

A Celebration of The Holy Eucharist

Thursday, October 1, 2026 | The Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux

OPENING HYMN

460 | *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

The musical score is written for a choir with three parts: Soprano (1), Alto (3), and Tenor/Bass (4). It is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with the three parts often singing different words or phrases in the same line. The score consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The piano part is a simple harmonic accompaniment using chords and moving lines in the bass and treble clefs.

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the

1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Gracious Father, who called your servant Thérèse to a life of fervent prayer: Give to us that spirit of prayer and zeal for the ministry of the Gospel, that the love of Christ may be known throughout all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

THE FIRST READING

Judith 8:1–8

A Reading from the Book of Judith.

Now in those days Judith heard about these things: she was the daughter of Merari son of Ox son of Joseph son of Oziel son of Elkiah son of Ananias son of Gideon son of Raphain son of Ahitub son of Elijah son of Hilkiah son of Eliab son of Nathanael son of Salamiel son of Sarasadai son of Israel. Her husband Manasseh, who belonged to her tribe and family, had died during the barley harvest. For as he stood overseeing those who were binding sheaves in the field, he was overcome by

the burning heat, and took to his bed and died in his town Bethulia. So they buried him with his ancestors in the field between Dothan and Balamon. Judith remained as a widow for three years and four months at home where she set up a tent for herself on the roof of her house. She put sackcloth around her waist and dressed in widow's clothing. She fasted all the days of her widowhood, except the day before the sabbath and the sabbath itself, the day before the new moon and the day of the new moon, and the festivals and days of rejoicing of the house of Israel. She was beautiful in appearance, and was very lovely to behold. Her husband Manasseh had left her gold and silver, men and women slaves, livestock, and fields; and she maintained this estate. No one spoke ill of her, for she feared God with great devotion.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 119:57-64

**You only are my portion, O Lord; *
I have promised to keep your words.
I entreat you with all my heart, *
be merciful to me according to your promise.
I have considered my ways *
and turned my feet toward your decrees.
I hasten and do not tarry *
to keep your commandments.
Though the cords of the wicked entangle me, *
I do not forget your law.
At midnight I will rise to give you thanks, *
because of your righteous judgements.
I am a companion of all who fear you *
and of those who keep your commandments.
The earth, O Lord, is full of your love; *
instruct me in your statutes.**

THE SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-4

A Reading from the Letter to the Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 21:1-4

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for God beholds the gift of every heart.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. He said, "Truly I tell you; this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on."

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

THE HOMILY

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**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray to God, whose love calls us to seek the things that are above and to offer our lives in humble service.

For the Church of God throughout the world: that, like Thérèse, we may discover the holiness hidden within the ordinary circumstances of our lives; that our hearts may be set upon Christ, and that the Church may bear witness to the transforming power of God's love. Hear us, O God;

For your mercy is great.

For the peoples and nations of the world: that those who exercise authority may seek justice rather than power, peace rather than domination, and the flourishing of all people rather than the interests of the few; and that those who are oppressed or forgotten may find advocates and companions. Hear us, O God;

For your mercy is great.

For all who live with little: for those who are poor, hungry, homeless, displaced, or without security; for those whose gifts seem small in the eyes of the world; and for all whose quiet acts of generosity go unseen. Give us the eyes of Christ, that we may recognize the abundance of love hidden within the smallest offering. Hear us, O God;

For your mercy is great.

For those who are sick, sorrowful, lonely, or afraid: that they may know the tenderness of God, who sees the offering of every heart and receives even our smallest acts of love; and that we may be faithful companions to those who need our presence. Hear us, O God;

For your mercy is great.

For this community: that we may not measure our vocation by greatness, achievement, or recognition, but by the depth of our love; that we may be faithful in small things, generous with what we have received, and attentive to the presence of Christ in one another and in the ordinary moments of our common life. Hear us, O God;

For your mercy is great.

For all who seek to follow Christ in religious life: for monastics, religious communities, oblates, associates, and all who have offered their lives to God; that, like Thérèse, they may discover that no act of love is too small, no hidden service is insignificant, and no life surrendered to God is wasted. Hear us, O God;

For your mercy is great.

