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If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Psalm 95

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YOU ALONE



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THE INTRODUCTORY RITES (GATHERING)

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Psalm 25 (24):15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Entrance Hymn (verses 1 and 2) (Please stand.)



Text: CMD; Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889, alt. Music: trad. English melody, adapt. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958.

<u>Greeting</u>

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

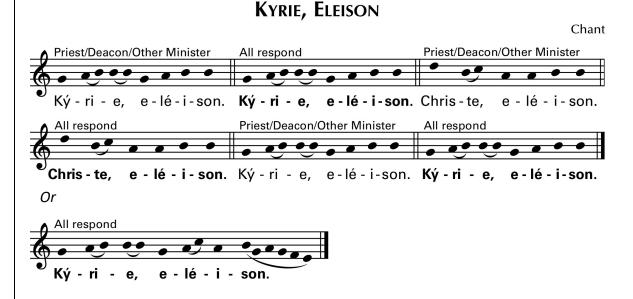
(All make the Sign of the Cross.) Amen.

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ...be with you all. And with your spirit.

<u>Penitential Act</u>

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; (Strike breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest/Deacon: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.



Text and music: Graduale Romanum, 1974.

<u>Collect</u>

(After the Priest says the Collect, all respond.) Amen. (Please be seated.)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Exodus In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? a little more and they will stone me!" The LORD answered Moses, "Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD in our midst or not?"

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

<u>Responsorial Psalm</u>

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9. R. v.8



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Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;

let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship;

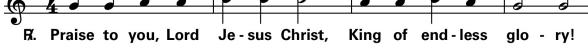
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.

For he is our God,

and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

Exodus 17:3-7

 R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works." 	
R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.	
<u>Second Reading</u>	Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans	
Brothers and sisters:	
Since we have been justified by faith,	
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,	
through whom we have gained access by faith	
to this grace in which we stand,	
and we boast in hope of the glory of God.	
And hope does not disappoint,	
because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.	
For Christ, while we were still helpless,	
died at the appointed time for the ungodly.	
Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person,	
though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die.	
But God proves his love for us	
in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.	
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	
Gospel Acclamation and Verse	See John 4:42, 15
(Please stand.)	



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Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world;

give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

John 4:5-42 or John 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

<u>Gospel</u> (Include the bracketed text for the long form; text in parentheses is for the short form only.) The Lord be with you. And with your spirit. *The reading from the holy Gospel according to John.* **Glory to you, O Lord.** Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Iesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" -For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.-Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink, ' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him,

"Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty

or have to keep coming here to draw water."

[Jesus said to her,

"Go call your husband and come back."

The woman answered and said to him,

"I do not have a husband."

Jesus answered her,

"You are right in saying, 'I do not have a husband."

For you have had five husbands,

and the one you have now is not your husband.

What you have said is true." The woman said to him, "Sir,] I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one (who is) speaking with you." [At that moment his disciples returned, and were amazed that he was talking with a woman, but still no one said, "What are you looking for?" or "Why are you talking with her?" The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, "Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?" They went out of the town and came to him. Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Could someone have brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, 'In four months the harvest will be here'? I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest. The reaper is already receiving payment and gathering crops for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together.

For here the saying is verified that 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work."] Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him [because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me everything I have done."] When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves,

and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

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

Homily (Please be seated.)

Profession of Faith (Nicene Creed) (Please stand.) 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, (At the words that follow, up to and including "and became man," 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.

