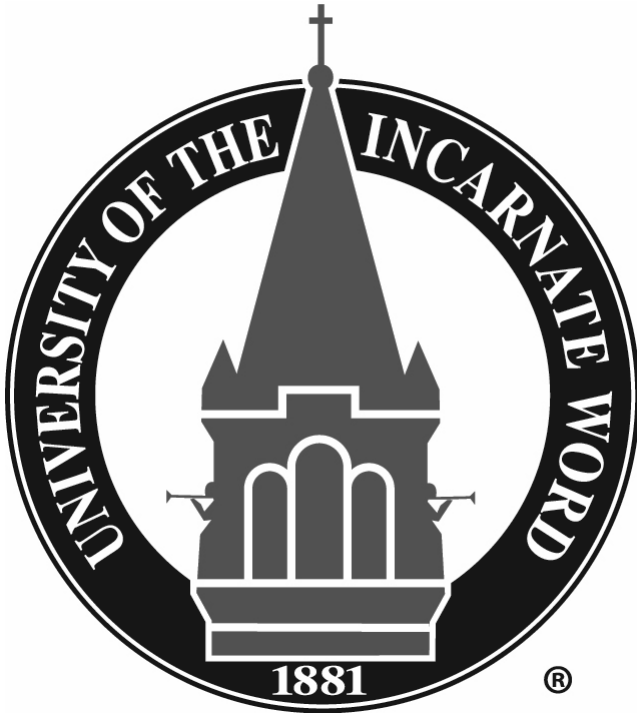


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Baccalaureate Mass
San Antonio, TX
December 13, 2024



The ancient Greeks referred to *leitourgia* (liturgy) as a “public work” done for the people. In those times, the wealthy would fund some public effort for the good of the community — perhaps a building or ship in service of the state, or the expenses of actors or singers. These benefactors came to be known as “liturgists” and they recognized that there was a collaborative principle strongly rooted in the very action of liturgy. Though the “work” was done *for* the people, there was also a collaborative “work *of* the people” required if they were to receive a benefit. As liturgy came to be associated with religious action, this collaborative ethic was retained. It is what the Church continues to teach today.

The Mass is Christ’s “public work” done for us. This Sacred Liturgy is an action of “Christ, our redeemer and high priest [who] continues the work of our redemption in, with, and through his Church” — His Body — the members. Even today it requires the efforts and collaboration of others to achieve its purpose (its benefit), for what we put into it is what we get out of it. Simply, liturgy is “the participation of the People of God in “the work of God.” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1069)

The Second Vatican Council reminded us of the importance and need for the “full, conscious, active participation of all the faithful in the liturgy.” (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, # 14) And so, we offer the following thoughts:

Your participation is important. All the music and prayers for this morning’s liturgy are found in this worship aide. Whether or not we are currently members of a faith community or active in church ministry, today we share the same ministry — that of the assembly of worshippers. It is by far the ministry that calls us most to action in and outside of worship.

We invite you to participate fully in the prayers and music of this morning’s liturgy. In the words of the eighteenth-century German critic and dramatist, G.E. Lessing, “One single grateful thought raised to heaven is the most perfect prayer.” And, in the words of St. Augustine, “To sing is to pray twice.”

We are a diverse group of worshippers today. You may recognize all, some, or possibly none of the music today. But, luckily, most of the music has moments of repetition. One of the unique characteristics of a university is that, by its very nature, it is about learning — affirming what we know, expanding on what we do not, and challenging us to be open to the diversity of thought in the classroom and within campus life. At the very least, consider this an opportunity to experience something new or to use your voice to inspire others. More importantly, consider this your opportunity to give a gift to someone around you. We may never know the deep power of communal prayer (and the music which serves it) on another person — what it can do to lift or calm a spirit, give expression to our emotions, or even bring joy to someone’s day.

Finally, there is only one audience today – GOD. And isn’t it for the purpose of praising and thanking God that we have gathered? If God is the author of our worship, God must also be the final reviewer, too. What will we bring God this day? And so, let us bring ourselves into the presence of God, who loves us beyond all measure.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Welcome

Gathering Hymn

Be Thou My Vision – SLANE



1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



Naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
May I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's sun!



