

# **BACCALAUREATE MASS**



Thursday, May 16 St. Francis Xavier College Church St. Louis, Missouri

# A.M.D.G.

AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM For the greater glory of God

### PATIENT TRUST

Above all, trust in the slow work of God. We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay. We should like to skip the intermediate stages. We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new. And yet it is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability and that it may take a very long time.

And so I think it is with you; your ideas mature gradually — let them grow, let them shape themselves, without undue haste. Don't try to force them on, as though you could be today what time (that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on your own good will) will make of you tomorrow.

Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be. Give Our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete.

— Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, S.J. excerpted from *Hearts on Fire* 

PRELUDE Here I Am, Lord Sweet Redeemer

## WELCOME

#### GATHERING SONG Here At This Table



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# INTRODUCTORY RITES

Please stand.

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Spoken.

#### **GLORIA**

COLLECT

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

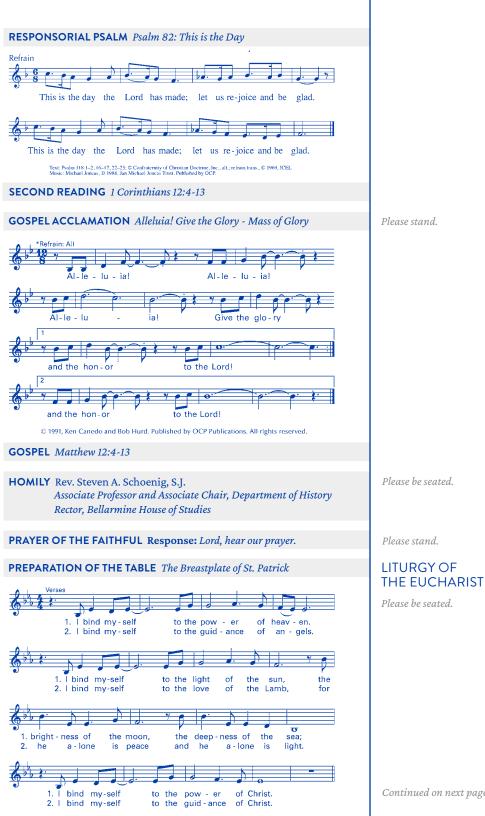
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Please be seated after the Collect.

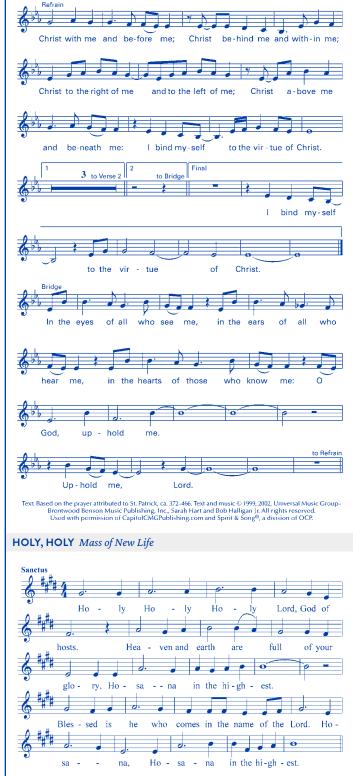
# LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Wisdom 6:7-21



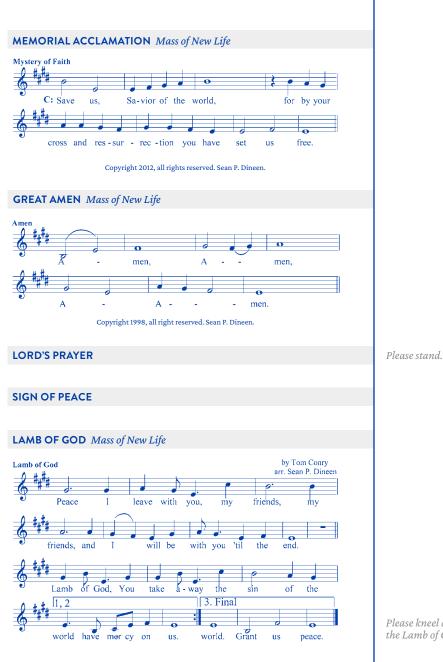
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Please stand after the Preparation of the Table.

Please kneel after the Holy, Holy.



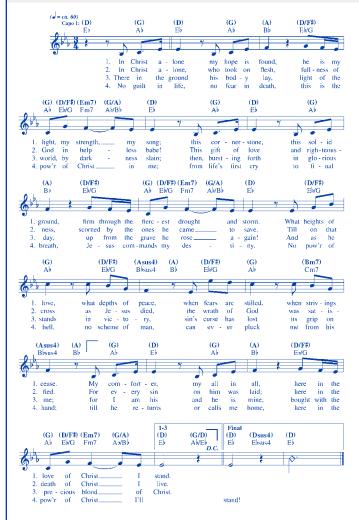
### **RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

For Catholic Christians, the reception of Holy Communion is a significant sign of the Church's unity in faith, life, and worship. While people of all faith traditions are welcome to the celebration of this liturgy, Communion may only be received by Catholics in union with the Church.

Those not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to cross their arms over their chest in order to receive a blessing.

Please kneel after the Lamb of God.

#### **COMMUNION SONG** In Christ Alone



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#### **COMMUNION SONG** Take, Lord, Receive



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#### **COMMUNION MEDITATION** Open the Eyes of My Heart

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

#### **BLESSING OF THE GRADUATES**

FINAL BLESSING Rev. David J. Suwalsky, S.J. Vice President, Mission and Identity

#### SENDING SONG City of God



Sung by the Saint Louis University Campus Ministry Mass Choir

Please stand.

## CONCLUDING RITES

Please be seated.

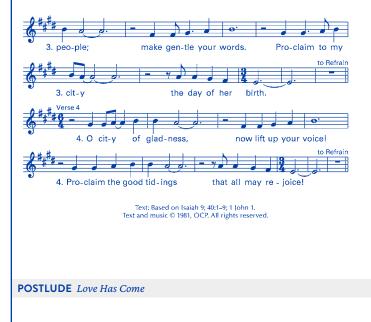
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# THE FIRST PRINCIPLE AND FOUNDATION

The goal of our life is to live with God forever.

God, who loves us, gave us life.

Our own response of love allows God's life to flow into us without limit.

All the things in this world are gifts of God, presented to us so that we can know God more easily and make a return of love more readily.

As a result, we appreciate and use all these gifts of God insofar as they help us develop as loving persons.

But if any of these gifts become the center of our lives, they displace God and so hinder our growth toward our goal.

In everyday life, then, we must hold ourselves in balance before all of these created gifts insofar as we have a choice and are not bound by some obligation.

We should not fix our desires on health or sickness, wealth or poverty, success or failure, a long life or short one.

For everything has the potential of calling forth in us a deeper response to our life in God.

Our only desire and our one choice should be this: I want and I choose what better leads to God's deepening his life in me.

— St. Ignatius of Loyola, S.J., founder of the Society of Jesus from A Contemporary Reading of the Spiritual Exercises by David L. Fleming, S.J.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to the faculty, staff and students who served in the choir, as ministers of the liturgy and all who have offered their time and gifts in service of this worshiping community.

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