# HURCH OF THE // ISITATION

#### TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### **ADMINISTRATOR:**

Fr. Matthew Wheeler IN RESIDENCE: Fr. Timothy McGowan RETIRED: Msgr. Charles E. Hill Msgr. James Forsen

#### MASS TIMES

Daily Mass Monday – Friday: 8:00a.m. (This mass is also live-streamed)

#### Sunday Mass

Saturday (Sunday Vigil): 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 am., 9:30 a.m., and II:00 a.m. (The Sunday Mass at 8:00 a.m. is also live-streamed)

#### CONFESSIONS

(Inside the church, in the Sanctuary) Saturday: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and by appointment

Note: The live-streamed Masses can be viewed on our website: www.visitationchurch-la.com

#### **PRIVATE WORSHIP (INSIDE THE CHURCH)**

Open for private devotion: Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

#### HOLY HOUR

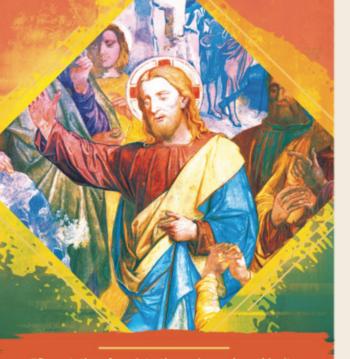
First Friday of each month: 8:30am-9:30am.

Prayer Requests: email them to the following vizprayerrequests@gmail.com If you would like to join in praying for the requests received, please send an email to the prayer request email address.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

6561 WEST 88TH STREET LOS ANGELES, CA 90045



**OCTOBER 15, 2023** 

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Our Mission: A Roman Catholic Community celebrating Christ's presence among us.

#### WELCOME TO VISITATION CHURCH!

A special welcome to those who may be visiting us today, we are blessed that you are here to worship with us. If you are traveling, we hope you find this Catholic community welcoming. If you are new to this area, we hope to see you again and that you may consider joining this community.

#### PARISH REGISTRATION

Are you looking for a faith community to call home? Visit our website to register as a parishioner. www.visitationchurch-la.com/register

ONLINE GIVING: Thank you for your Donations!



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#### SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING — The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face. (Is 25:8)
PSALM — I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. (Ps 23)
SECOND READING — I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. (Phil 4:12-13)

GOSPEL — "Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find." (Mt 22:9)

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4/LK 11:29-32 Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/LK 11:37-41 Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17B/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/LK 10:1-9 Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6AB/LK 11:47-54 Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7 Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12

#### QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK: REFLECT AND RESPOND TO THE SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING: The prophet Isaiah speaks of a future when God will be fully present, and we will experience complete joy. What gives you hope for the future?

SECOND READING: Paul shares with the Philippians that regardless of his circumstances, he has learned to draw strength and gratitude from his faith in Jesus. How does your faith sustain you in good times and bad times?

GOSPEL: Jesus's parable of the wedding feast offers a warning to be open to God's invitation to answer His call. *How do you stay open to God's presence in your life?* LPI

#### **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

"Our immense technological development has not been accompanied by a development in human responsibility, values and conscience... We stand naked and exposed in the face of our everincreasing power, lacking the wherewithal to control it. We have certain superficial mechanisms, but we cannot claim to have a sound ethics, a culture and spirituality genuinely capable of setting limits and teaching clearminded self-restraint."

-Pope Francis, Laudate Deum par. 24

#### **PARENT LEADERSHIP**

"Cultivate family honor, the spirit of "We..." -Jim Stenson, Compass

#### BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on a separate day for each family after attendance by the parents and godparents at a Baptism zoom class. Parishioners are invited to call the office to get an appointment for these classes. The next ZOOM class scheduled is on **Sunday**, **October 22, 2023** at **1pm**. Please register to attend by calling the parish office at **310-216-1145**. If you are not a current registered parishioner of Visitation Parish and not receiving envelopes in the mail, please call the office for an appointment with the pastor or associate pastor.



