



DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

Mass for
Suicide Healing
&
Remembrance

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER

SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

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The Introductory Rites

ENTRANCE HYMN

“BE NOT AFRAID”

Dufford


Verse 1



1. You shall cross the bar-ren des-ert, but you shall not die of



1. thirst. You shall wan-der far in safe-ty though you do not know the



1. way. You shall speak your words in for-eign lands and all will un-der-




1. stand. You shall see the face of God and live. to Refrain

Refrain




Be not a-fraid. I go be-fore you al-ways. Come fol-low



me, and I will give you rest. 1, 2 to Vss 2, 3 Final 2

Verse 2



2. If you pass through rag-ing wa-ters in the sea, you shall not



2. drown. If you walk a-mid the burn-ing flames, you shall not be



2. harmed. If you stand be-fore the pow'r of hell and death is at your



2. side, know that I am with you through it all. to Refrain

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SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GREETING

PENITENTIAL ACT

GLORIA

BELMONT MASS

Walker

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, heaven-ly King,

O God, al-might-y Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Be-got-ten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the

world, have mer-cy on us; you take away the sins of the world,

re-ceive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mer-cy on us. For you a-lone are the Holy One, you a-lone

are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the

Ho-ly Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. A-men, a - men.

THE COLLECT

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

AMOS 8:4-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8

Alstott



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SECOND READING

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-8

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ALLELUIA, NO. IV

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GOSPEL READING

LUKE 16:1-13

HOMILY

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

**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,

all bow | *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 AND MEMORIAL

“IN EVERY AGE”

Whitaker

*All those present who have lost a loved one through suicide are invited to bring forward a flower
and place it in the basket before the image of the Pieta in prayerful memory of him or her.*

Refrain



In ev - 'ry age, O God, you have been our ref - uge.



In ev - 'ry age, O God, you have been our hope.

1-3 to Verses 2,3
last time: to Refrain

Final

God, you have been our hope,
 you have been our ref - uge, you have been our hope.

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The Liturgy of the Eucharist

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

"SHELTER ME, O GOD" Hurd

Refrain

Shel-ter me, O God; hide me in the shad-ow of your wings. You a-lone

Verses

are my hope.

1. When my foes sur-round me, set me
2. As a moth - er gath - ers her _____
3. Though I walk in dark - ness, through the

to Refrain

1. high a - bove their reach. Hear me when I call your name.
2. young be-neath her care, gath-er me in - to your arms.
3. nee-dle's eye of death, you will nev-er leave my side.

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PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Sanctus

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na! Ho-san-na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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Memorial Acclamation

We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your
 Res-ur-rec-tion un - til you come, un - til you come a - gain.

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Amen

A - men, a - men, a - men.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER AND SIGN OF PEACE

THE RITE OF PEACE

Cantor or Choir: Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,
All: have mer-cy on us. grant us peace.

To repeat | *Last time*

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COMMUNION PROCESSION

“YOU ARE NEAR”

Schutte

Refrain
 O Lord, I know you are near, stand-ing al-ways at my side. You
 guard me from the foe, and you lead me in ways ev-er - last-ing.

Verses

1. Lord, — you have searched my heart, and you know when I
2. Where — can I run from your love? If I climb to the
3. You — know my heart and its ways, you who formed me be-
4. Mar-vel-ous to me are your works; how pro-found are your

1. sit and when I stand. Your — hand is up - on me, pro-
2. heav-ens you are there; if I fly to the sun - rise or
3. fore I was born, in the se-cret of dark - ness be-
4. thoughts, my — Lord. E-ven if I could count them, they

to Refrain

1. tect - ing me from death, keep - ing me from harm.
2. sail be - yond the sea, still I'd find you there.
3. fore I saw the sun, in my moth - er's womb.
4. num - ber as the stars, you would still be there.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Concluding Rites

GREETING AND PONTIFICAL BLESSING

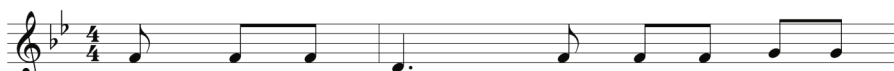
Bishop: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.
Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord.
All: Now and for ever.
Bishop: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
All: Who made Heaven and earth.
Bishop: May almighty God bless you,
✠ the Father, ✠ and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

DISMISSAL

SONG OF SENDING FORTH

“HOW GREAT THOU ART”

Hine



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe-some
2. When through the woods and for-est glades I
3. And when I think that God, his Son not
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac- cla -



won - der Con - sid - er all the works thy hands have
wan - der And hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the
spar - ing, Sent him to die, I scarce can take it
ma - tion And take me home, what joy shall fill my



made, I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing
trees, When I look down from loft - y moun-tain
in That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through-out the un - i - verse dis - played!
gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze,
bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin!
ra - tion And there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"



Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee: How great thou



art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to



thee: How great thou art, how great thou art!

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Tune: HOW GREAT THOU ART, 11 10 11 10 with refrain; Stuart K. Hine, 1899–1989

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Excerpts from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* on Suicide:

"We are stewards, not owners, of the life God has entrusted to us. It is not ours to dispose of" (§ 2280).

"Grave psychological disturbances, anguish, or grave fear of hardship, suffering, or torture can diminish the responsibility of the one committing suicide" (§ 2282).

"We should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives" (§ 2283).

Pope Francis Prayer:

"I would like to remember our brothers and sisters who suffer from mental illness, and also victims – often young people – of suicide. Let us pray for them and their families, so that they are never left alone, or discriminated against, but instead are welcomed and supported."

–Pope Francis, World Mental Health Day, October 10, 2021



Prayer after Suicide

*Crucified Savior,
you know all things, and I do not.
Help me accept the reality
that I may never fully understand
why my loved one died by suicide.*

*You suffered on the Cross, and cried out,
“My God, my God why have you abandoned me?”
My loved one must have experienced
such intense, persistent psychological pain.
Remove his/her suffering
and bring him/her eternal peace.*

*I know that all things work
for the good of those who love you,
and that we are called according to your purpose.
Help me to remember what my loved one loved
and to bring that love into the world.
Help me take his/her suffering
and transform it into loving service to those who suffer.*

*Guide me to find ways to honor my loved one’s memory
and to live gratefully and as he/she would have hoped.*

*Give me hope and confidence in your loving mercy.
Help me to survive the trauma of this suicide
and be healed.*

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