

**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**Opening Song:** Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation **G-815**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
His the scepter, His the throne.  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of every nation  
has redeemed us by His blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now.  
Alleluia! He is near us;  
faith believes, nor questions how.  
Tho' the cloud from sight received Him  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget His promise,  
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven,  
here on earth our food, our stay.  
Alleluia! Here the sinful  
flee to You from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, hear our plea  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

**Gloria:** Mass of New Wine (*Jakob*)

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

**Psalm 66:** *May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O LORD.*

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**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 3:15-18

**Gospel Acclamation:** Easter Alleluia (*Hurd*)

**Gospel:** John 14:15-21

**Homily**

## Universal Prayer

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

#### ***Preparation of Gifts & Altar: 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 in foreign lands  
and all 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 pow'r 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.

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 tongues 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.

#### ***Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Resurrection***

## COMMUNION RITE

### **Our Father**

***Lamb of God:*** Mass of Resurrection **G-217**

***Communion Song:*** No Greater Love **G-769**

Refrain | There is no greater love, says the Lord,  
than to lay down your life for a friend;  
there is no greater love, no greater love,  
than to lay down your life for a friend.

As the Father has loved me,  
so I have loved you.  
Live on in my love.  
You will live in my love  
if you keep my commands,  
even as I have kept my Father's.

Refrain

All this I tell you  
that my joy may be yours  
and your joy may be complete.  
Love one another as I have loved you:  
This is my command.

Refrain

You are my friends if you keep my commands;  
no longer slaves but friends to me.  
All I heard from my Father,  
I have made known to you:  
Now I call you friends.

Refrain

It was not you who chose me,  
it was I who chose you,  
chose you to go forth and bear fruit.  
Your fruit must endure,  
so you will receive all you ask the Father in my name.

**CONCLUDING RITE**

***Dismissal Chant:*** If You Believe and I Believe **G-886**

If you believe and I believe and we together pray,  
The Holy Spirit must come down and set God's people free,  
And set God's people free, and set God's people free;  
The Holy Spirit must come down and set God's people free.

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