#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

SUNDAY – OCTOBER 15TH 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am - Albert Jibilian † 9:30am - For the people of Visitation Parish 11:00am - Richard "Dick" Topete †

<u>MONDAY - OCTOBER 16TH</u> St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

8:00am - Pat Rotolo †

<u>TUESDAY - OCTOBER 17TH</u> St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Marty

8:00am - Francesco Borgese †

WEDNESDAY- OCTOBER 18TH St. Luke, Evangelist

8:00am - Ann McHenry

<u>THURSDAY - OCTOBER 19TH</u> Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

8:00am - Teresita Jalandoni

FRIDAY - OCTOBER 20TH St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

8:00am - Tony Sales †

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 21ST 5:00pm - Anthony Annecharico †

To request a **Mass intention** please call the Rectory 310-216-1145

#### WE SHARE YOUR GRIEF

"Please check the Visitation website under Resources/Bereavement for a list of Grieving, Cancer, Hospice and Palliative Care note titles. These are very helpful and powerful small articles. Please contact **Candy Blankenship at 310-338-9043 or blank8840@gmail.com** and she will mail them to you at no charge." Such titles include Caring for yourself while Grieving, Overcoming Loneliness, What to do after the death of a Spouse, The first 12 months of Grieving,

and many, many more.



#### **PARISH POST**

Dear sisters and brothers,

A couple of weeks ago, I spent a day at the Getty Museum. I was inspired to go after reading an article in the Angelus about a new exhibit entitled "Giacomo Ceruti, A Compassionate Eye". In this exhibit, Ceruti presents powerful portraits of beggars, vagrants, and impoverished workers. Walking the gallery, I realized that Ceruti was not putting the tattered clothes, worn faces, and desperate circumstances of the poor on display as yet another call for political action to remedy the perennial problem of poverty. More than this, by choosing to paint them he was pulling them out of the peripheries and acknowledging their dignity and worth. That although oft-forgotten, they too are our sisters and brothers.

October is Respect Life Month; a month when we especially remember that no one is to be relegated to the peripheries and forgotten. Indeed, life is a gift that comes to us from God and we are to receive and nurture this gift from the "womb to the tomb". Since the beginning of his pontificate, this is a message that Pope Francis has preached tirelessly. In fact, just last week he promulgated an apostolic exhortation in which he points out that the climate crisis is "a global social issue and one intimately related to the dignity of human life" (Laudate Deum, par. 3). Clearly, everything we do is either building up or tearing down a culture of life and love - even the choices we make in caring for the environment.

This week, I invite you to pray: "Who needs to be pulled out of the peripheries in my life? Who's dignity have I discarded and forgotten? Who can I welcome back into my life?" These are good questions to ponder as we all recommit ourselves to care for and respect the world in which we live and the lives of all those God has entrusted to our care.

Peace & Joy,

Fr. Matt

#### Don't Forget:

- Masses of Remembrance! Send us the names and pictures of your loved ones who have died since last October and we'll include them on our All Souls Altar of Prayer and Remembrance.
- Eucharistic Revival! Thanks to all who participated in our Teaching Mass last Sunday. You can check out other opportunities to grow in your love for the Eucharist here.
- Keep up with the Synod on Synodality here; www.vaticannews.va/en/taglist.chiesa-e-religioni.Vaticano.sinodo
- Read Pope Francis' recent Apostolic Exhortation on the Climate Crisis, Laudate Deum, here; www.vatican.va/content/ francesco/en/apost\_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum

#### **FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Visitation Parish Community extends its sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of

• John Flynn who went home to the Lord on June 14, 2023. He was 55 years old. Memorial Mass will take place Saturday, October 21st at 1:00PM at Visitation.

Please pray for his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed.

