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Mass for
Suicide Healing
&
Remembrance

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 AT 12:15 P.M.

CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER

SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

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Family members who have experienced suicide loss

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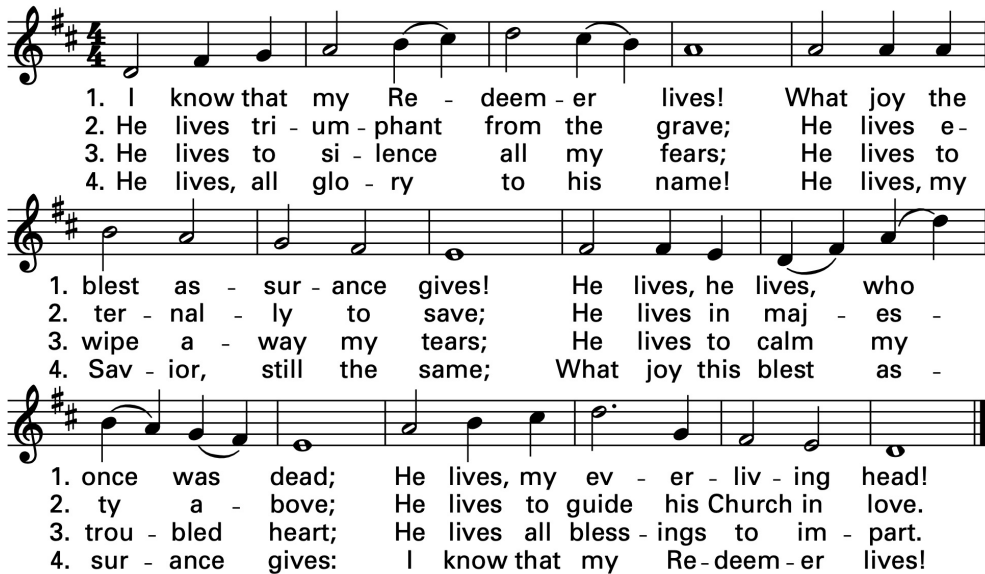
William J. Manley

The Introductory Rites

ENTRANCE HYMN

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

DUKE STREET



1. I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What joy the
2. He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
3. He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to
4. He lives, all glo - ry to his name! He lives, my
1. blest as - sur - ance gives! He lives, he lives, who
2. ter - nal - ly to save; He lives in maj - es -
3. wipe a - way my tears; He lives to calm my
4. Sav - ior, still the same; What joy this blest as -
1. once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
2. ty a - bove; He lives to guide his Church in love.
3. trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.
4. sur - ance gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

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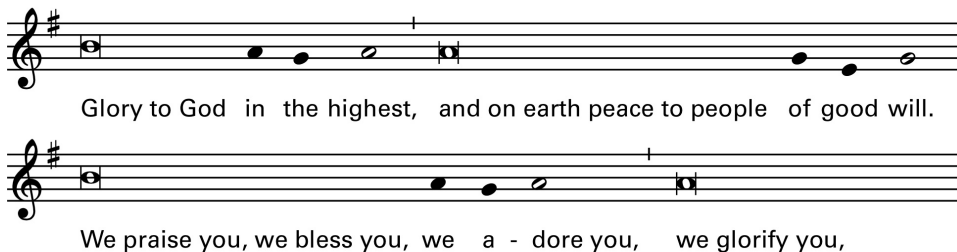
SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GREETING

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 a - dore you, we glorify you,



we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heav-en - 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,

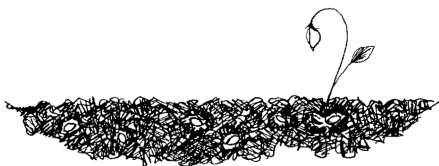
have mer - cy on us. For you a - lone are the Holy One, you a - lone

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.

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THE COLLECT



The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

SIRACH 27:30 – 28:7

(Spanish translation)

Cosas abominables son el rencor y la cólera; sin embargo, el pecador se aferra a ellas. El Señor se vengará del vengativo y llevará rigurosa cuenta de sus pecados.

Perdona la ofensa a tu prójimo, y así, cuando pidas perdón, se te perdonarán tus pecados. Si un hombre le guarda rencor a otro, ¿le puede acaso pedir la salud al Señor? El que no tiene compasión de un semejante, ¿cómo pide perdón de sus pecados? Cuando el hombre que guarda rencor pide a Dios el perdón de sus pecados, ¿hallará quien interceda por él?

Piensa en tu fin y deja de odiar, piensa en la corrupción del sepulcro y guarda los mandamientos.

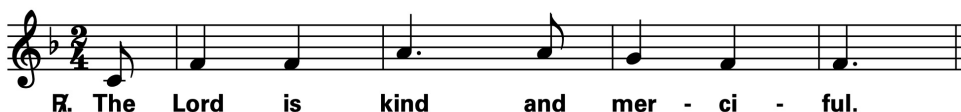
Ten presentes los mandamientos y no guardes rencor a tu prójimo. Recuerda la alianza del Altísimo y pasa por alto las ofensas.

The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

Alstott



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SECOND READING

ROMANS 14: 7-9

(English translation)

Brothers and sisters: Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet, " and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

Palabra de Dios. **Todos: Gracias a Dios.**



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GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 18: 21-35

(Spanish translation)

En aquel tiempo, Pedro se acercó a Jesús y le preguntó: "Si mi hermano me ofende, ¿cuántas veces tengo que perdonarlo? ¿Hasta siete veces?" Jesús le contestó: "No sólo hasta siete, sino hasta setenta veces siete".

