

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ascension Catholic Church
Melbourne, Florida
September 6, 2026

Gathering

For the Beauty of the Earth

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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,



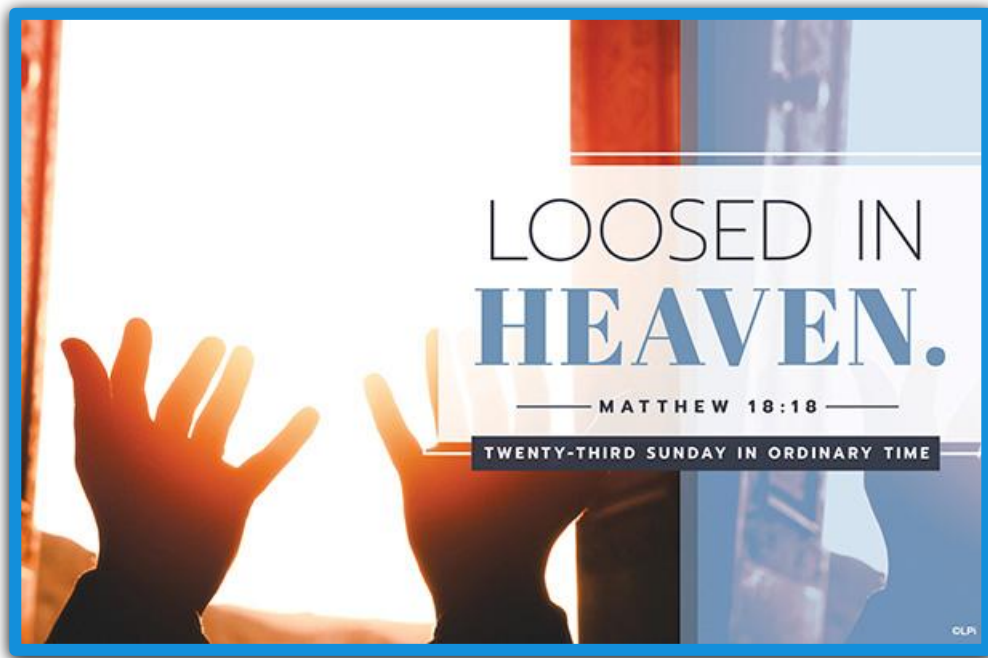
1. For the love which from our birth O - ver and a - round us lies:
2. Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, Sun and moon, and stars of light:
3. Friends on earth and friends a - bove; For all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
4. Of - f'ring up on ev - 'ry shore A pure sac - ri - fice of love:
5. For that love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



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

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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: *Ezekiel 33:7-9*

Psalm Response

Psalm 95

Owen Alstott



R. If to - day you hear his voice, hard - en not your hearts.

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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."

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Second Reading: *Romans 13:8-10*

Gospel Acclamation: Celtic Alleluia

Christopher Walker



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Gospel: *Matthew 18:15-20*

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

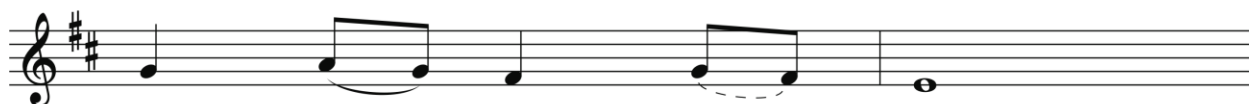
Preparation of Gifts

Seek Ye First

Karen Lafferty



1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God
2. Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,
3. You do not live by bread a - lone,
4. Where two or three are gath - ered in my name,



and his right - eous - ness,
seek, and you shall find,
but by ev - 'ry word
there am I in their midst;



and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you;
knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you;
that comes forth from the mouth of God;
and what - so - ev - er you ask I will do;



