

Mi Viaje, Nuestro Viaje
(My Journey, Our Journey)

This cover and the selections in the Mass today represent my journey. It is beautiful, often on uneven ground, and it continues to surprise me with wonders each day. It is full of God's great love and guidance. In a way, this is all of our journeys.

I am so thankful for everyone who has been a part of my journey so far, such wonderful supports! My family, my friends, FSPA sisters and religious from every part of the world - I am in awe of God's goodness in setting you along my path.

We're all on a journey, each one of us. And if we can be sensitive to the person who happens to be our neighbor, that, to me, is the greatest challenge as well as the greatest pleasure. -Fred Rogers



"What you hold, may you always hold.
What you do, may you always do, and never abandon.
But with swift pace, light step
and unswerving feet,
so that even your steps stir up no dust,
go forward
securely, joyfully, and swiftly,
on the path of prudent happiness . . .

so that you may offer your vows to the Most high
in the pursuit of that perfection
to which the Spirit of the Lord has called you."

*St. Clare
Letter to Blessed Agnes of Prague*

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Meg Earsley

Profession of First Vows

August 7, 2021 10:30 a.m.



*i thank you God for this most amazing
day; for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue trae dream of sky; and for everything
which is natural which is infinite which is yes
- e. e. cummings*

Opening Hymn: Canticle of the Sun

S. Mary Anthony, O.S.F.

1. All praise be Thine, O Lord most high, The Heav'ns Thy might and
 2. All praise be Thine, from Sis - ter Spring, The hum - ble chaste and
 3. Thou, too, give praise, for giv - ing Heart, With Mer - cy sweet and

1. grace pro - claim! Thou rul'st su - preme o'er sea and sky no
 2. pre - cious tide. She sends in floods that dance and sing, Her
 3. Pa - tience crown'd! Oh! bless - ed who in Peace de - part to

1. tongue is fit to lisp Thy name. When Bro - ther Sun his gifts to
 2. gen - tle bless - ings far and wide. To Thee be praise from Bro - ther
 3. realms where Love and Joy a - bound! There Bro - ther death brings Life's fru -

1. When Bro - ther Sun his gifts to
 2. To Thee be praise from Bro - ther
 3. There Bro - ther Death brings Life's fru -

1. ren - der, Leads forth the day in fiery splen - dor, Thine
 2. fi - re, Night's hordes he bids in haste re - ti - re, And
 3. i - tion, No sha - dow mars the hap - py vi - sion, Nor

Liturgical Ministers

- Presider** Fr. Nick Adam (Fairfield, IA)
- Sacristan** Sr. Eileen Lang
- Cross Bearer** Sr. Sarah Hennessey
- Lard Light Bearer** Sr. Marla Lang
- Plant Bearer** Sr. Helen Elsbernd
- Greeters** Sr. Pauline Wittry, Sr. Marcie Anibas and Sr. Michele Pettit
- Acolyte** Sr. Georgia Christensen and Sr. Antona Schedlo
- Lectors** Sr. Karen Kappell and Sr. Julia Walsh
- Reflection** Sr. Marcia Baumert
- Ministers of Profession** Sr. Eileen McKenzie, President
 Sr. Sue Ernster, Vice President
 Sr. Corrina Thomas, Novice Director
 Sr. Laurie Sullivan
- Intercessor** Sid Earsley (father) and Sr. Mary Ellen Huebsch
- Gift Bearers** Sr. Mary Arnoldussen, Sr. Kristin Peters, Sr. Juanita Hytry and Sr. Eileen Shaw
- Eucharistic Ministers** Sr. Marlene Weisenbeck
- Cantor** Sr. Loretta Penchi
- Organist** Carolyn Scott
- Pianist** Sr. Nina Shephard
- Violinist** Sr. Malinda Gerke
- Harpist** Sr. Laura Nettles
- Drummer**

Bring Forth the Kingdom

Verses



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple:
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple:
3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple:
4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple:



Salt for the King-dom of God! Share the fla - vor of
 Light for the Cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and
 Bring forth the King-dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and
 Bound for the King-dom of God! Love our jour - ney and



life, O peo - ple: Life in the King-dom of God!
 bright, O peo - ple: Shine for the King-dom of God!
 seeds of jus - tice, Grow in the King-dom of God!
 love our home - land: Love is the King-dom of God!

