



*Diocese of Scranton*



*Mass for  
Suicide Healing  
&  
Remembrance*

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 21, 2025  
12:15 p.m.

Cathedral of Saint Peter  
Scranton, Pennsylvania

# *Ministers of the Liturgy*

## PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT

**The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.,** *Bishop of Scranton*

## HOMILIST

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## MASTER OF CEREMONIES

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## READERS

**Betsy Lewis**                      **Jack Shaw**

## GIFT BEARERS

**Community members who have experienced suicide loss**

## LITURGICAL MUSIC

**Cathedral of Saint Peter Choir, Linda Phillips Orseck,** *Director*

**Mark Ignatovich,** *Cathedral Organist*

**Julie Ferguson,** *Cantor*

**Cathedral of Saint Peter Instrumentalists**

## LITURGICAL ART AND ENVIRONMENT

**William J. Manley**

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## PRELUDES

**Pie Jesu**      Gabriel Faure 1845-1924  
**In The Arms of God**

### *Introductory Rites*

ENTRANCE HYMN

**“For the Healing of the Nations”**



1. For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with  
2. Lead your peo - ple in - to free - dom, From de - spair your  
3. All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, Let it from the  
4. You, cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten Your great name on



one ac - cord; For a just and e - qual shar - ing  
world re - lease That, re-deemed from war and ha - tred,  
earth be banned: Pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,  
hu - man - kind; For our grow - ing in your like - ness



Of the things that earth af - fords. To a life of  
All may come and go in peace. Show us how, through  
Dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon  
Bring the life of Christ to mind, That by our re -



love in ac - tion Help us rise and pledge our word.  
care and good - ness, Fear will die and hope in - crease.  
quest for jus - tice May we hal - low life's brief span.  
sponse and serv - ice Earth its des - ti - ny may find.

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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

**Amos 8:4-7**

Hear this, you who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land! "When will the new moon be over," you ask, "that we may sell our grain, and the sabbath, that we may display the wheat? We will diminish the ephah, add to the shekel, and fix our scales for cheating! We will buy the lowly for silver, and the poor for a pair of sandals; even the refuse of the wheat we will sell!" The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Never will I forget a thing they have done!

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8**

Guimont

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## SECOND READING

**1 Timothy 2:1-8**

Beloved: First of all, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity. This is good and pleasing to God our savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth. For there is one God. There is also one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as ransom for all. This was the testimony at the proper time. For this I was appointed preacher and apostle - I am speaking the truth, I am not lying, - teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. It is my wish, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia**

Murray



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## GOSPEL READING

**Luke 16:1-13**

Jesus said to his disciples, "A rich man had a steward who was reported to him for squandering his property. He summoned him and said, 'What is this I hear about you? Prepare a full account of your stewardship, because you can no longer be my steward.' The steward said to himself, 'What shall I do, now that my master is taking the position of steward away from me? I am not strong enough to dig and I am ashamed to beg. I know what I shall do so that, when I am removed from the stewardship, they may welcome me into their homes.' He called in his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, 'How much do you owe my master?' He replied, 'One hundred measures of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Here is your promissory note. Sit down and quickly write one for fifty.' Then to another the steward said, 'And you, how much do you owe?' He replied, 'One hundred kors of wheat.' The steward said to him, 'Here is your promissory note; write one for eighty.' And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently. "For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth? If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours? No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.**

## HOMILY

**Deacon Martin Castaldi**

## 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.

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

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

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

## "The Love of the Lord"

Leavitt

1. All that I count-ed as gain  
2. Rich-es and hon-ors will fade,  
3. Sil-ver and gold have I none,  
4. Faith is the wealth I pos-sess

Now I con-sid-er as loss,  
Earth-ly de-light dis-ap-pear,  
No land to count as my home,  
Find-ing its source in my God: Yet

Emp-ty and worth-less to me In the  
Fade like the grass of the field In the  
wealth be-yond meas-ure I own In the  
Faith in the prom-ise of Christ Is my

1., 3. 2., 4.  
light of the love of the Lord. Lord.  
light of the love of the Lord. Lord.  
light of the love of the Lord. Lord.  
life and my love of the Lord.

What more could bring us hope than to know the pow'r of his  
life? What more could bring us peace than to  
share in his suf-f'ring and death? What more could be our  
fi-nal wish than to live in the love of the Lord?

Text: Philippians 3:8-14; Michael Joncas, b.1951  
Tune: CARITAS DOMINI, 7 7 7 9 D with refrain; Michael Joncas, b.1951  
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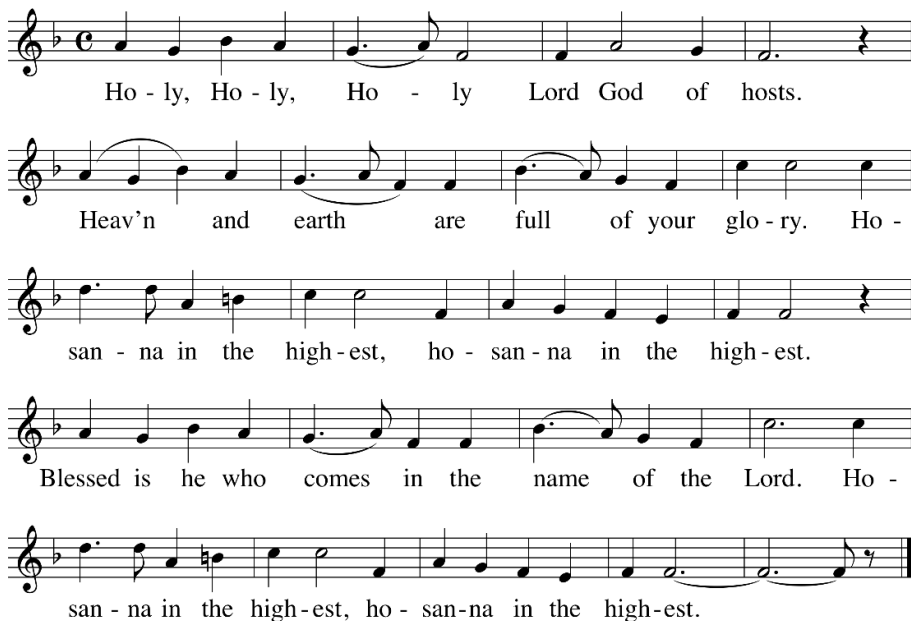
## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

