death.</i>
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