Thou my best thought, by day or by night;
Thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be,
Thou and thou on - ly first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



Wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
Thou in me dwell - ing and I one with thee.
High King of heav - en, my treas - ure thou art.
Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish hymn, 8th c.; tr. by Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931, versification by Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935
Tune: SLANE, 10 10 10 10; Irish melody

Greeting

Presider: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: *Amen.*

Presider: The Lord be with you.

ALL: *And with your spirit.*

Penitential Act

Presider: Brothers and sisters,
let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves
to celebrate the sacred mysteries

ALL: *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
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.*

Presider: May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and bring us to
everlasting life.

ALL: Amen.

Mass XVI, Chant, Mode III

Ký - ri - e e - lé - i - son. Ký - ri - e e - lé - i - son.

Chri - ste e - lé - i - son. Chri - ste e - lé - i - son.

Ký - ri - e e - lé - i - son. Ký - ri - e e - lé - i - son.

Collect

Presider: ... one God forever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaías 48, 17-19

Thus says the LORD, your redeemer,
the Holy One of Israel:
I, the LORD, your God,
teach you what is for your good,
and lead you on the way you should go.
If you would hearken to my commandments,
your prosperity would be like a river,
and your vindication like the waves of the sea;
Your descendants would be like the sand,
and those born of your stock like its grains,
Their name never cut off
or blotted out from my presence.

Lector: Palabra de Dios.

ALL: *Te alabamos, Señor.*

Responsorial Psalm

PS. 1: "Those Who Follow You, Lord"

— LENA GOKELMAN

Those who fol - low you, Lord, will

have the light of life.

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Gospel Acclamation

Advent Gospel Acclamation

— ANDREW WRIGHT

*Refrain

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

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Presider: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

ALL: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Gospel

Mark 16:15-20

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: *Praise to You, Lord, Jesus Christ.*

Homily



The Universal Prayer

Te Rogamos, Oh Señor

— LENA GOKELMAN

At the University of the Incarnate Word, we are blessed with students and faculty from countries all over the world. Their presence invites us to recognize God's larger family. Our prayers today ask God's guidance and blessing for our global family and our graduates. We prayerfully respond:



‡ Gra-cious Lord, hear our prayer, hear our prayer.
Es - cú - cha - nos, O Señ - or, O - ye - nos.
→ ‡ Te ro - ga - mos, O Señ - or, O - ye - nos.

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For the Church/Por la Iglesia: That the coming of our Lord, bring to his Church unity and freedom, leading us with his assistance. We pray to the Lord.
TODOS/ALL: Te rogamos...

For those who govern us/Por todos nuestros gobernantes: Para que Dios guíe los corazones y mentes de los líderes del mundo y de nuestro país, para que promuevan el bien común de acuerdo con la voluntad de Dios.
Roguemos al Señor. **TODOS/ALL: Te rogamos...**

For those oppressed/Por los oprimidos: That we may recognize your Spirit in the refugees seeing justice and safety. Help us to show your love and compassion to all who are marginalized or suffer from discrimination.
We pray to the Lord. **TODOS/ALL: Te rogamos...**

For the Graduates/Por los graduados: Que se lleven los valores de un aprendizaje para toda la vida y continúen la misión de nuestra universidad, viviendo y amando como el Verbo Encarnado. Roguemos al Señor.
TODOS/ALL: Te rogamos...

For those dedicated to service and justice/Por los que se dedican a servir a los demás y a luchar por la justicia: For all those who are dedicated to serve others or promote justice in the world, so Jesus finds us awaiting again in the Christmas season. We pray to the Lord. **TODOS/ALL: Te rogamos...**

For this Christian assembly/Por esta asamblea Cristiana: Para que seamos levadura y testigos en el mundo de que creemos que el Señor Jesús está cerca.
Roguemos al Señor. **TODOS/ALL: Te rogamos...**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation of the Gifts

Song of the Servant


— RICKY MANALO

Verse 1

Thus says the Lord: you are my own
with whom I am pleased and whom I uphold.

For you shall not shout; you shall not cry,
but upon you my Spirit shall lead and guide. (*Refrain*)

Refrain



I am call-ing you by name for the vic-to-ry of
jus-tice. Be-hold, I send you forth as a
cov-e-nant of love, as a cov-e-nant of peace,
as a light for all the world to see.

