



Diocese of Scranton Diaconate Formation Program

INSTITUTION OF LECTORS

October 11, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Saturday of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

Cathedral of Saint Peter
Scranton, Pennsylvania

Principal Celebrant and Homilist
The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.
Bishop of Scranton

Introductory Rites

ENTRANCE HYMN "As We Gather At Your Table"



1. As we gath - er at your ta - ble,
2. Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness
3. Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon

As we lis - ten to your word,
In the sac - ra - ment of life;
Oth - er guests to share that feast

Help us know, O God, your pres - ence;
Send us forth to love and serve you,
Where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come

Let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nour - ish us with
Bring - ing peace where there is strife. Give us, Christ, your
Those who had been last and least. There no more will

sa - cred sto - ry Till we claim it as our own;
great com - pas - sion To for - give as you for - gave;
en - vy blind us Nor will pride our peace de - stroy,

Teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet
May we still be - hold your im - age
As we join with saints and an - gels

How to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
In the world you died to save.
To re - peat the sound - ing joy.

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Tune: HOLY MANNA, 8 7 8 7 D; William Moore, fl.1830; acc. by Kelly Dobbs-Mickus, b.1966

PENITENTIAL ACT

Liturgy of the Word

READING I

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Moses said to the People: "If only you would heed the voice of the Lord, your God because you will obey the voice of the Lord, your God, and keep the commandments and statutes that are written in this book of the law, when you return to the LORD, your God, with your whole heart and all your soul. "For this command that I enjoin on you today is not too mysterious and remote for you. It is not up in the sky, that you should say, "Who will go up in the sky to get it for us and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?" Nor is it across the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross the sea to get it for us and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?" No, it is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 19

"Words of Everlasting Life/Palabra de Vida Eterna"

Bilingual Refrain



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READING II

2 Timoteo 3, 14-17

Tú, en cambio, permanece fiel a lo que aprendiste y creíste, sabiendo de quién lo aprendiste, y que desde la infancia conoces las Sagradas Escrituras, las cuales pueden darte la sabiduría que lleva a la salvación mediante la fe en Cristo Jesús. Toda Escritura está inspirada por Dios, y es útil para enseñar, para argüir, para corregir y para educar en la justicia, a fin de que el hombre de Dios sea perfecto y esté preparado para toda obra buena.

Palabra de Dios.

Todos: Te alabamos, Señor.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Alleluia"

Murray



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GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!"

Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.

Institution of Lectors

CALLING OF THE CANDIDATES

Those to be instituted in the Ministry of Lector please come forward.

**William Chechel
Jeffrey R. Kovalski
Kevin J. Martin
Justo Paula-Martínez**

**Daniel B. Cosacchi
Thomas J. Krzan
Stephen O. Muntzenberger
Paul M. Zwolan**

HOMILY

The Most Reverend Bishop Joseph C. Bambera

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Brothers and sisters, let us ask God our Father to bless these servants who have been chosen for the ministry of lector. Let us pray that they may be faithful to the work entrusted to them, proclaim Christ to the World, and so give glory to our Father in heaven.

PRAYER

Lord God, source of all goodness and light, you sent your only Son, the Word of life, to reveal to mankind the mystery of your love. Bless † our brothers who have been chosen for the ministry of lector. Grant that as they meditate constantly on your word they may grow in wisdom and faithfully proclaim it to your people. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

INSTITUTION

Take this book of holy Scripture and be faithful in handing on the word of God, so that it may grow strong in the hearts of his people.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS “In This Place Your Word Is Planted”



1. In this place your Word is plant - ed;
2. Let your plant - ing not be wast - ed,
3. Help us treas - ure Ho - ly Wis - dom,
4. Blest are they who, truth re - ceiv - ing,



On our path the seed is sown. To the Church your
Wilt - ed soon in ston - y field. Let our world - ly
Sa - vor ev - 'ry word you give. Help us cher - ish
Know its val - ue more than gold. Blest are they who,



Word is spo - ken; In our hearts a light has shone.
cares not choke it, Rob - bing you of right - ful yield.
Je - sus' gos - pel, Bread by which your peo - ple live.
per - se - ver - ing, Bear good fruit a hun - dred - fold.

