

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL  
*for*  
**Thomas P. Fleming**  
St. Bartholomew Catholic Church  
January 23, 2026  
11:00 AM

Christians celebrate the funeral rites to offer worship, praise and thanksgiving to God for the gift of a life which has now been returned to God, the author of life and the hope of the just. The Mass, the memorial of Christ's death and resurrection, is the principal celebration of the Christian funeral.

At the funeral rites, especially at the celebration of the Eucharistic sacrifice, the Christian community affirms and expresses the union of the Church on earth with the Church in heaven in the one great communion of saints. At the rite of final commendation and farewell, the community acknowledges the reality of separation and commends the deceased to God. In this way it recognizes the spiritual bond that still exists between the living and the dead and proclaims its belief that all the faithful will be raised up and reunited in the new heavens and a new earth, where death will be no more.

The celebration of the Christian funeral brings hope and consolation for the living. While proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ and witnessing to Christian hope in the resurrection, the funeral rites also recall to all who take part in them, God's mercy and judgment and meet the human need to turn always to God in times of crisis.

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INTRODUCTORY RITES

SIGN *of the* CROSS *and* GREETING

Presider: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: **And with your spirit.**

BLESSING *with* BAPTISMAL WATER

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

RitualSong Hymnal #797

*Be Not Afraid*

COLLECT PRAYER

LITURGY of the WORD

Please Sit

FIRST READING

Wisdom 3:1-9

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23: My Shepherd is the Lord



My shep-herd is the Lord, noth-ing in-deed shall I want.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Chant Mode VI

Please Stand



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

Presider: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: **And with your spirit.**

Presider: A reading of the holy Gospel according to John.

Assembly: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The Gospel is proclaimed.*

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Please Sit

HOMILY

Please Stand

PRAYER of the FAITHFUL

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY of the EUCHARIST

Please Sit

OFFERTORY HYMN

RitualSong Hymnal #861

*The Servant Song*

Please Stand

Presider: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Almighty Father.

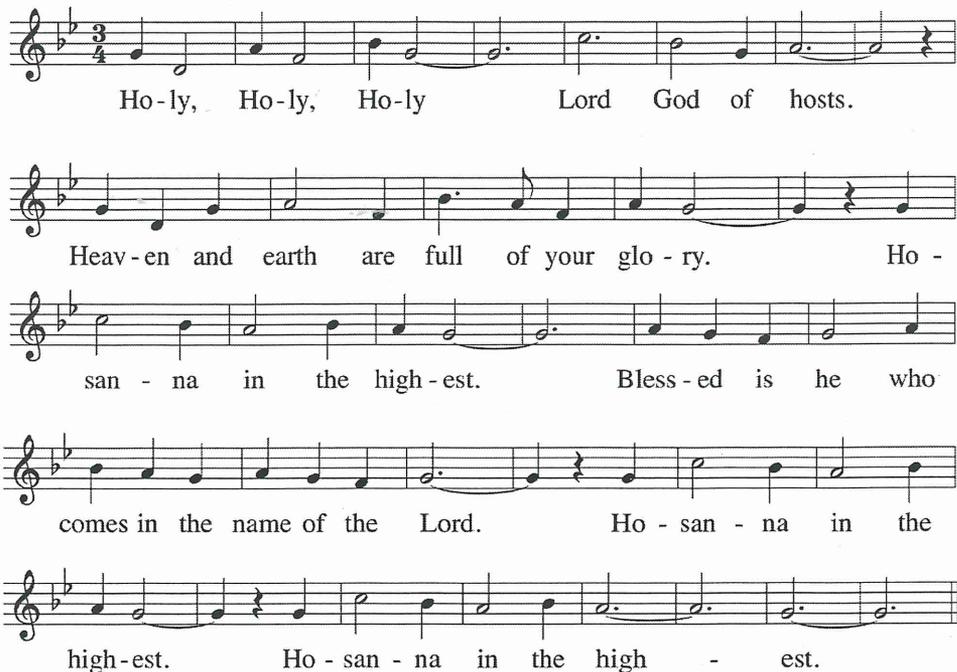
Assembly: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

# EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

## PREFACE DIALOGUE

Presider: The Lord be with you.  
Assembly: **And with your spirit.**  
Presider: Lift up your hearts.  
Assembly: **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
Assembly: **It is right and just.**