Refrain



Bring forth the King-dom of mer - cy, Bring forth the



King-dom of peace; Bring forth the King-dom of jus - tice,



Bring forth the Cit - y of God!



1. im - age of His ra - diance born en - chants my soul each
2. earth's al - loy turns firm and bold. In life and death to
3. sin nor fear and rue can blight The soul that walks in



1. ri - sing morn, En - chants my soul each ri - sing morn.
2. price - less gold. In life and death to price - less gold.
3. Love and Light, The soul that walks in Love and Light.



The lard light used in the Mass procession is a symbol of the spirituality of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, commemorating a time, in 1865, of miracles and promises made by the sisters.

The flowers presented in the Mass procession represent all of creation. I feel close to God as Creator when I am experiencing creation. I invite all of creation to be part of this special day.

Welcome: Sister Eileen Mckenzie, FSPA President

GLÓRIA

Refrain

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

Verses

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| <p>1. We praise you,
 we bless you,
 we adore you,
 we glorify you,
 we give you thanks for your great glory,
 Lord God, heavenly King,
 O God, almighty Father.</p> | <p>2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 you take away the sins of the world,
 have mercy on us;
 you take away the sins of the world,
 receive our prayer;
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
 have mercy on us.</p> |
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3. For you alone are the Holy One,
 you alone are the Lord,
 you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father.
 Amen.

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Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-31



BREAD FOR THE WORLD

Bernadette Farrell

Refrain: All

Bread for the world: a world of hun - ger. Wine for all
 peo - ples: peo - ple who thirst. May we who eat
 be bread for oth - ers. May we who drink pour out our love.

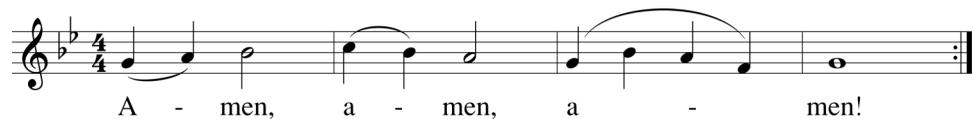
Verses: Cantor

1. Lord Je - sus Christ, you are the bread of life, bro - ken to
 2. Lord Je - sus Christ, you are the wine of peace, poured in - to
 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, you call us to your feast, at which the
 1. reach and heal the wounds of hu - man pain. Where we di -
 2. hearts once bro - ken and where dry - ness sleeps. Where we are
 3. rich and pow'r - ful have be - come the least. Where we sur -

1. vide your peo - ple you are wait - ing there
 2. tired and wea - ry, you are wait - ing there
 3. vive on oth - ers in our hu - man greed,
 to Refrain
 1. on bend - ed knee to wash our feet with end - less care.
 2. to be the way which beck - ons us be - yond de - spair.
 3. you walk a - mong us beg - ging for your ev - 'ry need.

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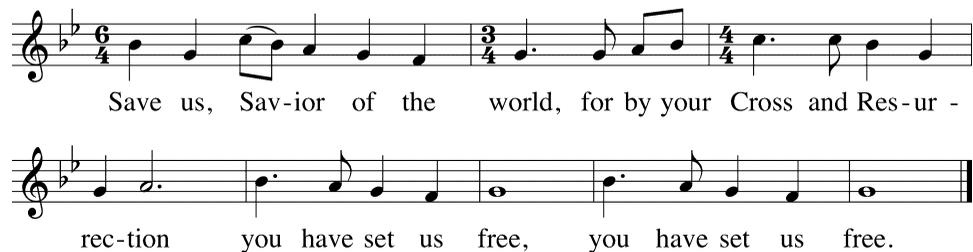
AMEN