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Tune: STUTTGART, 8 7 8 7; *Psalmodia Sacra*, 1715; harm. by Kenneth D. Smith, b.1928

INVITATION TO PRAYER

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PREFACE DIALOGUE

Bishop Bambara: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Bishop Bambara: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Bishop Bambara: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right and just.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS "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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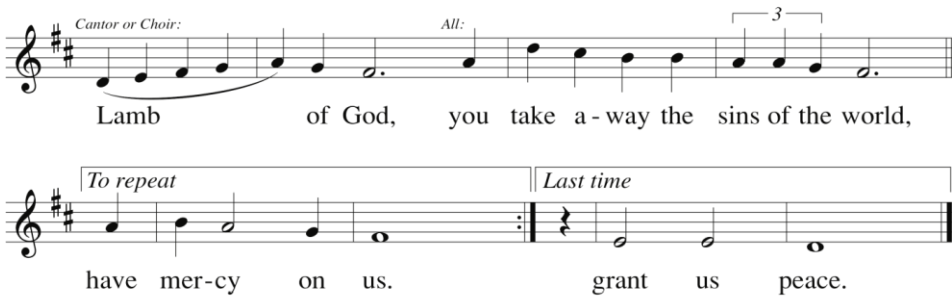
THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE RITE OF PEACE

Bishop Bambara: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
All: **And with your spirit.**

THE FRACTION RITE

litany from *Holy Cross Mass*
Isele



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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Bishop Bambara: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the
sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of
the Lamb.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my
roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

HYMN DURING COMMUNION

"As The Bread of Life Is Broken"

THAXTED

Refrain



Verses



1. We, the man - y who are gath - ered, are u -
2. In the word of God pro - claimed here the good
3. In the bread of life here giv - en, we be -
4. Sent as bless - ing for God's peo - ple, to go



nit - ed now as one.	In this joy - ful cel - e -
news of truth is heard.	In the tell - ing of the
come what we re - ceive.	In the cup of love here
forth in love and peace,	In our wit - ness to God's



bra - tion,	we re - call what God has done.
sto - ries,	we are o - pen to God's word.
of - fered,	we af - firm what we be - lieve.
king - dom,	may our char - i - ty in - crease.

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Tune: THAXTED, 14 14 15 15; Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Concluding Rite

FINAL BLESSING

Bishop Bambara: The Lord be with you.
All: **And with your spirit.**

Bishop Bambara: Blessed be the name of the Lord.
All: **Now and for ever.**

Bishop Bambara: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
All: **Who made Heaven and earth.**

Bishop Bambara: 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.**



CLOSING HYMN

“Go To The World”

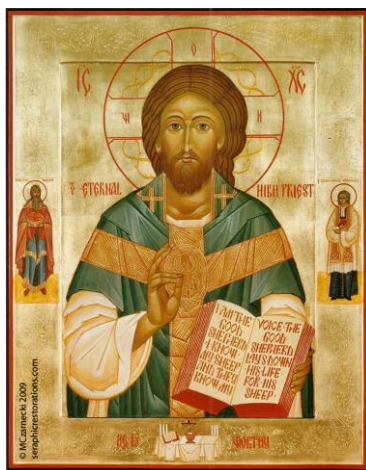
1. Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth. Go
 2. Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
 3. Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless and pray. The
 4. Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, For

preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth, Bap -
 Go live the Word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 nights of tears give way to joy - ous day. As
 I am with you till the age shall end, When

tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space. Al -
 ser - vant Church you fol - low Christ's own way.
 all the hosts of glo - ry cry “A - men!”

le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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 Tune: SINE NOMINE, 10 10 10 with alleluias; Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958



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