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THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

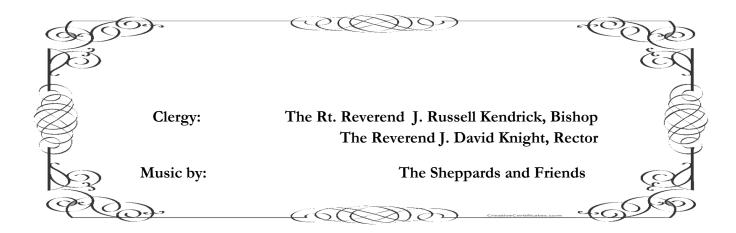
The Fourth Sunday of Easter * April 21, 2024* 9:30 AM

SAINT SIMON'S FOLK MASS FOR GUITAR AND VOICES



MUSIC BY THE SHEPPARDS AND FRIENDS

In 1979 Lyman and Nancy Reed penned *Saint Simon's Mass Rite II for Guitar and Voices*. At the time, Nancy was St. Simon's organist and choir director and Lyman was an active parish member. He was later ordained to the priesthood and served many parishes until his death in 2004.



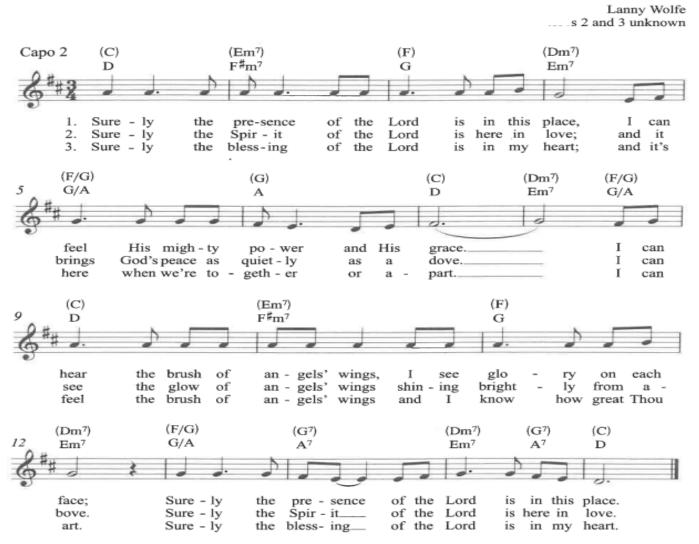
Prelude

Celtic Tunes

By: The Sheppards and Friends

Opening Hymn

Surely the Presence



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THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Collect of Purity

BCP, p. 355

All: 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.**

Gloria



The Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 225

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Reading From Acts

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Acts 4:5-12

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23:1-6 BCP, p. 612

(Read responsively by half verse. The people read after the asterisk)

The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures * and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; * you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

A Reading From 1 John

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

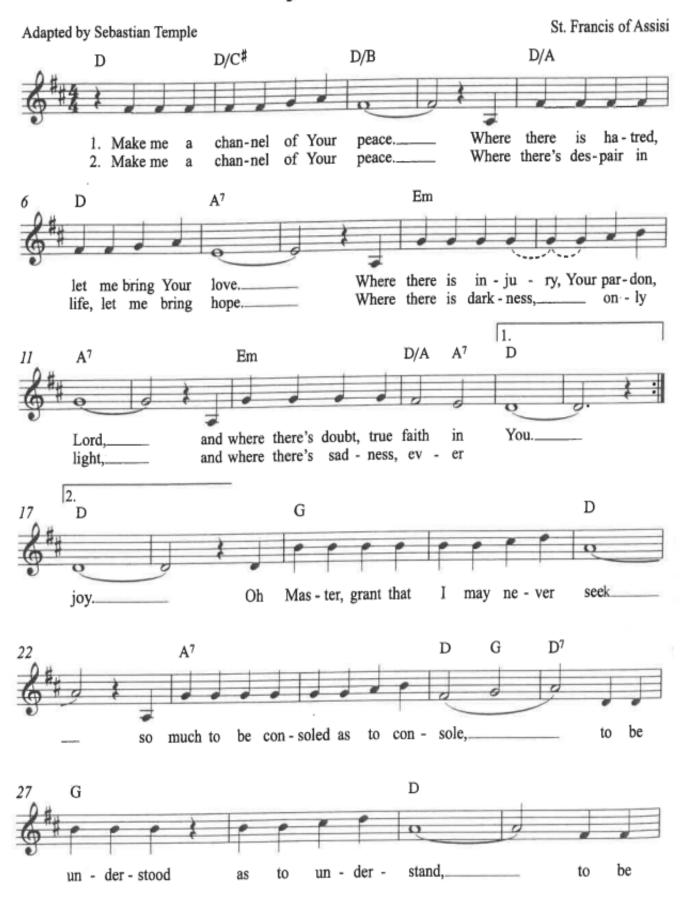
Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

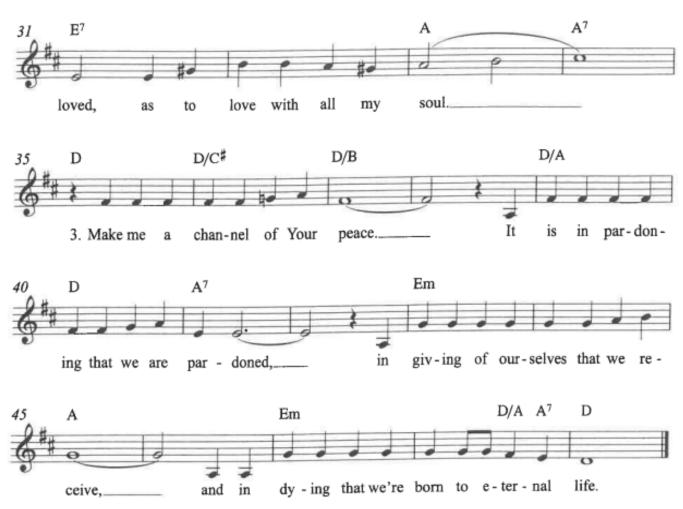
And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

1 John 3:16-24

Reader: The Word of the Lord. *People:* Thanks be to God.

