

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ascension Catholic Church
Melbourne, Florida
August 23, 2026

Gathering

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.

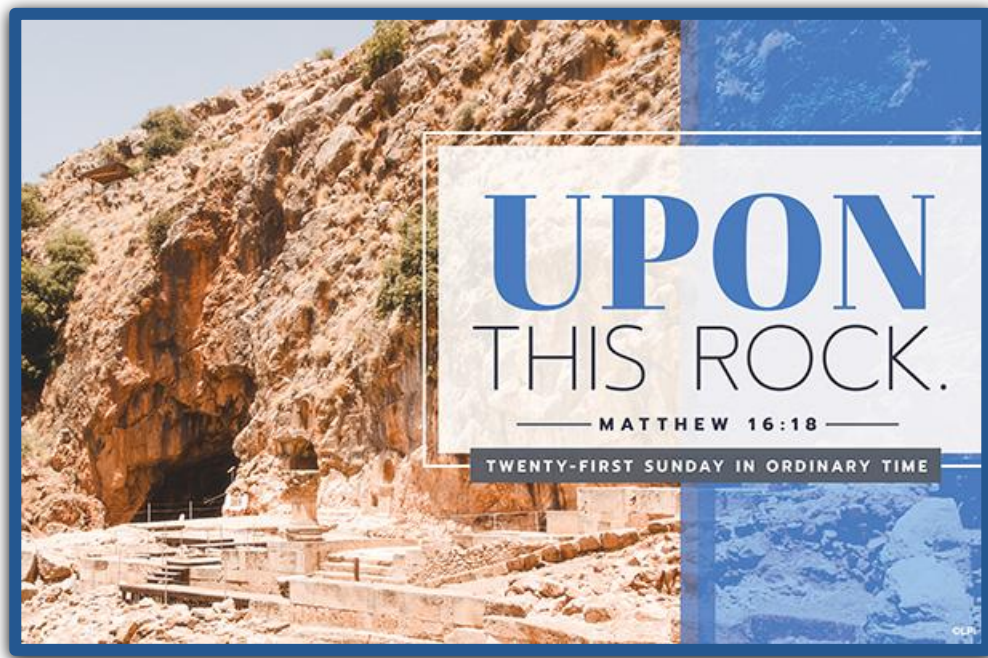


1. From heav'n he came and sought her To be his ho - ly bride;
2. One ho - ly Name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
3. Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,
4. O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we



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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Penitential Rite

Confiteor (optional)

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;
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.

Lord, Have Mercy

Deacon: Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

Assembly: Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Mass of Creation

Glory to God

Marty Haugen

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth
peace to peo - ple of good will.

mf

(1. We) praise you, we bless — you, we a - dore — you, we glo - ri - fy
1. you, we give — you thanks for your great glo - ry, — Lord

poco rit. *D.C.*

1. God, heav - en - ly King, O God, al - might - y Fa - ther. —

mp

2. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,
2. Son of the Fa - ther, — you take a - way the sins of the world, } have mer -
re - ceive

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2. cy on us; — you our prayer; — you are seat - ed at the
2. right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us. —

poco rit. *D.C.*

mf

3. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, —
3. — you a - lone are the Most — High, *Melody* Je - sus
Harmony

3. Christ, — with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of
3. God the Fa - ther. — A - men. — A - men. — *poco rit.* *D.C. al fine*