#### HOSPITALITY NEWS!!!

On Sunday, Oct. 22 the Knights of Columbus will be hosting Coffee & Donuts after all the Masses. Please join them and feel free to ask about what they and some of their upcoming events! They will also be hosting again on Nov. 5.



#### Congratulations

to Visitation parishioners Rob Sitter and Jeff Avila for becoming 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, along with 125 other initiates at Christ Cathedral in Garden Grove on September 30th!



Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who promised to stay with us always, until the end of the age. Reawaken our wonder at His presence in the Most Holy Eucharist. May our hearts burn within us as He opens the Scriptures and breaks the bread. Give us the eyes of faith to recognize His presence in our brothers and sisters, especially in the face of the poor and the suffering. Nourished by the Eucharist. send us forth to walk faithfully as missionary disciples, proclaiming the Gospel to every heart and extending Your kingdom to every land. We ask this through Christ our Lord. /Amen.

#### YEAR OF PARISH REVIVAL JUNE 11 2023 - JULY 17, 2024

The Revival is now reaching the pews! This year is about fostering Eucharistic devotion at the parish level, strengthening our liturgical life through the faithful celebration of the Mass, Eucharistic adoration, missions, resources, preaching, and organic movements of the Holy Spirit. Find out about how parishes are answering the call. For more information please visit the Eucharistic Revival Website: https://

www.eucharisticrevival.org/



#### CHURCH OF THE VISITATION EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL CALENDAR 2023-24

The National Eucharistic Revival invites all of us to celebrate and recognize the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Join Visitation Parish as we come to the table of the Lord, with open hands and open hearts to receive Jesus himself, the source and summit of our lives and to nourish those around us.

"We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters." - Pope Francis

#### FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3 First Fridays 8:30 – 9:30am Adoration and Benediction in Visitation Church

The word Eucharist means thanksgiving. In this beautiful season, give thanks to Jesus as we rest in His presence.

#### WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 15

Babette's Feast Film Screening and Discussion, Wine, Cheese and Dessert Reception 6 – 9pm in O'Sullivan Hall (Adults Only)
Join us for an evening nourishing to the body as well as the soul. The award-winning film Babette's Feast (His Holiness Pope Francis' favorite movie!) will be featured and discussed by Dr. Marcela Garcia-Romero, PhD, Professor of Philosophy at Loyola Marymount University. A wine and cheese reception kicks off this inspiring and soul-satisfying evening.

#### FRIDAY DECEMBER 1

<u>First Fridays 8:30 – 9:30am</u> Adoration and Benediction in Visitation Church

O Come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord. He is waiting for you, join Him as we pray and sing in His presence.

#### FRIDAY DECEMBER 1

#### Encounter #1 6 – 8 pm Adoration, Talk, crafts and activities in Visitation Church and the O'Grady Center

"God dwells in our midst, in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar." - St. Maximillian Kolbe

Gather with us as we encounter our Lord Jesus Christ anew in prayer, adoration, preaching and reflection, and reconciliation. There is something for the whole family. All are welcome.

#### SATURDAY DECEMBER 2 Eucharistic Revival Advent Retreat Visitation Church and O'Grady

Center

Join us for a morning of reflection, beginning at 9:00 am, as we prepare for the season of Advent, and the coming of our Lord Jesus. Sponsored by Mary and Martha and open to all adult parishioners.



Every year in the month of November, the Catholic Church honors all those who have died and live now in the Kingdom of God. At Visitation, we have the custom to offer special prayers for all those who have died in the past year, from October 2022 through October 2023. We honor them by prominently displaying their names and/or pictures in a picture frame that will be displayed on our Dia de Los Muertos Altar of Remembrance. We will also be praying for them by name at all the Masses on the weekend of November 4th and 5th . We invite you to attend one of the Masses on that weekend and join our congregation as we pray for our beloved and entrust them to the Lord.