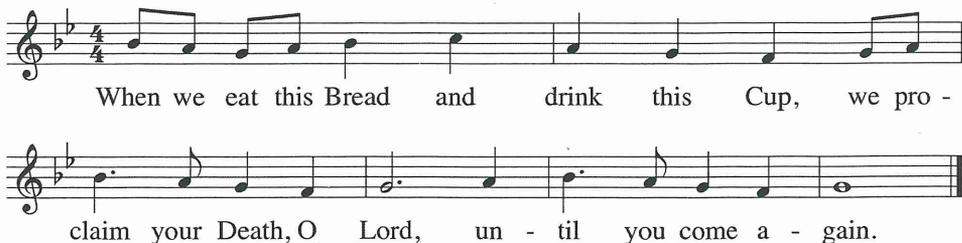
## SANCTUS



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.

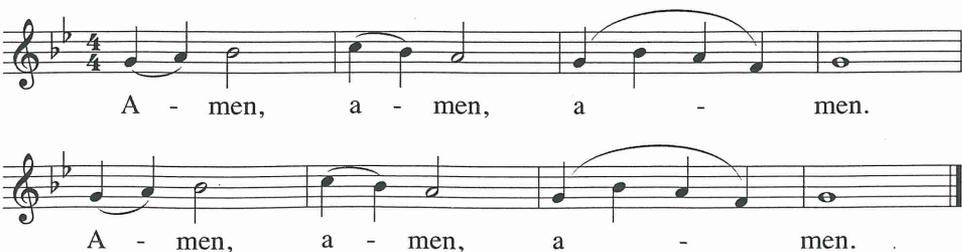
*Please Kneel*

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



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

## GREAT AMEN



A - men, a - men, a - men.  
A - men, a - men, a - men.

Please Stand

COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

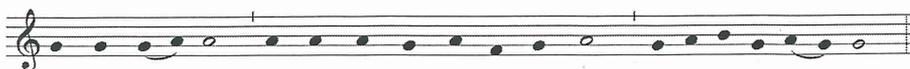
SIGN of PEACE

AGNUS DEI

Mass XVIII



A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: mi - se - ré - re no - bis.



A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: mi - se - ré - re no - bis.



A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: do - na no - bis pa - cem.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*

Please Kneel

INVITATION to COMMUNION

**Presider:** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Assembly:** Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

***Guidelines for the Reception of Holy Communion***

*During this time of reception of Holy Communion, those Catholics discerning their ability to receive are asked to please come forward. For all others worshipping here today, please feel free to come forward and ask for a blessing by placing your arms across your heart.*

Please Stand

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

4 Esd 2:35

May eternal light shine upon them, O Lord, in the company of your saints for eternity, for you are full of goodness.

COMMUNION HYMN

RitualSong Hymnal #1029

*I Am the Bread of Life*

COMMUNION MEDITATION  
RitualSong Hymnal #826

*Precious Lord*

PRAYER *after* COMMUNION

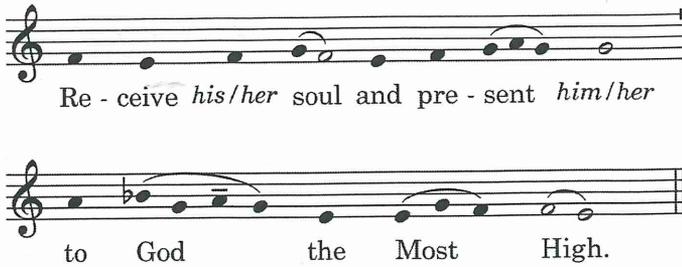
RITE of COMMENDATION

Please Stand

SONG of FAREWELL

*Saints of God*

Saints of God, come to his aid! Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord.



May Christ, who called you, take you to himself; may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

**Receive his soul...**

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

PRAYER *of* COMMENDATION

BLESSING *and* DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL ANTIPHON  
RitualSong Hymnal #219

*May the Angels Lead You into Paradise*

May choirs of angels escort you into paradise:  
and at your arrival may the martyrs receive and welcome you,  
may they bring you home into the holy city, Jersusalem.

May the holy angels welcome you, and with Lazarus,  
who lived in poverty, may you have everlasting rest.

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever will be.



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;

great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is thy faithfulness...

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness...

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