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Liturgy of the Word

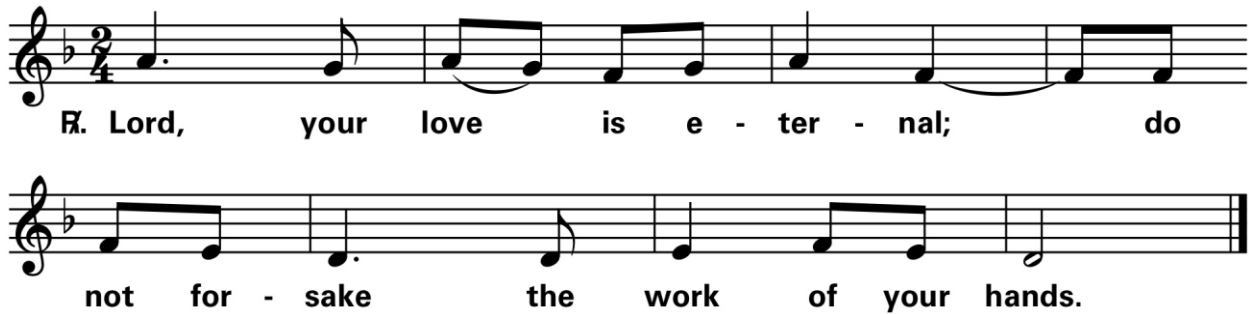


First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

Psalm Response

Psalm 138

Owen Alstott



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.
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.
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.

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Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

Gospel Acclamation: Celtic Alleluia

Christopher Walker



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Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Homily

Creed:

Nicene Creed

*I believe in one God,
the Father, the 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:
(Bow) And by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man. (end bow)
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.*

General Intercessions

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.



Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts

Seek Ye First

Karen Lafferty



1. Seek ye ___ first the king - dom of God and his
2. Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek, and
3. You do not live by bread ___ a - lone, but by



1. righ - teous - ness, And all these things shall be
2. ye shall ___ find; Knock, and it shall be ___
3. ev - 'ry ___ word That pro - ceeds from the



1. add - ed un - to you.
 2. o - pened un - to you.
 3. mouth ___ of ___ God.
- Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

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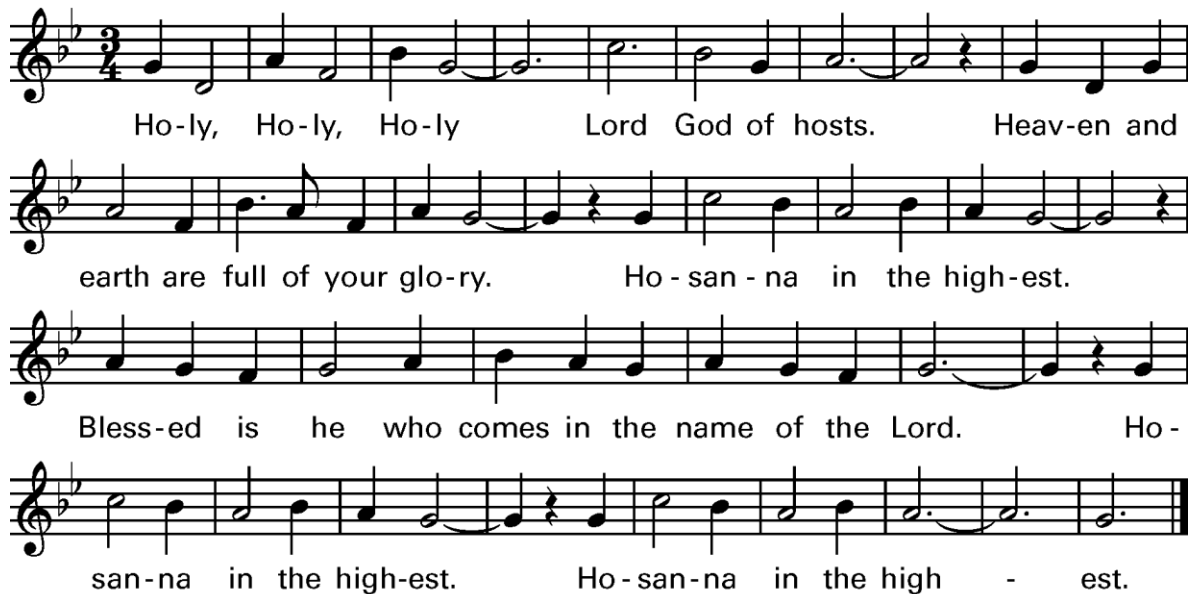


Eucharistic Acclamations

Mass of Creation

Marty Haugen

Holy



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Memorial Acclamation



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -
claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

Amen



A - men, a - men, a - men! A - men, a - men, a - men!

