

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Opening Song: O God Beyond All Praising G-674

O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder
at every gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.

The flower of earthly splendor
in time must surely die,
its fragile bloom surrender
to you the Lord most high;
but hidden from all nature
the eternal seed is sown -
though small in mortal stature,
to heaven's garden grown:
for Christ the Man from heaven
from death has set us free,
and we through him are given
the final victory!

Then hear, O gracious Savior,
accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor
may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5

Psalm 123: Our eyes are on the LORD, till he show us his mercy.

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Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Gospel Acclamation: Salisbury Alleluia

Gospel: Mark 6:1-16

Homily

Universal Prayer

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts & Altar: In Every Age G-759

Long before the mountains came to be
And the land and sea and stars of the night
Through the endless seasons of all time
You have always been
You will always be

In every age, O God, you have been our refuge
In every age, O God, you have been our hope

Destiny is cast, and at your silent word
We return to dust and scatter to the wind
A thousand years are like a single moment gone
As the light that fades
At the end of day

In every age, O God, you have been our refuge
In every age, O God, you have been our hope

Teach us to make use of the time we have
Teach us to be patient even as we wait
Teach us to embrace our every joy and pain
To sleep peacefully
And to rise up strong

In every age, O God, you have been our refuge
In every age, O God, you have been our hope
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You have been our refuge
You have been our hope

Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Creation (Holy – We Proclaim - Amen)

COMMUNION RITE

Our Father

Lamb of God: Mass of Creation

Communion Song: Be Not Afraid **G-754**

You shall cross the barren desert
But you shall not die of thirst
You shall wander far in safety
Though you do not know the way
You shall speak your words to foreign men
And they will understand
You shall see the face of God and live

Be not afraid
I go before you always
Come, follow me and I will give you rest

If you pass through raging waters in the sea
You shall not drown
If you walk amid the burning flames
You shall not be harmed
If you stand before the power of hell
And death is at your side
Know that I am with you through it all

Be not afraid
I go before you always
Come, follow me and I will give you rest

And blessed are your poor
For the kingdom shall be theirs
Blest are you that weep and mourn
For one day you shall laugh
And if wicked men insult and hate you
All because of me
Blessed, blessed are you

Be not afraid
I go before you always
Come, follow me and I will give you rest

CONCLUDING RITE

Dismissal Chant: America, The Beautiful **G-1085**

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America!
God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved
And mercy more than life!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness,
And every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

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