

21st Sunday in
Ordinary Time
08/23/2026



OPENING HYMN: #540 (MI)

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

AURELIA

1. The Chur-ch's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth,
3. 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, And tu - mult of her war,
4. Yet she on earth hath un - ion With God, the Three-in - One,

1. She is his new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the word:
2. Her char - ter of sal - va - tion, "One Lord, one faith, one birth!"
3. She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more,
4. And with the saints, com - mun - ion With those whose rest is won.

1. From heav'n he came and sought her To be his ho - ly bride;
2. One ho - ly Name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
3. Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,
4. O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1. With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.
2. And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
3. And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
4. Like them, the meek and low - ly, On high may dwell with thee.

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GLORIA (Sung-Heritage Mass)

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.

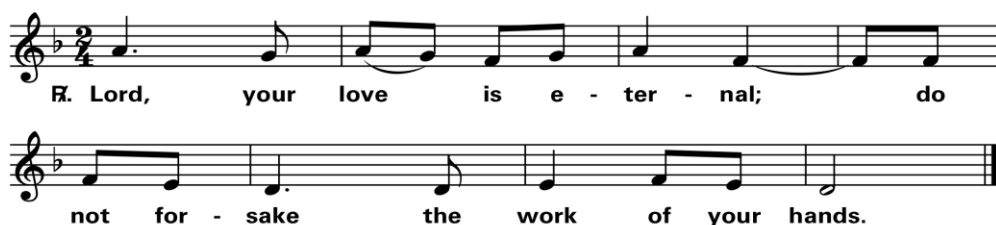
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

*O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.***

FIRST READING

Isaiah 22:19-23

PSALM 138: 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A



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- 1.) I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth; in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple. **R/.**
- 2.) I will give thanks to your name, because of your kindness and your truth: when I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me. **R/.**
- 3.) The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly He sees, and the proud He knows from afar. Your kindness, O LORD, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands. **R/.**

SECOND READING

Romans 11:33-36

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ALLELUIA NO. VI



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>> *You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. **R/.***

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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,

(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.*

PETITIONS

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Loving God, You have made us in Your image and likeness, and for this we shall praise You forever.

Through Baptism You invite us to serve as Your Son,

Jesus served. We call to mind the Priests and Consecrated Religious whose lives have been instruments of holiness. Thank You, Lord, for the gift and inspiration each of them has been, proving that Your steadfast love endures forever. Through the intercession of the Blessed Mother and Saints Peter and Paul, we pray to You, Lord Jesus, that more men and women will open their hearts to Your loving plan. We pray especially for those whom You are calling to serve the Church as Priests, Deacons, Sisters, and Brothers. Help them to hear and answer Your call to discipleship. Bless our families, Lord, that we may become instruments of Your Holiness and Peace. Let us give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever. *Amen.*



OFFERTORY HYMN: #539 (MI)

CHURCH OF GOD, ELECT AND GLORIOUS

Acc #133 / CP3 #501

HYFRYDOL



1. Church of God, e - lect and glo - rious, ho - ly na - tion,
2. God has called you out of dark - ness in - to his most
3. Once you were an al - ien peo - ple, strang - ers to God's
4. Church of God, e - lect and ho - ly, be the peo - ple



1. cho - sen race; called as God's own spe - cial
2. mar - v'lous light, brought his truth to life with -
3. heart of love; but he brought you home in
4. he in - tends; strong in faith and swift to



1. peo - ple, roy - al priests and heirs of grace: know the
2. in you, turned your blind - ness in - to sight. Let your
3. mer - cy, cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove. Let his
4. an - swer each com - mand your mas - ter sends: roy - al



1. pur - pose of your call - ing, show to all God's
2. light so shine a - round you that God's name is
3. love flow out to oth - ers, let them feel a
4. priests, ful - fill your call - ing through your sac - ri -



1. might - y deeds; tell of love which knows no
2. glo - ri - fied; and all find fresh hope and
3. Fa - ther's care; that they too may know his
4. fice and prayer; give your lives in joy - ful



1. lim - its, grace which meets all hu - man needs.
2. pur - pose in Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.
3. wel - come and his count - less bless - ings share.
4. ser - vice, sing his praise, his love de - clare.