Lamb of God



Cantor/Choir All
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have
mer-cy on us. world, grant us peace.

Communion Antiphon

***The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;
You bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.***

Communion Songs

I Am the Bread of Life

Suzanne Toolan, RSM

Verses



1. I am the Bread of life. You who come to me
2. The bread that I will give is my flesh for the
3. Un - less you eat of the flesh of the
4. I am the Res - ur - rec - tion, I
5. Yes, Lord, we be - lieve that you

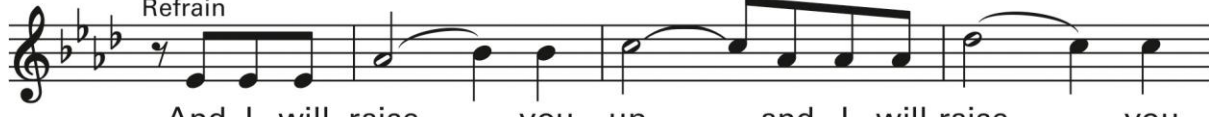


1. shall not hun - ger; and who be - lieve in me shall not thirst.
2. life of the world, and if you eat of this bread,
3. Son of Man 7 and drink of his blood, and
4. am the life. If you be - lieve in me,
5. are the Christ, 7 the Son of God,



1. No one can come to me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons.
2. you shall live for ev - er, you shall live for ev - er.
3. drink of his blood, you shall not have life with - in you.
4. e - ven though you die, you shall live for ev - er.
5. who has come in - to the world.

Refrain



And I will raise you up, and I will raise you



up, and I will raise you up on the last day.

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I Received the Living God

LIVING GOD

Refrain



I re-ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of



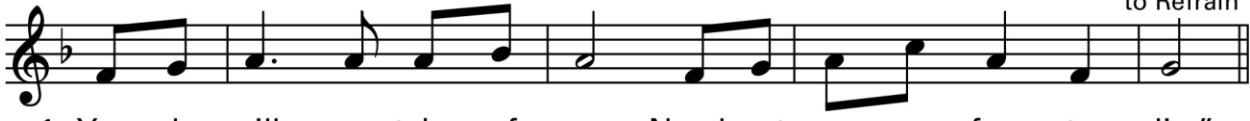
joy. I re-ceived the liv-ing God, and my heart is full of joy.

Verses



1. Je-sus said: "I am the Bread Knead-ed long to give you life;
2. Je-sus said: "I am the Way, And my Fa - ther longs for you;
3. Je-sus said: "I am the Truth; If you fol - low close to me,
4. Je-sus said: "I am the Life Far from whom no thing can grow,

to Refrain



1. You who will par-take of me Need not ev - er fear to die."
2. So I come to bring you home To be one with him a - new."
3. You will know me in your heart, And my word shall make you free."
4. But re-ceive this liv - ing bread, And my Spir - it you shall know."

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Song of Sending Forth

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE



1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy Like the wide-ness
2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the mea-sures
3. Trou-bled souls, why will you scat-ter Like a crowd of



1. of the sea; There's a kind-ness in his jus - tice
2. of our mind, And the heart of the E - ter - nal
3. fright - ened sheep? Fool - ish hearts, why will you wan - der



1. Which is more than lib - er - ty. There is plen - ti - ful re -
2. Is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more
3. From a love so true and deep? There is wel-come for the



1. demp-tion In the blood that has been shed; There is
2. sim - ple We should take him at his word, And our
3. sin - ner And more grac - es for the good; There is



1. joy for all the mem-bers In the sor - rows of the Head.
2. lives would be thanks - giv - ing For the good-ness of our Lord.
3. mer - cy with the Sav - ior, There is heal - ing in his blood.

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