Verse 2

Thus says the Lord: you are my voice.

Come and speak in my name to the ones who are deaf
and open the eyes of those who are blind.

Come and free those in darkness from all that can bind. (*Refrain*)

Verse 3

Thus says the Lord: you are my hope.

I have taken your hands; you shall not be alone.

My presence shall dwell close to your heart.

You shall never surrender the grace I impart. (*Refrain*)

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

ALL: *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.*

Prayer Over the Offerings

Presider: ... one God forever and ever.

ALL: Amen.



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Preface Dialogue

PRESIDER: The Lord be with you.

ALL: *And with your spirit.*

PRESIDER: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

PRESIDER: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: *It is right and just.*

Preface Acclamation

Mass of Renewal

— WILLIAM GOKELMAN/DAVID KAUFFMAN

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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of
f

hosts. Heav-en and earth are full, full of your
mf

glo - ry. Ho - san - na, Ho -
f

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
mf

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
f

- na, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san -
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- na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.
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Mystery of Faith

Mass of Renewal

— WILLIAM GOKELMAN/DAVID KAUFFMAN

Presider: The mys-ter-y of faith. → *ALL:* We pro-claim your
Opt. I ‡ We pro-claim your
Opt. II When we eat this Bread and
Opt. III ‡ Save us, Sav-ior

Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion,
drink this Cup, we pro-claim your Death, O Lord,
of the world, for by your Cross and Res-ur-rec-tion,

1. un-til you come a-gain. ‡ gain.
un-til you come a-gain. When we gain.
‡ you have set us free. ‡ free.

2.



Amen

Mass of Renewal

— WILLIAM GOKELMAN/DAVID KAUFFMAN

ALL:
(Priest intones) A - men, A - men,

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

The Lord's Prayer (RECITED)

(All recite:)

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come;
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.*

(Todos:)

*Padre nuestro, que estás en el
cielo, santificado sea tu nombre;
venga a nosotros tu reino; hágase
tu voluntad en la tierra
como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada
día; perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros
perdonamos a los que nos
ofenden; no nos dejes caer en la
tentación, y libranos del mal.*

Sign of Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
ALL: *And with your spirit.*

Lamb of God

Misa Santa Fe – MARY FRANCES REZA

SUNG IN SPANISH

1-3. Cor - de - ro de Dios, que qui-tas el pe - ca - do del mun-do,
1-3. † Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,

1, 2. ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, † ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.
3. † da - nos la paz, † da - nos la paz.

1, 2. have mer - cy on us, † have mer - cy on us.
3. † grant us peace, † grant us peace.

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.

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

*As we prepare to receive the Eucharist, please follow the direction of
 the hospitality ministers.*

*The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has provided
 guidelines for the reception of the Eucharist which can be found in the
 back of your worship aid. For all receiving Holy Communion, bow your
 head as a gesture of reverence before receiving the Eucharist in your
 hand or on your tongue; then, immediately consume it.*

*Whether or not you are receiving Holy Communion today, let us
 continue our prayers and our work for a more peaceful and just society.*

Communion Hymn

Pan de Vida – BOB HURD

Refrain

* Pan de Vi - da, cuer-po del Se - ñor,
 cup of bless - ing, blood of Christ the Lord.
 At this ta - ble the last shall be first, ** po -
 der es ser - vir, por-que Dios es a - mor.

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Verses

1. We are the dwell-ing of God,
 *** 2. *Us - te - des me lla - man "Se - ñor,"* *me in -*
 3. There is no Jew or Greek,
 fra - gile and wound-ed and weak. We are the
cli - no a la - var - les los pies: Ha - gan lo
 there is no slave or free: there is no
 bod - y of Christ, called to be the com -
mis - mo, hu - mil - des, sir - vién - do - se
 wom-an or man; on - ly heirs of the
 D.C.
 pas - sion of God.
u - nos a o - tros.
 prom - ise of God.

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Ubi Caritas – BOB HURD

Refrain: All
 *U - bi ca - ri - tas est ve - ra, est ve - ra:
 De - us i - bi est, De - us i - bi est.