The Prayer of St. Francis





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The Gospel

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

John 10:11-18

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon

Beckwith Sunday Creed

WE BELIEVE that Camp Beckwith is holy ground and a safe place for us to be real. that the summer camp staff is the best ever and they help us see God.

WE BELIEVE that summer is the best time of the year and rain is not so bad. that God was having a bad day when He made yellow flies and mosquitos and we believe in dinosaurs.

WE BELIEVE that all people have the same rights, and we do mean all.

WE BELIEVE in equality and in the right to choose, And that God's sacraments are for everyone.

WE BELIEVE that laughter is good for the soul, that miracles can and do happen, and that once saved, always saved.

WE BELIEVE that there is love in the world, that friendship is romance, in general respect, and that nobody deserves to suffer.

WE BELIEVE in loyalty and that peace is obtainable. WE BELIEVE in God, and that God knows everything. We don't know how, but we believe it. WE BELIEVE in Jesus and that he is alive

WE BELIEVE in the power of prayer. We hope for happiness. And we believe that we are going to heaven.

WE BELIEVE that we are blessed and beautiful. We believe in love.

Prayers of the People – Beckwith Sunday 2024

We give you thanks for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of forests, and bayous, for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers. Increase our reverence for the beauty and the mystery of life; give us new insight into your purposes for us as stewards of your creation, and give us wisdom and determination in making provision for its future in accordance with your will.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

For all the leaders of the people of the world, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move their hearts and guide their actions, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

For our diocesan family, that we may grow in love for one another and for all people. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

For our teenagers who are claiming their lives, for our children who are beginning their lives. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

O God, in the course of this busy life, thank you for times of refreshment and peace; grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

For all people who have no time for leisure, for the poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the sick and suffering, and all who have none to care for them. We pray especially for refugees and those who are for them. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

This hour we turn to you, O Lord, in full knowledge of our frailty, our vulnerability, and our great need as your mortal creatures. We cry to you, as one human family, unsure of the path ahead, unequal to the unseen forces around us, frightened by the sickness and death that seem all too real to us now. Stir up your strength and visit us, O Lord; be our shield and rock and hiding place! Guide our leaders, our scientists, our nurses and doctors. Give them wisdom and fill their hearts with courage and determination. Make even this hour, O Lord, a season of blessing for us, that in fear we find you mighty to save, and in illness or death, we find the cross to be none other than the way of life.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

The Celebrant adds a Collect

The Peace and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

The Garden Song

Dave Mallet



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Doxology

Grenoble Church Melody

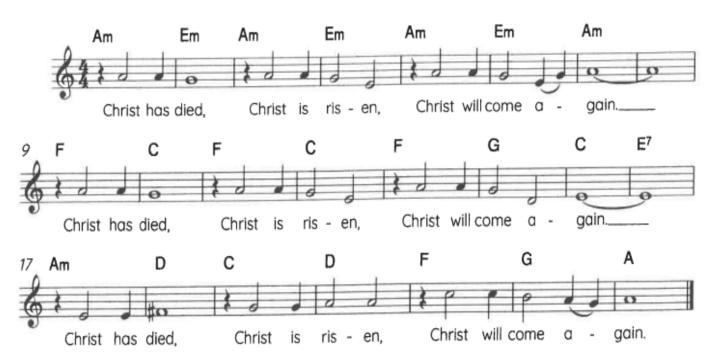


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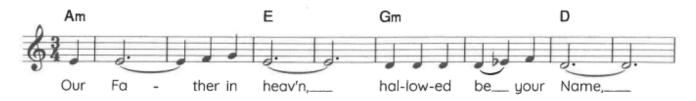
Sanctus



Acclamation



Our Father













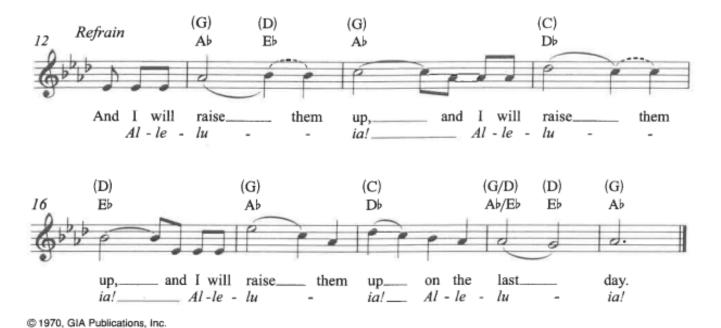
Fraction Anthem



I Am the Bread of Life

Suzanne Toolan, S.M.





Post-Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 365

The Blessing by the Celebrant

All things bright and beautiful

Praise to God



Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

Music: Royal Oak, melody from The Dancing Master, 1686;

adapt. Martin Fallas Shaw (1875-1958); desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia

Postlude