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Mass Setting: Mass of the Resurrection #848 (MI)

Mem. Accl: "When we eat this Bread..."

**ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER**

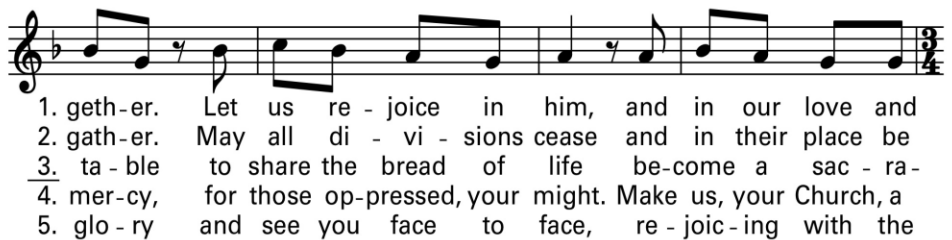
My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You Sacramentally, come at least into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. *Amen.*

COMMUNION HYMN: #354 (MI)**UBI CARITAS**

Bob Hurd



1. The love of Christ joins us to -
2. In true com-mu - nion let us
3. May we who gath - er at this
4. For those in need make us your
5. May we one day be - hold your



1. care for all now love God in re - turn.
2. Christ the Lord, our ris - en Prince of Peace.
3. ment of love, your heal-ing touch, O Christ.
4. ho - ly sign of jus - tice and new life.
5. saints of God to sing e - ter - nal praise.

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PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world, seeking the ruin of souls. *Amen.*

HAIL, HOLY QUEEN



Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To Thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to Thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, Thine eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,

R/. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

St. Joseph, the Worker, pray for us.

Blessed Fr. Solanus Casey, pray for us.



CLOSING HYMN: #509 (MI)

BY OUR LOVE

Tom Kendzia

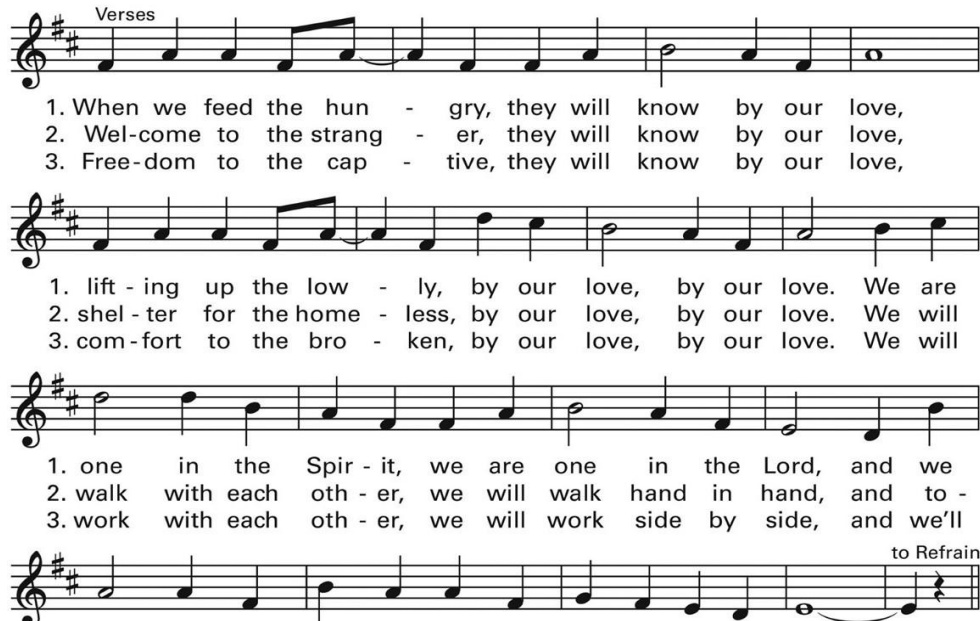
Refrain



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
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

to Refrain

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.

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