### Acclamations from *A Community Mass*

Proulx

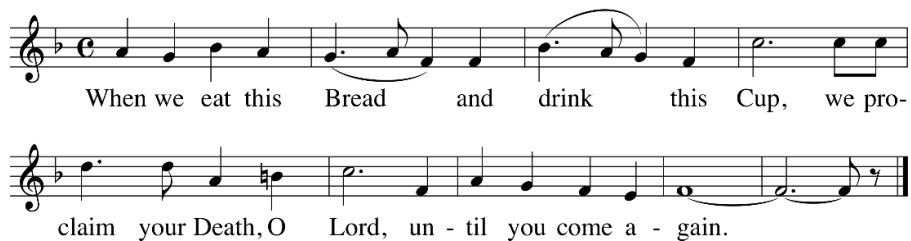
#### Sanctus



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

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#### Memorial Acclamation



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-  
claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

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## Amen



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## THE LORD'S PRAYER AND SIGN OF PEACE

## THE RITE OF PEACE

## THE FRACTION RITE

## litany from *Holy Cross Mass*

Isele

*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*

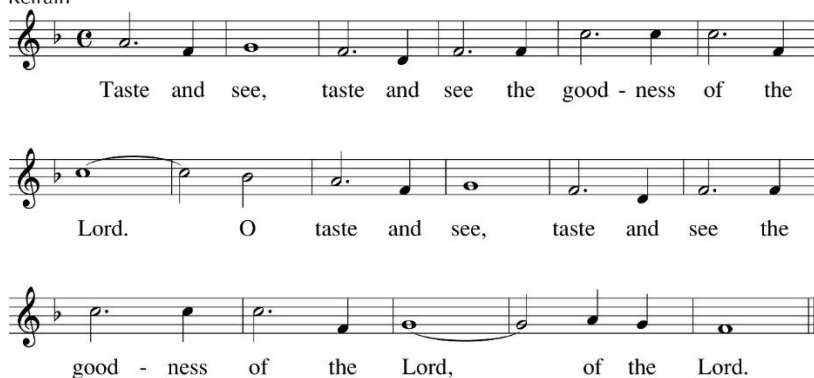
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# COMMUNION PROCESSION

## "Taste and See "

Moore

### Refrain



Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the  
 Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the  
 good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

### Verses



1. I will bless the Lord at all times.  
 2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me.  
 3. Wor - ship the Lord, all you peo - ple.

Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;  
 To - geth - er let us all praise God's name.  
 You'll want for noth - ing if you ask.

my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord  
 I called the Lord who an - swered me;  
 Taste and see that the Lord is good;

for God has been so good to me.  
 from all my trou - bles I was set free.  
 in God we need put all our trust.

D.C.

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 Tune: James E. Moore, Jr., b.1951  
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# PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

# *The Concluding Rites*

## GREETING AND PONTIFICAL BLESSING

Bishop Bambera: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Bishop Bambera: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

**All: Now and for ever.**

Bishop Bambera: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

**All: Who made Heaven and earth.**

Bishop Bambera: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

**Deacon:** Go forth, the Mass is ended.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

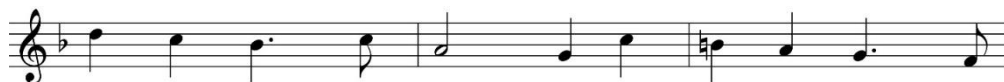
# SONG OF SENDING FORTH

# "God Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

Edwards



1. God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, From your  
2. Skills and time are ours for press - ing Toward the  
3. Treas - ure, too, you have en - trust - ed, Gain through



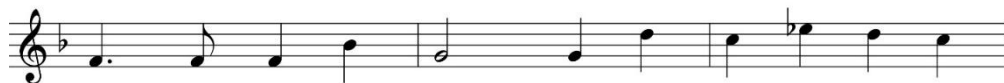
rich and end - less store: Na - ture's won - der, Je - sus'  
goals of Christ, your Son: All at peace in health and  
pow'rs your grace con - ferred; Ours to use for home and



wis - dom, Cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,  
free - dom, Rac - es joined, the Church made one.  
kin - dred, And to spread the gos - pel word.



Gift - ed by you, we turn to you, Of - f'ring  
Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, Lest we  
O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing, As we



up our - selves in praise; Thank - ful song shall rise for -  
strive for self a - lone; Born with tal - ents, make us  
heed Christ's age - less call, Heal - ing, teach - ing, and re -



ev - er, Gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
ser - vants Fit to an - swer at your throne.  
claim - ing, Serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

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Tune: RUSTINGTON, 8 7 8 7 D; Charles H. H. Parry, 1848–1918

## **International Association Catholic Mental Health Ministers**

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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).*

### **Praying with Pope Leo XVI for Mental Health**

*"For the prevention of suicide. Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life."*

—Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, Prayer Intention for November 2025



## *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  
Diocese of Scranton, Pennsylvania*

# JUBILEE 2025

## *Pilgrims OF Hope*

“——  
HOPE  
does not  
disappoint.  
Romans 5:5  
——”



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