

Gentle reminder: When the lights have been lowered, please use this time for silent reflection. The 5:30 PM Vigil and 8:30 AM Sunday Masses are livestreamed.

Welcome to the Church of the Ascension

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 6, 2026



FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

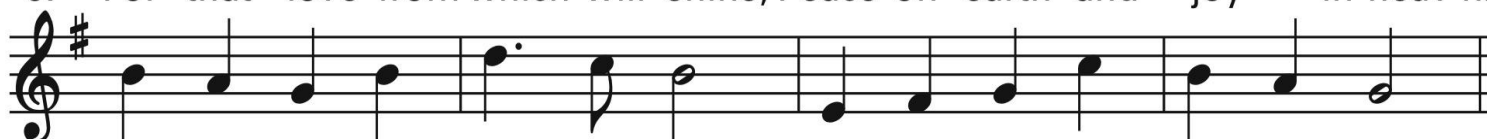
DIX



1. For the beau - ty of the earth, For the glo - ry of the skies,
2. For the beau - ty of each hour Of the day and of the night,
3. For the joy of hu - man love, Broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
4. For your Church, that ev - er - more Lifts its ho - ly hands a - bove,
5. For Your - self, O Gift Di - vine To our world so free - ly giv'n,



1. For the love which from our birth O - ver and a - round us lies:
2. Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, Sun and moon, and stars of light:
3. Friends on earth and friends a - bove; For all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
4. Of - f'ring up on ev - ery shore A pure sac - ri - fice of love:
5. For that love from which will shine, Peace on earth and joy in heav'n:



1-5. Lord of all, to you we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Text: 77 77 77; *Lyra Eucharistica*, 1864; Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt. Music: Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872; adapt. by William H. Monk, 1823–1899.

Glory to God from the *Mass of Renewal*

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy, have mercy on us. 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, amen.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 33: 7 – 9

God called the prophet as a watchman for the house of Israel.

PSALM 95: IF TODAY YOU HEAR HIS VOICE

Scott Soper



1. Come, let us sing with joy,
sing praise to the Rock who saves us.
Come now with open hearts,
singing songs of thanks,
singing songs of praise.
2. Come, let us kneel to God,
bow down to the Lord who made us.
We are the flock of God;

- God who shepherds us,
God who guides us home.
3. If you should hear God's voice,
do not let your hearts be hardened
as in that desert land;
there they saw my works,
still they tested me.

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SECOND READING

Romans 13: 8 – 10

All commandments are summed up in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL

Matthew 18: 15 – 20

Jesus said, "If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

**Please remain standing until the
Book of Gospels is fully enthroned.**

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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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 (****A SLIGHT BOW****) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. (****PLEASE RISE****)

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.

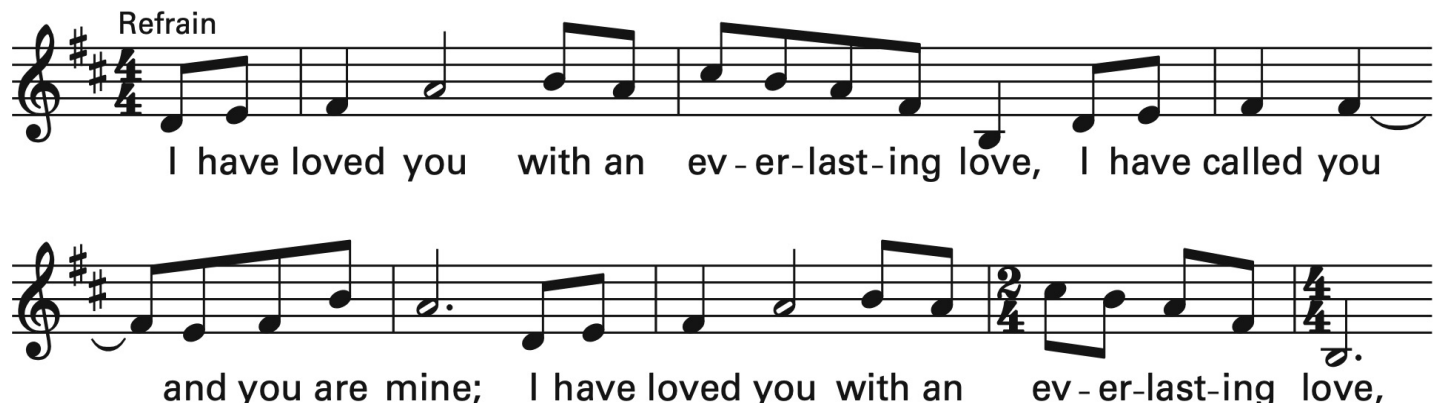
UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

I HAVE LOVED YOU

Michael Joncas

Refrain



I have loved you with an ev-er-last-ing love, I have called you
and you are mine; I have loved you with an ev-er-last-ing love,

Verses



I have called you and you are mine. 1-3. Seek the face of the Lord and
to Refrain

1. long for him: he will bring you his light and his peace.
2. long for him: he will bring you his joy and his hope.
3. long for him: he will bring you his care and his love.