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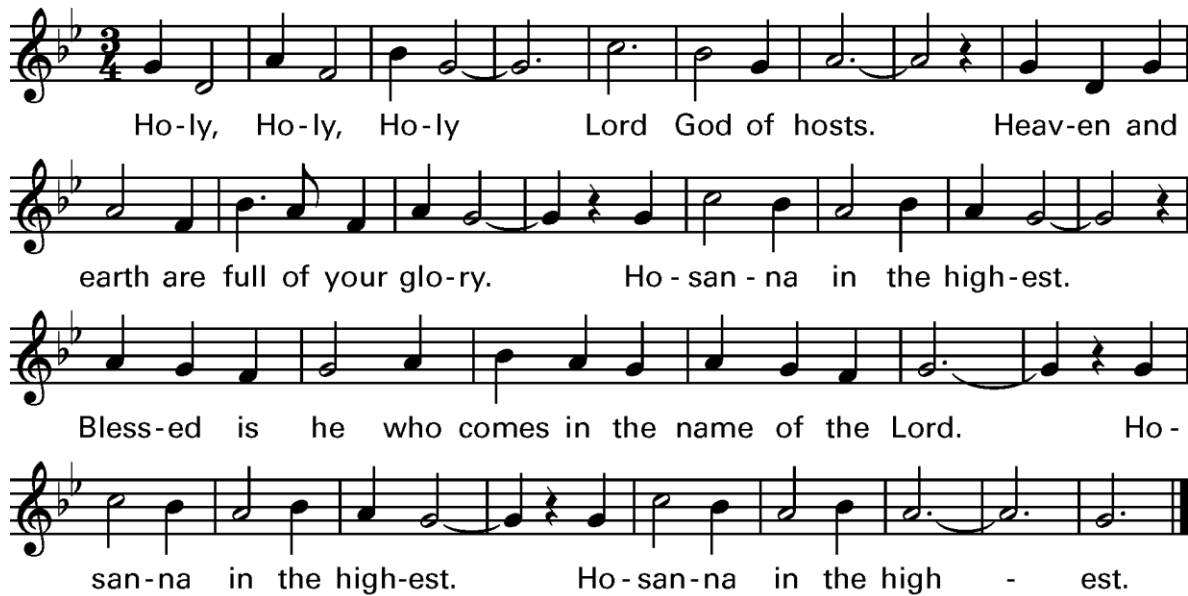
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Eucharistic Acclamations

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

*Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, O God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.*

Communion Songs

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ST. COLUMBA



1. The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow With
3. Per - verse and fool - ish I have strayed, But
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With
5. You spread a ta - ble in my sight, Your
6. And so through all the length of days Your



1. good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
2. gen - tle care he leads me, And where the ver - dant
3. yet in love he sought me, And on his shoul - der
4. you, dear Lord, be - side me; Your rod and staff my
5. sav - ing grace be - stow - ing; And O what joy and
6. good - ness fails me nev - er: Good Shep - herd, may I

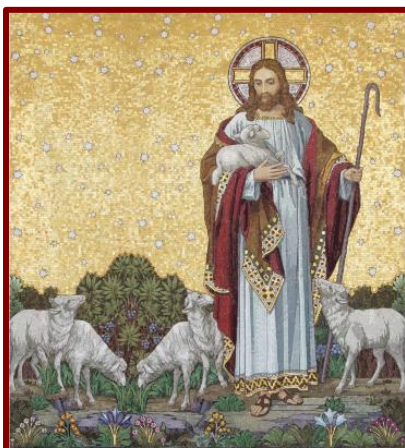


1. I am his, And he is mine for - ev - er.
2. pas - tures grow, With heav'n - ly food he feeds me.
3. gent - ly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
4. com - fort still, Your cross be - fore to guide me.
5. true de - light From your pure chal - ice flow - ing!
6. sing your praise With - in your house for - ev - er.

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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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Song of Sending Forth

Lord of All Hopefulness

SLANE



1. Lord of all hope-ful-ness, Lord of all joy, Whose
2. Lord of all ea-ger-ness, Lord of all faith, Whose
3. Lord of all kind-li-ness, Lord of all grace, Your
4. Lord of all gen-tle-ness, Lord of all calm, Whose



1. trust, ev-er child-like, no cares can de-stroy, Be
2. strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe, Be
3. hands swift to wel-come, your arms to em-brace, Be
4. voice is con-tent-ment, whose pres-ence is balm, Be



1. there at our wak-ing, and give us, we pray, Your
2. there at our la-bors, and give us, we pray, Your
3. there at our hom-ing, and give us, we pray, Your
4. there at our sleep-ing, and give us, we pray, Your



1. bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
2. strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
3. love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
4. peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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