

The Basilica of St. Patrick  
Roman Catholic Parish of Fremantle



Solemn Mass for the Twenty Fourth  
Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 18th & 19th 2021

# WELCOME

Jesus, as a great teacher, always kept his disciples close to him, so that they could witness everything he did and said during his public ministry. This closeness and the hands-on experience about Jesus should have enabled them to grasp the total spirit of the master. But still they have not clearly understood or experienced the total spirit of their master Jesus Christ. It is evident from the arguments they had among themselves as to who was the greatest among them all.

Jesus on his “way” to Jerusalem, told his disciples for the second time, his forthcoming Passion, Death and Resurrection. Jesus was very much aware that through his death on the cross he would fulfil the will of his heavenly father. But the disciples were busy among themselves as to who would be the greatest. This argument of the disciples clearly explains to us the “three deep-rooted tendencies of fallen human nature: the craving for power (9:33-50), pleasure (10:1-16), and possessions (10:17-31), and shows how they must be countered with the lifestyle of the gospel: humble service, lifelong fidelity in marriage and family, and detachment from earthly goods.” (Healy, Mary).

All Christians know that Christ came to love us and offered his life for our sake. Jesus, during his public ministry also invited anyone who wanted to follow him; to take up one’s daily cross and follow him more closely. The early Christian community fully understood this calling of Jesus, and they were ready to lay down their lives for the sake of Christ and his message of love, hope and faith. There were some who faced martyrdom for the sake of Jesus’ love they had personally witnessed and experienced in their lives.

When we fail to remember and express this personal love of Jesus in one’s life, then one may seek to establish one’s own little kingdom on earth as the disciples wanted to do. What makes a person great? Money, prestige, power, or possessions? Jesus did not have anything of what is mentioned above, but still he is still considered to be a powerful leader and a master, who has taught us and showed us in action. So, what makes Jesus great? It is his love, compassion, humility and his total willingness to obey the will of his father.

It is not by having more that a person becomes great, but it is by being and sharing more, makes a person great. On March 3, 1976, conferring on Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta the highest honor of India, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, who was at that time prime minister of India, said: “I feel myself dwarfed when I stand before this holy and mighty woman who heroically showed the world how to practise Christian love in sacrificial and humble service.”

So, only by love and humble service to my brothers and sisters do I become happy and great in the eyes of God. And this is the witnessing life Christ expects of his followers. Amen

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# Today's Mass Setting is the Missa Simplex

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PRELUDE *music is played as the congregation gathers*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN | CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION

1.

Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord and precious,  
binding all the church in one;  
holy Zion's help forever,  
and her confidence alone.

2.

All that dedicated city,  
dearly loved of God on high,  
in exultant jubilation  
pours perpetual melody;  
God the One in Three adoring  
in glad hymns eternally.

3.

To this temple, where we call thee,  
come, O Lord of hosts, today:  
with thy wonted loving-kindness  
hear thy people as they pray;  
and thy fullest benediction  
shed within its walls alway.

4.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants  
what they ask of thee to gain,  
what they gain from thee forever  
with the blessed to retain,  
and hereafter in thy glory  
evermore with thee to reign.

5.

Laud and honor to the Father,  
laud and honor to the Son,  
laud and honor to the Spirit,  
ever Three and ever One,  
One in might, and One in glory,  
while unending ages run.

## INTRODUCTORY RITE

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

**All: Amen.**

The Lord be with you

**All: And with your spirit.**

## PENTENTIAL RITE

The musical notation is presented in three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The notation is divided into two parts: 'Cantor' and 'All'. The lyrics are written below the notes.

*Cantor* Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. *All* Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

*Cantor* Chri - ste, e - le - i - son. *All* Chri - ste, e - le - i - son.

*Cantor* Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. *All* Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

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May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to eternal life

**All: Amen.**

# GLORIA



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

We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri - fy you,

we give you thanks for your great glo-ry, Lord God, heav-en - ly King,

O God, al-might - y Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ,

On-ly Be-got-ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,

you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us;

you take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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## OPENING PRAYER

**All: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## THE FIRST READING

### **Wisdom 2:12,17-20**

*The wicked prepare to ambush the just man*

The godless say to themselves:

'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us  
and opposes our way of life,  
reproaches us for our breaches of the law  
and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.

'Let us see if what he says is true,  
let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.  
If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part  
and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,  
and thus explore this gentleness of his  
and put his endurance to the proof.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death  
since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### **Psalm 53(54):3-6,8**

**R:** The Lord upholds my life.



## THE SECOND READING

### **James 3:16-4:3**

*The wisdom that comes from above makes for peace*

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please stand*

## **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

God has called us through the Gospel  
to possess the Glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

### THE GOSPEL

#### **Mark 9:30-37**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me*

Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*



# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## HOMILY

*Please stand*

## THE 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; the third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from thence He shall 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.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Lord, hear us

**All: Lord, Hear Our Prayer**

*Please be seated*

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN |

MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred let me bring your love;  
Where there is injury your pardon, Lord;  
And where there's doubt true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;  
Where there is darkness, only light;  
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh, Master grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console;  
To be understood as to understand;  
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
In giving to all men that we receive;  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

