

SACRED HEART, TAMPA
Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
5:30 PM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE
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INTRODUCTORY RITES

Opening Song: Lead On Good Shepherd
(Orella | Mayberry | Duncan)

V.1 Well, I've been turned 'round,
But I've never been lost.
Seen the water get troubled,
But we walked across.
When my knees were shaking,
You held my hand.
Turning my problems,
To a promised land!

Chorus:

Lead on Good Shepherd,
I'll follow all my days.
There ain't nothing sweeter,
Than to watch You make a way.
You've walked me through the valley,
But You never steered me wrong.
So lead on Good Shepherd lead on!

V. 2 Seen some mighty deep canyons,
That You brought me through.
Seen some mighty big mountains,
That just up and moved.
Glory, glory hallelujah,
Yeah that's my song.
Walking with my Father,
Into the great unknown!

Chorus:

Lead on Good Shepherd,
I'll follow all my days.
There ain't nothing sweeter,
Than to watch You make a way.
You've walked me through the valley,
But You never steered me wrong.
So lead on Good Shepherd lead on!

Bridge:

Step by step, day by day.
Lead me on, Lord I pray.
Road gets dark, walk by faith,
Lead on Good Shepherd! ***(Repeat)***

Chorus:

Lead on Good Shepherd,
I'll follow all my days.
There ain't nothing sweeter,
Than to watch You make a way.
You've walked me through the valley,
But You never steered me wrong.
So, lead on Good Shepherd!
So, lead on Good Shepherd!
Lead on Good Shepherd, lead on!

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Glory to God: Mass of a Joyful Heart

(Angrisano)

**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.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth,
peace to people of good will!**

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.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth,
peace to people of good will!**

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.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth,
peace to people of good will!
A-A-AMEN!**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Numbers 21:4b-9

With their patience worn out by the journey, the people complained against God and Moses, "Why have you brought us up from Egypt to die in this desert, where there is no food or water? We are disgusted with this wretched food!" In punishment the LORD sent among the people saraph serpents, which bit the people so that many of them died.

Then the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned in complaining against the LORD and you. Pray the LORD to take the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people, and the LORD said to Moses, "Make a saraph and mount it on a pole, and if any who have been bitten look at it, they will live." Moses accordingly made a bronze serpent and mounted it on a pole, and whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 78

Do not forget, the works of the Lord!
Do not forget, the works of the Lord!

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Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Brothers and sisters: Christ Jesus,
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 death, even death on a
cross. Because of this, God greatly

exalted him and bestowed on him the name that 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 **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Greeting: Everybody Sing Alleluia
(Melendez)

Everybody sing alleluia!
Everybody praise His name!
Everybody sing alleluia!
Praise His name today!

Verse 3:

So I want to thank You, Lord.
For all You've given me.
I'm dancing in Your Spirt,
And singing joyfully!

Everybody sing alleluia!
Everybody praise His name!
Everybody sing alleluia!
Praise His name today!

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Gospel:

John 3:13-17

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven,

the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

Please remain standing to repeat the refrain of the Gospel Greeting!

Repeat Chorus:

Everybody sing alleluia!

Everybody praise His name!

Everybody sing alleluia!

Praise His name today!

Please be seated.

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

Response: “Loving God, hear our prayer.”

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts & Altar: At the Foot of the Cross (Scott)

V.1 At the foot of the cross

Where grace and suff'ring meet

You have shown me Your love

Through the judgment You received

And You've won my heart

And You've won my heart

Chorus:

(Now I can) trade these ashes in for
beauty

And wear forgiveness like a crown

Coming to kiss the feet of Mercy

I lay ev'ry burden down

At the foot of the cross

V.2 At the foot of the cross

Where I am made complete

You have given me life

Through the death You bore for me

And You've won my heart

And You've won my heart

Chorus:

(Now I can) trade these ashes in for
beauty

And wear forgiveness like a crown

Coming to kiss the feet of Mercy

I lay ev'ry burden down

At the foot of the cross

Interlude:

And You've won my heart,

Yes You've won my heart

Final Chorus:

Now I can trade these ashes in for
beauty

And wear forgiveness like a crown

Coming to kiss the feet of Mercy

I lay ev'ry burden down

Trade these ashes in for beauty
And wear forgiveness like a crown
Coming to kiss the feet of Mercy
I lay ev'ry burden down
I lay ev'ry burden down
I lay ev'ry burden down
At the foot of the cross!

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Eucharistic Acclamations:

Mass of a Joyful Heart (Angrisano)

Holy, Holy – We Proclaim – Amen

COMMUNION RITE

Our Father

Lamb of God: Mass of a Joyful Heart

(Angrisano)

Communion Song 1 Redeemed

(Cowart | Weaver)

V.1 Seems like

all I could see was the struggle

Haunted by ghosts that lived in my past

Bound up in shackles of all my failures

Wond'ring how long is this gonna last

Then You look at this pris'ner

and say to me, son Stop fighting a fight

that's already been won

Chorus:

I am redeemed! You set me free!
So I'll shake off these heavy chains
And wipe away ev'ry stain
Now ('Cause) I'm not who I used to be
(I am redeemed)

V.2 All my
life I have been called unworthy
Named by the voice
of my shame and regret
But when I hear You whisper
child lift up your head
I remember O God
You're not done with me yet (***chorus***)

Chorus:

I am redeemed!
You set me free!
So I'll shake off these heavy chains
And wipe away ev'ry stain
Now ('Cause) I'm not who I used to be
(I am redeemed)

Ending:

O God I'm not who I used to be
Jesus I'm not who I used to be
I am redeemed
Thank God redeemed

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Communion Song 2: We Are One Body (Scallan)

Chorus:

We are one body, one body in Christ.
And we do not stand alone.

We are one body, one body in Christ.
And He came that we might have life!
For he tells us:

V.1 When you eat My Body
and you drink My Blood,
I will live in you
and you will live in My love!
(repeat then chorus)

Chorus:

We are one body, one body in Christ.

And we do not stand alone.

We are one body, one body in Christ.

And He came that we might have life!

For he tells us:

V.3 I am the Way, the Truth, the Life.

I am the final sacrifice!

I am the Way, the Truth, the Life

He who believes in Me

will have eternal life! ***(repeat then chorus)***

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CONCLUDING RITE

Sending Forth Song – He Is Exalted **(Paris)**

V.1 He is exalted,
The King is exalted on high.
I will praise Him!
He is exalted forever exalted,
And I will praise His name!

Chorus:

He is the Lord!
Forever His truth shall reign.
Heaven and earth,
Rejoice in His holy name!

Ending:

He is exalted,
The King is exalted on high!

He is exalted,
The King is exalted on high!

He is exalted,
The King is exalted on high!

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