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Verse 1

The Love of Christ joins us together. Let us rejoice in him,
 and in our love and care for all now love God in return. (*Refrain*)

Verse 2

Reunidos y alimentados, ya libres del rencor,
 vivamos nuestra comunión en Cristo, Salvador. (*Refrain*)

[Translation: In true communion let us gather. May all divisions cease and in their place be Christ the Lord, our risen Prince of Peace.]

Verse 3

May we who gather at this table to share the bread of life
become a sacrament of love, your healing touch, O Christ. *(Refrain)*

Verse 4

Y para los necesitados de amor y de bondad
seamos la esperanza, justicia y paz. *(Refrain)*

*[Translation: For those in need make us your mercy, for those
oppressed, your might. Make us, your Church, a holy sign of justice and
new life.]*

Verse 5

May we one day behold your glory and see you face to face,
rejoicing with the saints of God to sing eternal praise. *(Refrain)*



Blessing of the Graduates

May God Bless and Keep You

— CHRISTOPHER WALKER

RESPONSE:

May God bless and keep you, may God's face shine on you:

May God be kind to you and give you peace.

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Concluding Rites

Final Blessing and Dismissal

Presider: The Lord be with you.

ALL: *And with your spirit.*

Presider: May almighty God bless you,
the Father, Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

ALL: *Amen.*

Presider: “Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life”
(or a similar option is used)

ALL: *Thanks be to God*

Recessional

Hymn to the Incarnate Word

— SR. INFANT JESUS

Verse 1

Come join your prayerful voices and sing with sweet accord.
A hymn of love and worship, “Praised be the Incarnate Word!”
Thus may we sing forever at God’s eternal throne,
this hymn of love triumphant, “Praised be the Incarnate Word!”

Verse 2

Receive, Oh sweet Child Jesus the love we offer thee.
Our hearts, our souls, our lives, may yours forever be.
Let ev’ry thought, word, action, in fervent hearts be stirred,
with zeal for thy great glory, Oh great Incarnate Word.

Verse 3

Oh Jesus, Word Incarnate, accept our homage meet.
Our daily consecration we lay at thy dear feet.
We’ve chosen thee for model our King and Loving Lord,
Oh keep us loyal ever, to thee, great Incarnate Word.

Soon and Very Soon – ANDRÉ CROUCH



1. Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,
2. No more cry - in' there we are goin' to see the King,
3. No more dy - in' there we are goin' to see the King,
4. Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,



Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,
No more cry - in' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dy - in' there we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,



Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,
No more cry - in' there we are goin' to see the King, Hal-le -
No more dy - in' there we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,



lu - jah, Hal-le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!



Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu -



jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.

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GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

On November 14, 1996, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops approved the following guidelines on the reception of Communion. These guidelines replace the guidelines approved by the Administrative Committee of the NCCB in November 1986. The guidelines, which are to be included in missalettes and other participation aids published in the United States, seek to remind all those who may attend Catholic liturgies of the present discipline of the Church with regard to the sharing of Eucharistic Communion.

FOR CATHOLICS

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to re-ceive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

FOR OUR FELLOW CHRISTIANS

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (Jn 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the one-ness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 §4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of Communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 §3)

FOR THOSE NOT RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

FOR NON-CHRISTIANS

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

Blessings to all our Graduates. Know that you always have a home here at the University of the Incarnate Word. For more information on our events visit.

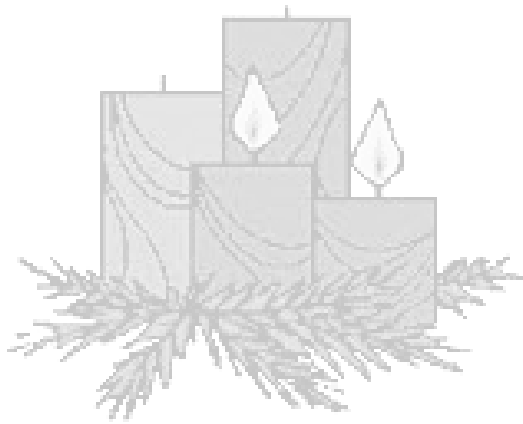
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Pre-service music will begin at 5 PM.

All are welcome!



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