

**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**Opening Song:** Lift High the Cross **G 968**

(Refrain)

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,  
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God.

2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.

3. Each newborn servant of the Crucified  
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.

4. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
your death has brought us life eternally.

5. So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory!

**Glory to God:** Mass of New Wine (Jakob) (Lyrics: **G 250**)

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 20:7-9

**Psalm 63:** *For you my soul is thirsting, thirsting for you, my God. (2)*

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**Second Reading:** Romans 12:1-2

**Gospel Acclamation:** Salisbury Alleluia

**Gospel:** Matthew 16:21-27

**Homily**

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Preparation of Gifts & Altar:** The Summons **G 869**

Will you come and follow me  
If I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know

And never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
Will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown  
In you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind  
If I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
And never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
Should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer  
In you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see  
If I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free  
And never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
And do such as this unseen,  
And admit to what I mean  
In you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide  
If I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
And never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
To reshape the world around,  
Through my sight and touch and sound  
In you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true  
When you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
And never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
Where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
In you and you in me.

***Eucharistic Acclamations:*** Land of Rest **G 411-413**

Holy- When we eat- Amen

## COMMUNION RITE

### **Our Father**

**Lamb of God:** Mass of New Wine (Jakob)

**Communion Song:** Unless a Grain of Wheat **G 868**

Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and die,  
it remains but a single grain with no life.

1. If we have died with him then we shall live with him;  
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

2. If anyone serves me then they must follow me;  
wherever I am my servants will be.

3. Make your home in me as I make mine in you;  
those who remain in me bear much fruit.

4. If you remain in me and my word lives in you,  
then you will be my disciples.

5. Those who love me are loved by my Father;  
we shall be with them and dwell in them.

6. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you;  
peace which the world cannot give is my gift.

## CONCLUDING RITE

**Dismissal Chant:** Touch the Earth Lightly **G 636**

Touch the earth lightly,  
use the earth gently,  
nourish the life of the world in our care:  
gift of great wonder,  
ours to surrender,  
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

We who endanger,  
who create hunger,  
agents of death for all creatures that live,  
we who would foster  
clouds of disaster,  
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!

Let there be greening,  
birth from the burning,  
water that blesses and air that is sweet,  
health in God's garden,

hope in God's children,  
regeneration that peace will complete.

God of all living,  
God of all loving,  
God of the seedling, the snow, and the sun,  
teach us, deflect us,  
Christ reconnect us,  
using us gently and making us one.

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**There will be baptisms at 9:00 and 10:30 Masses**

**Following their summer break, the Choir meets for its first rehearsal on  
Tuesday, September 5 at 7 p.m. at the North Campus.**