We would be honored to display your loved one's picture and name. If you would so wish, please email a picture to: secretary497vc@gmail.com. If you are not able to email us the picture, you may drop off the photo with the person's name on the back at the Rectory. If you want the picture back, we will be glad to scan the photo and return the original back to you. We hope to have everything ready by early November, so please send us this information by October 20, 2023.



# GRIEF WORKSHOP: WHAT IS PROACTIVE GRIEVING AND HOW TO GET THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS AFTER LOSING A LOVED ONE

**WHAT:** The holidays are fast approaching and this two hour workshop will help you navigate the holidays. We will discuss what proactive grieving looks like and why it's important in the first hour; the second hour will give you sound practical suggestions and spiritual guidance on how to cope during this difficult holiday season.

**WHEN:** Sunday, November 5, 2023 **TIME:** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

WHERE: O'Grady Center, Parking Lot of VisitationChurch; 6561 W. 88th St., Westchester, CA 90045WHY: Anyone who has experienced the recent death of a Beloved or years before.

**WHO:** Candy Blankenship (Bereavement Minister) **COST:** \$10.00 per person to be donated to Church of the Visitation.

Please RSVP to blank8840@gmail.com or call 310-338-9043 for accurate count and for class materials. Please also bring your own drinking water and a notebook for note-taking.

#### Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, there will be a second

**collection.** Your contributions are the lifeblood that enables thousands of missionaries to spread the joy of the Gospel across continents. Your support finances the spiritual and educational formation of 38,000 future priests and religious sisters, ensuring that the message of faith continues for generations to come. Furthermore, the gifts received help provide 26 million children with an



The Society for the Propagation of the Faith a Pontifical Mission Society

# World Mission Sunday **2023**

October 22nd

education, illuminating their paths with knowledge and hope. Find this bulletin and other announcements online: visitationchurch-la.com



## MERCY BAGS FOR ST MARGARET'S CENTER

One way we are answering the call to serve the poor at Visitation, is to assist St. Margaret's Center in providing hygiene bags for the homeless and working poor that they serve. The need of St. Margaret's Center is so great that as soon as these bags are available, they are given out. We hope to become a consistent resource for St. Margaret's Center by having a once-a-month collection of these essential items beginning March 4<sup>th</sup>.

We are asking each family in the parish to *consider contributing 3-5 Mercy Bags that you assemble at home* and bring to church the weekend of March 4<sup>th</sup>. CVS and Ralphs each have a travel section with inexpensive kits and products to choose from. Below is the recommended content list from St. Margaret's for the most needed items. Use a large Ziplock for the contents of each Mercy Bag.



- Soap or Body Wash
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Body Lotion
- Razors

- Toothbrush and Toothpaste
- Socks (Unisex tube socks)
- Comb
- Chapstick

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Assemble 3-5 Mercy bags into Gallon Ziplocks at home with your family

Bring your Mercy Bags to the back of the church the weekend of October 21-22

Consider making an extra bag or two to keep in your car to give to someone in need.

Contact Dan Smith if you have access to large amounts of these products for donation. <u>dsmithwestchester@gmail.com</u>



Thanks to all who helped prepare 400 mercy bags for St. Margaret Center! May God reward your loving service.



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# HELP SAVE LIVES

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion. Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils, and community outreach, we have inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers in 63 countries. Your presence on the sidewalk matters!

With God's help, here are the proven results: Over 23,000 babies saved from abortion

Over 200 abortion workers converted

Over 100 abortion centers closed



#### Here's how to take part:

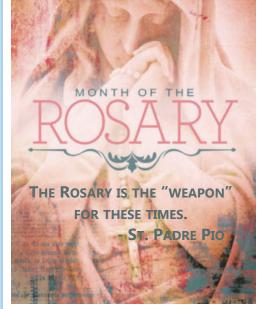
Vigil location: Outside Planned Parenthood, 14623 Hawthorne Blvd, Lawndale
Vigil hours: 7 am to 7 pm daily, September 27 – November 5
Local contact: Laura Frederick, 202-361-5166, 40days4lifelawndale@gmail.com
Get involved ...learn more... and sign up for prayer times by visiting:

## 40daysforlife.com/Lawndale

#### SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

#### DID YOU KNOW? PROTECTING VULNERABLE ADULTS

While a primary focus of those in ministry is on protecting children from harm, protecting vulnerable adults is just as important. This includes adults living with mental, emotional, or physical disabilities, adults who have court-appointed guardians, elderly adults in vulnerable positions, and anyone else who may be unable to consent to or understand what is happening to them. Every year, nearly 500,000 reports of abuse against vulnerable adults are made to the Adult Protection Service, and even more go undetected. The same steps and processes outlined for protecting children can help vulnerable adults as well — know the warning signs, screen all employees and caregivers, and monitor environments for safe practices. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Talking With Your Kids" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.



#### **THE WORD AMONG US**

Attention for those who have preordered the Word Among Us booklet, the November edition has arrived and can be picked up at the Rectory. If you haven't pre-ordered and would like to receive one please contact the Rectory for more information.

### Viz Seniors

Come to O'Grady Center and have a Fun Day. Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2023 at 1:30 PM

Come have some fun, have some snacks and <u>plan</u> more Senior Fun Days. An idea or two

Making new friends? Renewing acquaintances? Cards? Bingo? Bunco? Movies? Potluck lunches? Bible Study? Any of the above? Other ideas? Gather up some friends and come on along and let's see what we can do.

Need a ride? Give a ride? - Let us know. Marlene Kaufman - Mary Lou Ward - Toni Kerker

Questions? call Marlene 310-365-8211 Coming? RSVP vizseniors@gmail.com

#### LA ARCHDIOCESE UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Healthcare Professionals Mass; Sunday, October 22, 2023 3:30PM @ the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. This mass is to honor all of those involved in the healthcare field. Physicians, Nurses, Chaplains, Physical Therapists, Respiratory Therapists, Mental Health Caregivers, Chiropractors, Administration, Lab Workers and ALL those who work in the healthcare field are invited.
- The 41st Annual Red Mass; Wednesday, October 25, 2023 5:30PM @ the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels or via livestream. During this Mass, we honor and pray for all public servants and political leaders so they can have guidance and strength to fulfill their professions. Members of all faiths and traditions are encouraged to attend.
- Día de los Muertos Mass and Celebration; Saturday, October 28 from 10:30am-5pm.

Location: Calvary Cemetery, East Los Angeles

- $\Rightarrow$ 10:30 am Doors open
- $\Rightarrow$ 12:00 pm Mass followed by Blessing of the Altars
- ⇒1:30 pm Cultural celebration begins with music, children's activities, and folkloric dancers
- $\Rightarrow$ 5:00 pm Event ends

Visit the Día de Los Muertos page for more information and to view the livestream.

To RSVP or get more information on these events visit lacatholics.org/catholic-la-events/