Entonces Jesús les dijo: "El Reino de los cielos es semejante a un rey que quiso ajustar cuentas con sus servidores. El primero que le presentaron le debía muchos millones. Como no tenía con qué pagar, el señor mandó que lo vendieran a él, a su mujer, a sus hijos y todas sus posesiones, para saldar la deuda. El servidor, arrojándose a sus pies, le suplicaba, diciendo: 'Ten paciencia conmigo y te lo pagaré todo'. El rey tuvo lástima de aquel servidor, lo soltó y hasta le perdonó la deuda.

Pero, apenas había salido aquel servidor, se encontró con uno de sus compañeros, que le debía poco dinero. Entonces lo agarró por el cuello y casi lo estrangulaba, mientras le decía: 'Págame lo que me debes'. El compañero se le arrodilló y le rogaba: 'Ten paciencia conmigo y te lo pagaré todo'. Pero el otro no quiso escucharlo, sino que fue y lo metió en la cárcel hasta que le pagara la deuda.

Al ver lo ocurrido, sus compañeros se llenaron de indignación y fueron a contar al rey lo sucedido. Entonces el señor lo llamó y le dijo: 'Siervo malvado. Te perdoné toda aquella deuda porque me lo suplicaste. ¿No debías tú también haber tenido compasión de tu compañero, como yo tuve compasión de ti?' Y el señor, encolerizado, lo entregó a los verdugos para que no lo soltaran hasta que pagara lo que debía.

Pues lo mismo hará mi Padre celestial con ustedes, si cada cual no perdona de corazón a su hermano".

The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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

*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

Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Let not your hearts be trou-bled. Peace be with you.

(Fine) Interlude 4 to Verses

Verse 1

1. Do not let your hearts be trou-bled. Have faith in God and faith in me.

Verse 2

2. In my Fa-ther's house are man-y dwell-ings. I go there to pre-pare a place for you.

Verse 3

3. I am the vine and you are the branch-es, re-main in me; you will bear a-bun-dant fruit.

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The Liturgy of the Eucharist

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

"Ubi Caritas"
Hurd

Refrain: All



*U - bi ca - ri - tas est ve - ra, est ve - ra: De - us i - bi

Verses: Cantor/Choir



est, De - us i - bi est.

1. The love of Christ joins us to -
2. In true com - mu - nion let us
3. May we who gath - er at this
4. For those in need make us your
5. May we one day be - hold your



1. geth - er. Let us re - joice in him, and in our love and
2. gath - er. May all di - vi - sions cease and in their place be
3. ta - ble to share the bread of life be - come a sac - ra -
4. mer - cy, for those op - pressed, your might. Make us, your Church, a
5. glo - ry and see you face to face, re - joic - ing with the

to Refrain



1. care for all now love God in re - turn.
2. Christ the Lord, our ris - en Prince of Peace.
3. ment of love, your heal - ing touch, O Christ.
4. ho - ly sign of jus - tice and new life.
5. saints of God to sing e - ter - nal praise.

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PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS



Sanctus

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

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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 a - gain.

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Amen

A - men. A - men. A - men.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER AND THE RITE OF PEACE

THE FRACTION RITE

acclamations from *Mass of Christ the Savior*

Schutte

*Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world, have mer-cy on us. world, grant us peace.

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COMMUNION PROCESSION

"O How Blessed"

Schutte

Verses

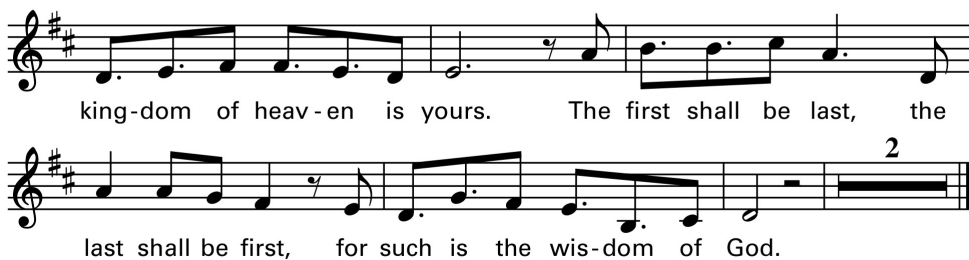
1. O how blessed are the poor in spir - it, the
2. O how blessed are the meek and low - ly, for
3. O how blessed are the pure of heart, for
4. O how blessed those who fight for peace, the

1. king - dom of God is theirs. O how blessed those who
2. they shall pos - sess the earth. O how blessed those who
3. they shall be - hold God's face. O how blessed those who
4. chil - dren of God are they. O how blessed those de -

1. dwell in sor - row, they sure - ly will be con - soled.
2. thirst for jus - tice, they sure - ly will have their fill.
3. mend with mer - cy, for - give - ness is their re - ward.
4. spised and hat - ed, who bear it be - cause of me.

Refrain

Re - joice and be glad, be - loved of the Lord, the



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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

The first staff of music is in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major (two flats). It contains the following notes: a quarter note B-flat, a half note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F, a quarter note G, a quarter note A, and a quarter note B-flat.

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 -

The first staff of music is written on a single five-line staff with a treble clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), indicating the key of G major. The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (half), C3 (half). The notes are written on the lines and spaces of the staff, with some notes beamed together to indicate eighth notes.

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!

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



To access additional resources relating to a Catholic understanding of Suicide and Mental Health, please go to The Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers website: www.catholicmhm.org



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.

Deacon Ed Shoener
University of Notre Dame Book of Prayer
Ave Maria Press