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PLEASE REMAIN SEATED AFTER THE SONG

Father will begin the preparation of the gifts by taking the bread and saying, "*Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation....*"

Our response is, "Blessed be God forever."

Then he takes the chalice and says, "*Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation....*"

Our response is, "Blessed be God forever."

Then Father will invite us to stand by saying, "Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters) ..." and then we stand.

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME COMMUNION ANTIPHON [I]

Steve Angrisano, Sarah Hart, and Curtis Stephan

Like the deer that yearns for run - ning streams, so my
soul is yearn-ing for you, my God; my soul is
thirst-ing for God, the liv - ing God.

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COMMUNION SONG(S)

BY OUR LOVE

Tom Kendzia

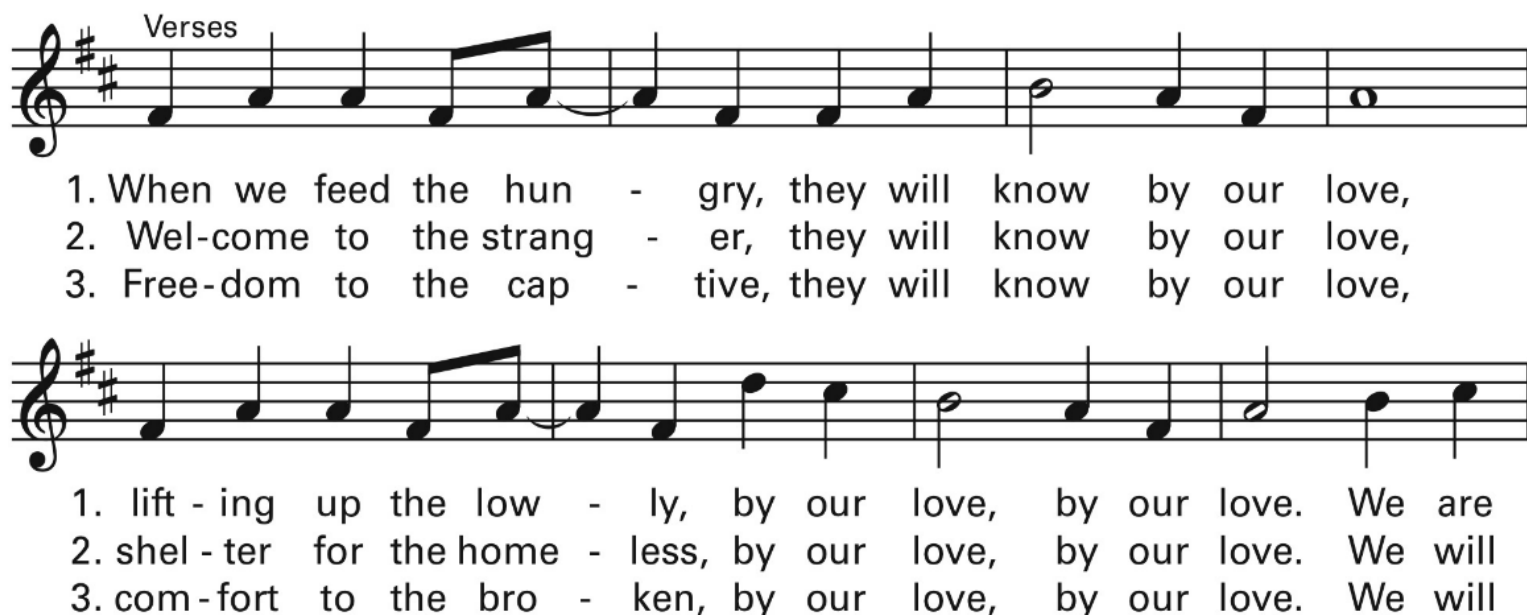
Refrain



By our love, by our love, they will know we are
Chris-tians by our love. Not by words, but how we live, yes, they'll
know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our love.

to Verses/Bridge

Verses



1. When we feed the hun - gry, they will know by our love,
2. Wel-come to the strang - er, they will know by our love,
3. Free-dom to the cap - tive, they will know by our love,

1. lift - ing up the low - ly, by our love, by our love. We are
2. shel - ter for the home - less, by our love, by our love. We will
3. com - fort to the bro - ken, by our love, by our love. We will

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1. one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, and we
2. walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, and to -
3. work with each oth - er, we will work side by side, and we'll



1. pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re-stored.
2. geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
3. guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each oth-er's pride.

Bridge

We sing praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one,
they will know we are Christians by our love. **(to Refrain)**

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REPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Bread of Angels

Bread of angels, we've received you; with us now abide.
Precious Jesus, manna of ages, with us now reside. Though
unworthy, we've received you, sacrament divine. Bread of
angels, accept our praises, let your glory shine!

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SENDING

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down!
Fix in us your humble dwelling, all your faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, source of all compassion, Love unbounded, love all pure;
Visit us with your salvation, Let your love in us endure.

Finish then your new creation, Pure and spotless, gracious LORD,
Let us see your great salvation perfectly in you restored.
Change from glory into glory, 'Till in heav'n we take our place,
'Till we sing before the almighty Lost in wonder, love and praise.

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788. HYFRYDOL87 87 d. Rowland H. Prichard, 1811 - 1887