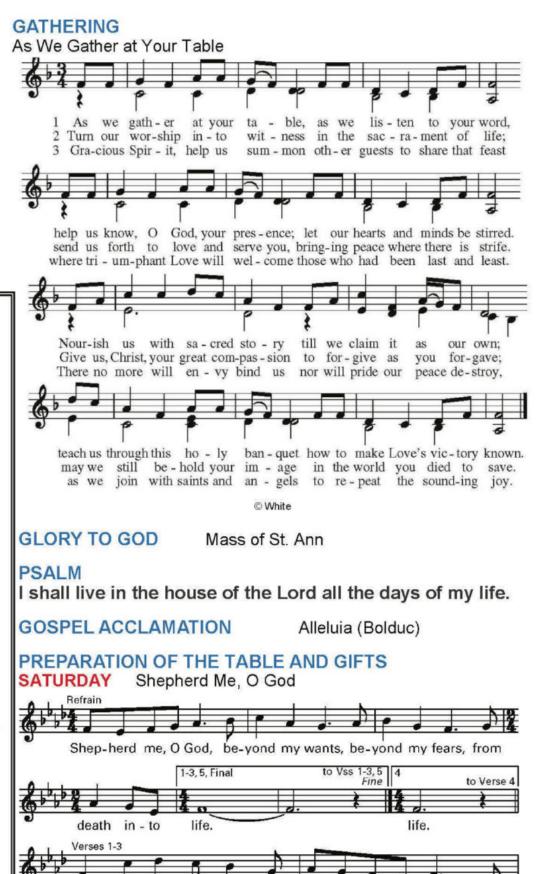




#### APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God. the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ. His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary. suffered under Pontius Pilate. was crucified, died and was buried: He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven. and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty: from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church. the communion of Saints. the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

MASS PARTS Mass of St. Ann



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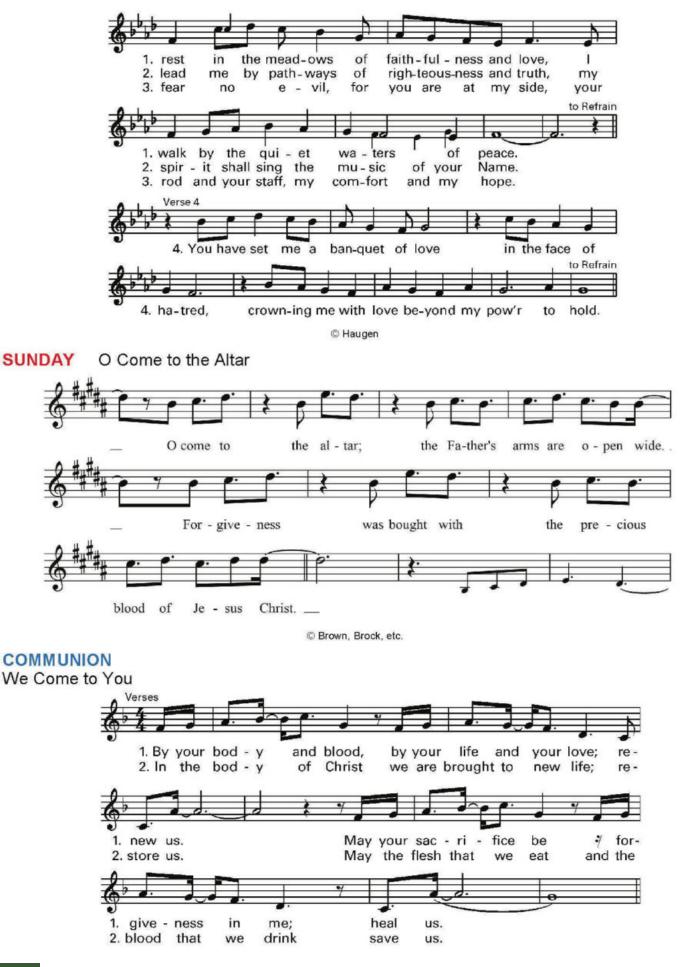
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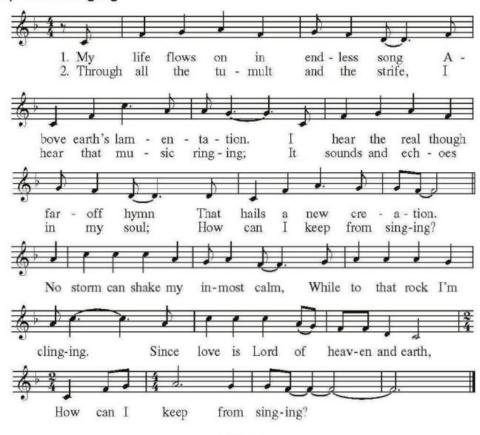
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SENDING How Can I Keep from Singing



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