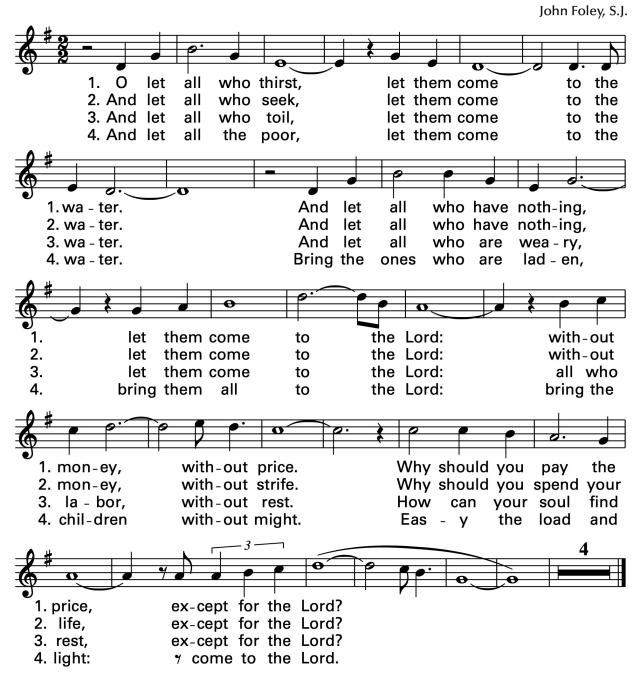
Universal Prayer (Prayers of the Faithful) (Please stand.)

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Hymn for Presentation of the Gifts and Preparation of the Altar

(Please be seated.)

COME TO THE WATER



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Presentation of the Gifts and Preparation of the Altar

Priest: ...that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father,"

(Please stand.) 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.

Prayer over the Offerings

Amen

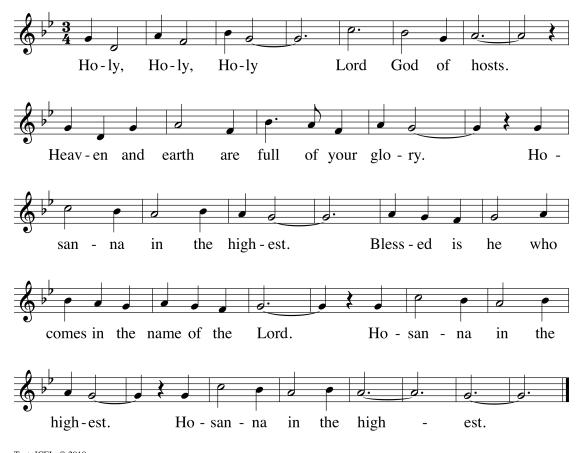
Preface

Priest: *The Lord be with you*. And with your spirit.

Priest: *Lift up your hearts*. We lift them up to the Lord.

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

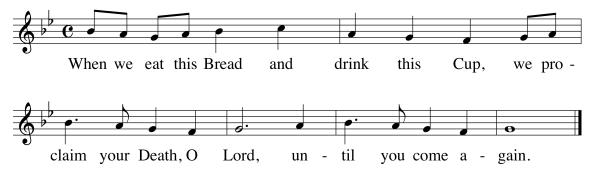
<u>Holy</u>



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(Please kneel.)

Mystery of Faith



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Amen

(Please stand.)



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Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord ... the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

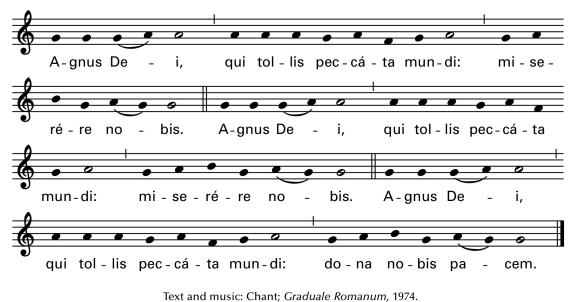
Priest: Lord Jesus Christ ... Who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And with your spirit.**

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

Agnus Dei XVIII



(Please kneel.)

Communion

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God ... Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

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

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Communion Antiphon

John 4:13-14

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

Communion Hymn



Prayer after Communion

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Greeting and Blessing

(Please stand.)

Priest: The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Priest: May almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen

<u>Dismissal</u>

Deacon/Priest: Go in peace. Thanks be to God.

<u>Recessional Hymn</u> (verse 3)

SAVE YOUR PEOPLE