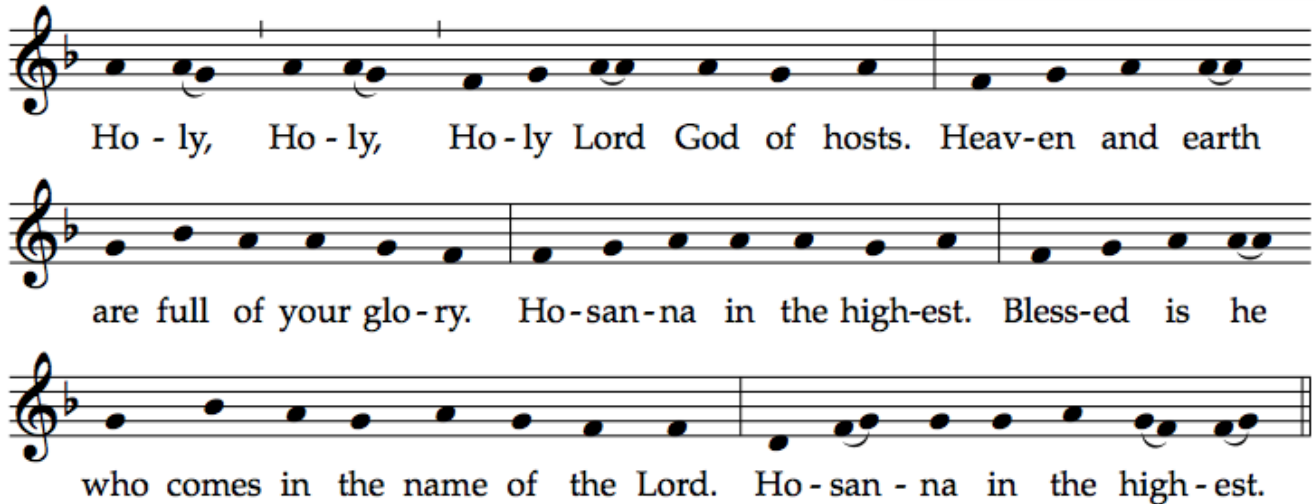
*Please stand*

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right and just**

## SANCTUS

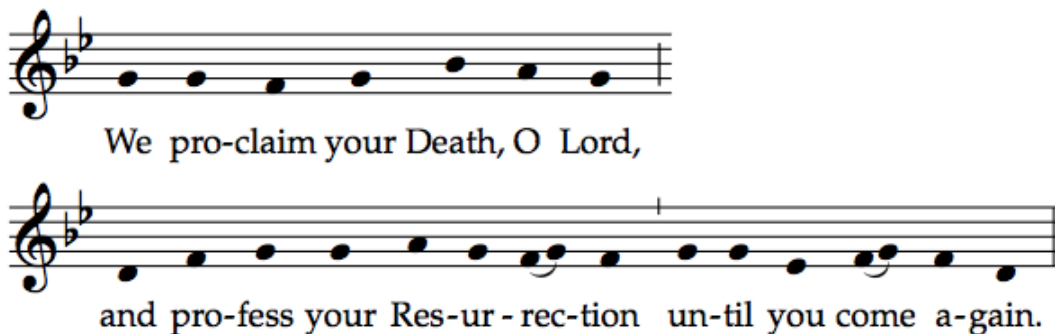


Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth  
are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he  
who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high-est.

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*Please kneel*

## EUCCHARISTIC ACLAMATION



We pro-claim your Death, O Lord,  
and pro-fess your Res-ur - rec-tion un-til you come a-gain.

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## GREAT AMEN



A-men.

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*Please stand*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

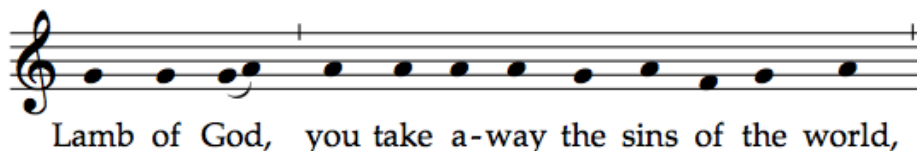
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive  
us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass  
against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver  
us from evil.

For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

*Please exchange peace in a safe manor*

## AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,



have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,



have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,



grant us peace.

*Please Kneel*

## COMMUNION

*During communion the communion chant or reflective music maybe sung or played*

### **ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

Loving Jesus,  
I believe that you  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist.  
I love you above all things,  
and I desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace you as if you were already there  
and unite myself wholly to you.  
Never permit me to be separated from you.  
Amen.

## THANKSGIVING HYMN | THE SERVANT SONG

Will you let me be your servant,  
Let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
Let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,  
We are trav'lers on the road;  
We are here to help each other  
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you  
In the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;  
When you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
'Til we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven  
We shall find such harmony,  
Born of all we've known together  
Of Christ's love and agony.

Will you let me be your servant,  
Let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
Let you be my servant, too.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN | HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed,  
for I am your God, and will still give you aid.  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,  
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to you the deepest distress.

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply.  
The flames shall not hurt you. I only design  
your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.

“The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes.  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!”

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

*You are invited to stay and enjoy the organ postlude. If  
you choose to leave, please do so quietly. Thank you*