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Memorial Acclamation

Save Us, Savior of the World

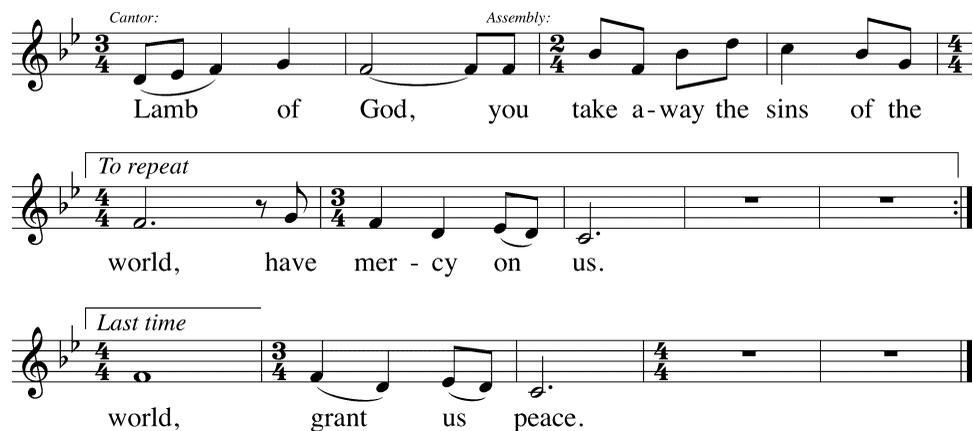


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Our Father

Sign of Peace

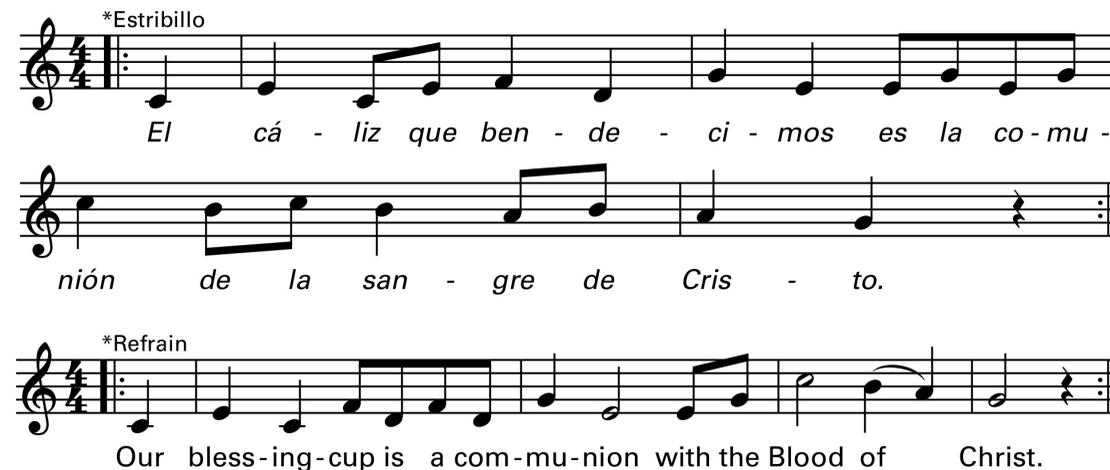
Lamb of God



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PSALM 116: OUR BLESSING CUP/EL CÁLIZ QUE BENDECIMOS

Jaime Cortez



1. *¿Cómo pagaré al Señor todo el bien que me ha hecho? Alzaré la copa de la salvación, invocando tu nombre, Señor.*
2. I believed, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted." Precious in the eyes of the LORD the dying of his faithful ones.
3. *Señor, yo soy tu siervo, el hijo de tu esclava; tú rompiste mis cadenas. A ti ofrezco un sacrificio de alabanza, invocando tu nombre, Señor.*
4. My vows to the LORD I will pay in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the LORD, in the midst of you, Jerusalem.

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Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel Acclamation



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Gospel: Matthew 13:44-46

Reflection

Calling to Religious Profession (*remain seated*)

Sr. Corrina: In freedom and in response to the touch of God, I call Meg Earsley.

Sr. Meg: You have called me, here I am.

Sr. Corrina: Are you ready to accept God's invitation to a life of love and service?

Sr. Meg: I am.

Sr. Corrina: My Franciscan Sisters, will you affirm the request of Meg to pronounce vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience as a member of our community?

FSPA Sisters: Knowing of God's loving presence within her, we will continue to support Meg on her journey. We recall our own vowed commitment, and pray, that with her, we may all continue toward holiness.

