



Song Lyrics for 8/9/26 – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Prelude Song

You Are Near

Refrain

O Lord, I know you are near,
standing always at my side.
You guard me from the foe,
and you lead me in ways everlasting.

1. Lord, you have searched my heart,
and you know when I sit and when I stand.
Your hand is upon me, protecting me from death,
keeping me from harm.

2. Where can I run from your love?
If I climb to the heavens you are there;
if I fly to the sunrise or sail beyond the sea,
still I'd find you there.

3. You know my heart and its ways,
you who formed me before I was born,
in the secret of darkness before I saw the sun,
in my mother's womb.

4. Marvelous to me are your works;
how profound are your thoughts, my Lord.
Even if I could count them, they number as the stars,
you would still be there.

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Processional (Entrance) Song

Glory and Praise to Our God

Refrain

Glory and praise to our God,
who alone gives light to our days.
Many are the blessings he bears
to those who trust in his ways.

3. Ev'ry moment of ev'ry day
our God is waiting to save,
always ready to seek the lost,
to answer those who pray.

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Song for Presentation & Preparation of the Gifts

Sacred Silence

Refrain

Sacred silence, holy ocean,
gentle water, washing over me;
help me listen, Holy Spirit.
Come and speak to me.

1. God my Father, Christ my brother,
Holy Spirit, sanctifying me;
Lord, I'm sorry,
please forgive me.
Come and set me free.

2. Holy Mary, gentle mother,
God's pure vessel,
praying for me;
saints and angels, all in heaven,
come and be with me.

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Song for Communion

Be Not Afraid

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1. 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.

Refrain

Be not afraid.
I go before you always.
Come, follow me,
and I will give you rest.

2. 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.

3. 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!

Text: Based on Isaiah 43:2–3; Luke 6:20ff. Text and music © 1975, 1978, Robert J. Dufford, SJ, and OCP. All rights reserved.

~ Turn over for Recessional song. ~

Recessional (Exit) Song

How Can I Keep From Singing

1. My life flows on in endless song
Above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far-off hymn
That hails a new creation.

Refrain

No storm can shake my inmost calm,
While to that rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?

2. Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing;
It sounds and echoes in my soul;
How can I keep from singing?

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