For those who have died: especially those whose lives were lived quietly and whose names may be known to few; that, having sought the things that are above, they may now behold Christ in glory; and that we may follow their example of faithfulness and love. Hear us, O God;

For your mercy is great.

For ourselves: that God may give us the grace to live simply, to love generously, to surrender ourselves without counting the cost, and to trust that what appears small in our own eyes may become, in God's hands, an offering of infinite worth. Hear us, O God;

For your mercy is great.

The Celebrant concludes:

Gracious God, whose love is revealed in the great and the small, receive the prayers of your people. Give us the childlike trust of Thérèse, the generosity of the widow who offered all that she had, and hearts fixed upon Christ; that in all things, great and small, we may offer ourselves to you in love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ
has taught us,
we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,**

your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

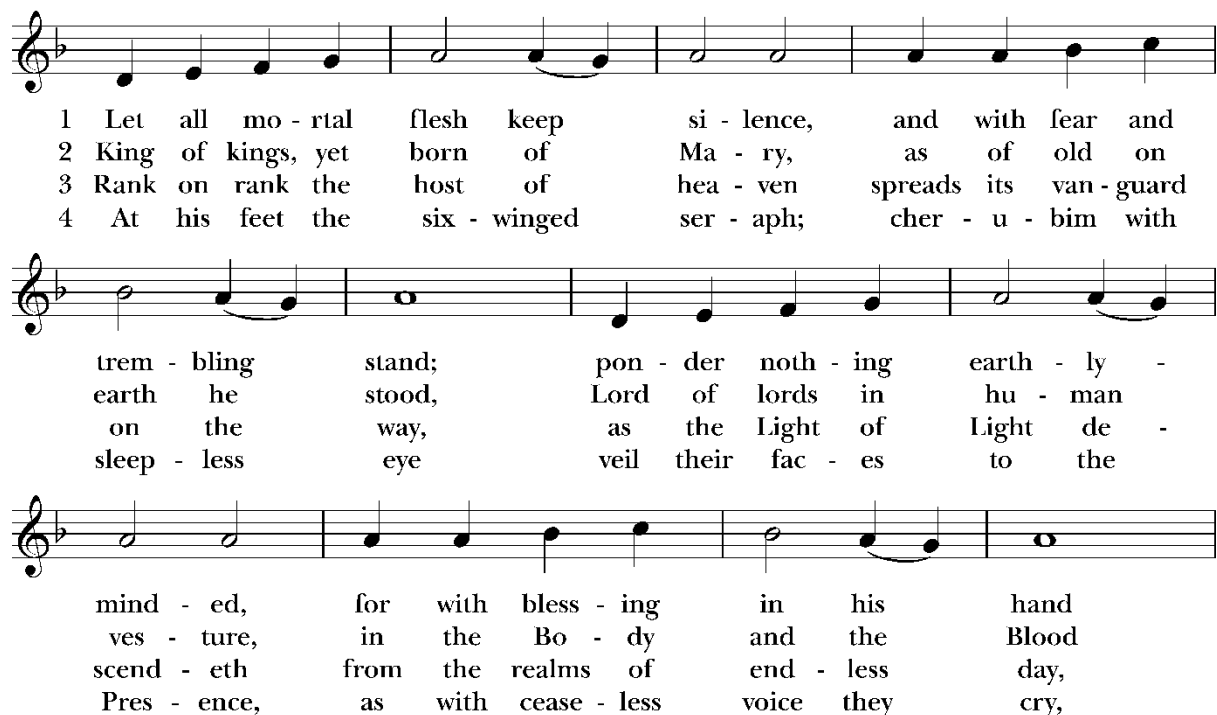
Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
 Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ
 died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION HYMN

324 | *Let all mortal flesh keep silent*



1 Let all mo - rtal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with
 trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man
 on the way, as the Light of Light de -
 sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the
 mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
 ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
 Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,

Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,
 he will give to all the faith - ful
 that the powers of hell may va - nish
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

our full hom - age to de - mand.
 his own self for heaven - ly food.
 as the dark - ness clears a way.
 Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE FINAL BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Celebrant offers a final blessing.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN

400 | *All creatures of our God and king*

- 1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
 *2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
 *3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our



- 1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
 2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
 3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
 4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and



- 1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
 2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:

Refrain

O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

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