Examination for Profession

Sr. Eileen: Sr. Meg, by water and the Holy Spirit you have already been consecrated to God's service. Are you resolved to unite yourself more closely to God by the new bond of religious profession?

Sr. Meg: I am.

Sr. Sue: Are you resolved to center your life in Jesus Christ and in the Gospels, as did Francis and Clare, and live your response to

Refrain

And ho - ly is your name through all gen - er - a - tions!
Ev - er - last - ing is your mer - cy to the peo - ple
you have cho - sen, and ho - ly is your name!

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Holy, Holy, 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.

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HOLY IS YOUR NAME

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

Based on the Magnificat, Luke 1:46-55
Anonymous, alt.

Scottish traditional
Arr. Tony Alonso

Verses



1. My soul is filled with joy
2. I am low - ly as a child,
3. I pro - claim your pow'r, O God!
4. To the hun - gry you give food,
5. In your love you now ful - fill



as I sing to God, my Sav - ior.
but I know from this day for - ward
You work won - ders for your ser - vants;
send the rich a - way with noth - ing.
all you prom - ised to your peo - ple.



You have looked up - on your ser - vant,
that my name will be re - mem - bered,
you have scat - tered the proud - heart - ed,
In your mer - cy you are mind - ful
I will praise you, God, my Sav - ior,



you have vis - it - ed your peo - ple.
and the world will call me bless - ed.
you have lift - ed up the low - ly.
of the peo - ple you have cho - sen.
ev - er - last - ing is your mer - cy.

God's call in the Community of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration?

Sr. Meg: I am.

Sr. Sue: In vowing poverty, are you resolved to embrace dependence upon God, knowing that all of life's gifts come from God?

Sr. Meg: I am.

Sr. Sue: In vowing consecrated celibacy, are you resolved to embrace and live a covenant relationship with God, opening your heart to all of God's people?

Sr. Meg: I am.

Sr. Sue: In vowing obedience, are you resolved to embrace the movement of the Spirit as revealed in Scripture, prayer, and the events of daily life?

Sr. Meg: I am.

Sr. Eileen: May the One who began this good work in you bring it to fulfillment in Christ Jesus.

All: Amen.

Profession

Sr. Meg: I, Sr. Meg, vow to God almighty, and into your hands, Sr. Eileen, to live poverty, consecrated celibacy, and obedience in community for three years according to the Rule of the Third Order of St. Francis and the Constitutions of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. I ask the help of God, the blessed Virgin Mary, St. Francis and St. Clare, and you my Sisters. Amen.

Sr. Eileen: In the name of all of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, I gladly accept your vows. Be assured, Meg, of the love, respect, and gratitude of your Sisters for you and for your life as a Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration.

Blessing of the Medal

FSPA Sisters: Most gracious God, source of every blessing, we ask your blessing on this medal of the Blessed Sacrament. Draw near, we pray, to Meg, your servant and, as she wears this medal of the Blessed Sacrament, grant that she may also strive to be transformed into the likeness of Christ, who lives and reigns with you forever.

Presentation of the Medal

Sr. Eileen: In the name of the Franciscan Sisters, I present you with this medal. Wear it as a symbol of FSPA identity.

FSPA Sisters: Sr. Meg, we join you in praising God. We celebrate with you the beginning of your religious profession. We deeply appreciate you and the gifts, talents, and presence you share with us and all of God's people. May God bless you.

The medal worn by the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration was adopted by the community in February 1880. The medal is a Maltese cross with the eight points representing the eight beatitudes. On one side is etched the monstrance with the Blessed Sacrament; on the other is Mary of the Angels.

Signing of the Documents

Harp Song: What You Hold

Intercessions

EXAUDI NOS/HEAR US, O LORD

QUADRILINGUAL INTERCESSION RESPONSES

Rufino Zaragoza, OFM



* I Ding - gin mo ka - mi; Se - ñor, es - cú - cha - nos;
II Ó - ye - nos, Se - ñor; Sei - gneur, ex - au - ce - nous;



I Xin nhậm lời chúng con, Hear us, O Lord. (Intercessions)
(*Seen nyum luh-ee choong kawn*)
II In your great mer - cy, Ex - áu - di nos.

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Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

