

26th Sunday of the Year

September 26-27, 2026



INTRODUCTORY RITES

Gathering Song:

Christ, Be Our Light!

Verses



1. Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness.
2. Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled.
3. Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry.
4. Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less.
5. Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple,



Long - ing for truth, we turn to you.
Long - ing for hope, man - y de - spair.
Long - ing for wa - ter, man - y still thirst.
Long - ing for warmth, man - y are cold.
Man - y the hearts that yearn to be - long.



Make us your own, your ho - ly peo - ple,
Your word a - lone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your bread, bro - ken for oth - ers,
Make us your build - ing, shel - ter - ing oth - ers,
Let us be ser - vants to one an - oth - er,



Light for the world to see.
Make us your liv - ing voice.
Shared un - til all are fed.
Walls made of liv - ing stone.
Mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.



Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!



Shine in your Church gath - ered to - day.

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Sign of the Cross

Greeting

Act of Penitence

Glory to God: Mass of Christ the Savior

Refrain

Glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God in the high -
est, and on earth peace, on earth peace to peo-ple of good
will. will. A - men. A - men.

1-4 (1st time: to Refrain)
to Verses

Final

⊕ Coda

Verse 1

1. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we
1. glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry,
to Verse 2 or Refrain

1. Lord God, heav'n-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa-ther.

Verse 2

2. Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son, Lord God,
2. Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-way the sins of the world,
2. have mer-cy on us; you take a-way the sins of the world,
2. re-ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed at the right hand,
to Verse 3 or Refrain

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

Verse 3

3. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
3. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly
to Coda ⊕ or Refrain

3. Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men. A - men.

⊕ Coda

Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Thus says the LORD:

You say, "The LORD's way is not fair!"

Hear now, house of Israel:

Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair?

When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die.

But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, and does what is right and just,

he shall preserve his life;

since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

The Word of the Lord

Psalm Response: Psalm 25: Remember Your Mercies

Refrain I



Refrain II



Verses

1. Your ways, O Lord, make known to me, teach me your paths.
Guide me, teach me, for you are my Savior.
2. Remember your compassion, Lord, and your kindness of old.
Remember this, and not my sins, in your goodness, O Lord.
3. Good and just is the Lord, the sinners know the way.
God guides the meek to justice, and teaches the humble.

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Reading 2

Philippians 2:1-11

Brothers and sisters:

If there is any encouragement in Christ,
any solace in love,
any participation in the Spirit,
any compassion and mercy,
complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love,
united in heart, thinking one thing.

Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory;
rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves,
each looking out not for his own interests,
but also for those of others.

Have in you the same attitude
that is also in Christ Jesus,
Who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
something to be grasped.

Rather, he emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
coming in human likeness;
and found human in appearance,
he humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name
which is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Mass of Christ the Savior



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My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Gospel

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: Matthew

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

Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people:

"What is your opinion?

A man had two sons.

He came to the first and said,

'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.'

He said in reply, 'I will not,'

but afterwards changed his mind and went.

The man came to the other son and gave the same order.

He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, 'but did not go.

Which of the two did his father's will?"

They answered, "The first."

Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you,

tax collectors and prostitutes

are entering the kingdom of God before you.

When John came to you in the way of righteousness,

you did not believe him;

but tax collectors and prostitutes did.

Yet even when you saw that,

you did not later change your minds and believe him."

The Gospel of the Lord

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)

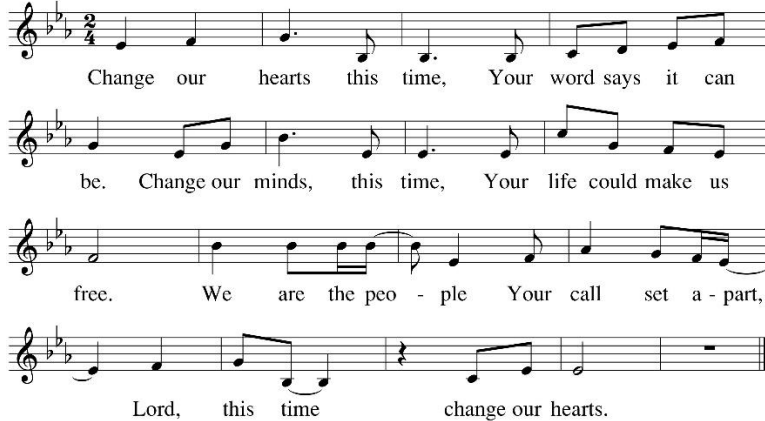
Please respond: Lord, Hear Our Prayer

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation Song:

Change Our Hearts

Refrain



Verses



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Invitation to Pray

Pray 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 Christ the Savior

Holy

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
earth are full, 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, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

Memorial Acclamation

We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your
Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

Amen

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

Communion Rite

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, you take a - way the sins of the
world, have mer - cy on us. world, grant us peace.

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:

Verses

Here I Am, Lord



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
lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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Post Communion Prayer

CONCLUDING RITES

Announcements

Final Blessing

Dismissal

Sending Song

LEAD ME, LORD

John D. Becker

Verses



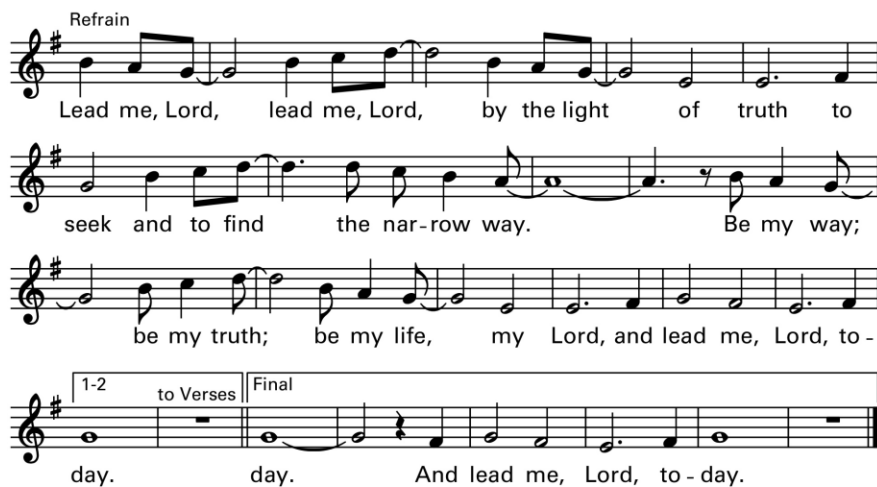
1. Bless - ed are the poor in spir - it, long - ing for their
2. Bless - ed are the mer - ci - ful, for mer - cy shall be
3. Blest are they who through their life-times sow the seeds of

1. Lord, for God's com - ing king - dom shall be theirs.
2. theirs, and the pure in heart shall see their God.
3. peace, all will call them chil - dren of the Lord.

1. Bless - ed are the sor - row - ing, for they shall be con -
2. Blest are they whose hun - ger on - ly ho - li - ness can
3. Blest are you, though per - se - cu - ted in your ho - ly

1. soled, and the meek shall come to rule the world.
2. fill, for I say they shall be sat - is - fied.
3. life, for in heav - en, great is your re - ward.

Refrain



Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord, by the light of truth to
seek and to find the nar - row way. Be my way;
be my truth; be my life, my Lord, and lead me, Lord, to -
day. day. And lead me, Lord, to - day.

1-2 to Verses Final

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