



HOPE BEYOND BORDERS

CONGREGATION OF HOLY CROSS

YEAR OF MISSION WORSHIP BOOKLET

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A FEW WORDS ABOUT THIS WORSHIP BOOKLET

In the year 1840, Blessed Basile Moreau, the founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, sent Brother André Mottais, Brother Alphonsus Rodriguez Tulou, novice Brother Ignace Feron, Father Le Boucher and Father Victor Drouelle to Algiers, the Congregation's first-ever overseas mission. To mark the 185th Anniversary of their sending, and to celebrate the sending of 8 of our Holy Cross missionaries (4 Brothers and 4 Priests from 7 Jurisdictions and 5 countries) to the Holy Family Mission in the Diocese of Bougainville in Papua New Guinea (PNG), our Superior General, Br. Paul Bednarczyk, C.S.C., announced a Year of Mission with the theme, Hope Beyond Borders, for celebration by the whole family of Holy Cross.

To facilitate this celebration, the General Council created a task force to provide resources for use during this Year of Mission. This booklet is one such resource. It offers Morning Prayer, The Eucharistic Celebration, and Evening Prayer for both the opening (April 28, 2025) and the closing (April 28, 2026) celebrations for the Year of Mission. Please feel free to adapt it to your needs and circumstances.

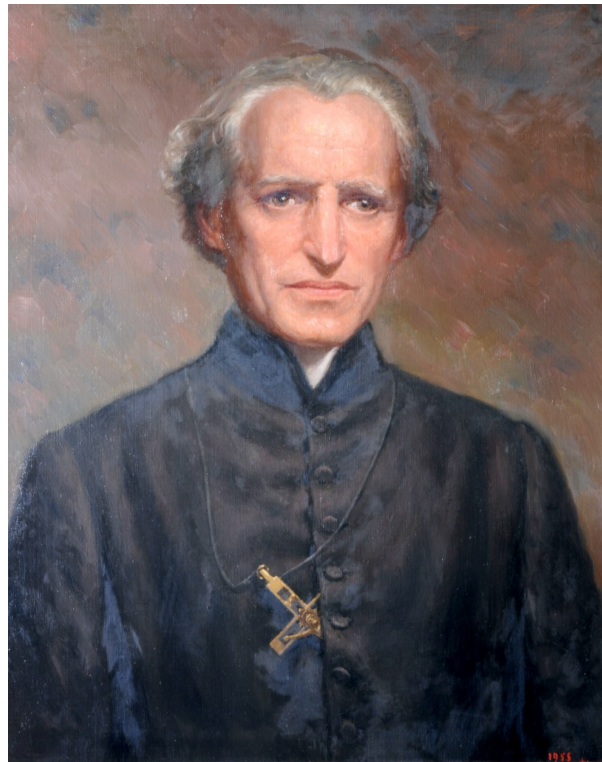
May the Co-Patrons of this Year of Mission, Servants of God Flavian Laplante and Vincent McCauley, intercede for us all.

Have a fruitful and blessed Year of Mission!

Members of the Task Force

The Year of Mission

April 2025



Blessed Basile Anthony Mary Moreau, Founder
Congregation of Holy Cross

MORNING PRAYER

April 28, 2025

VERSE AND RESPONSE

God, + come to my assistance.

— Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

— as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

HYMN

This Day God Gives Me

1. This day God gives me Strength of high heav - en, Sun and moon
2. This day God sends me Strength as my guard - ian, Might to up -
3. God's way is my way, God's shield is 'round me, God's host de -
4. Ris - ing I thank you, Might - y and strong One, King of cre -
shin - ing, Flame in my hearth, Flash - ing of light - ning, Wind in its
hold me, Wis - dom as guide. Your eyes are watch - ful, Your ears are
fends me, Sav - ing from ill. An - gels of heav - en, Drive from me
a - tion, Giv - er of rest, Firm - ly con - fess - ing God in three
swift - ness, Depths of the o - cean, Firm - ness of earth.
lis - t'ning, Your lips are speak - ing, Friend at my side.
al - ways All that would harm me, Stand by me still.
Per - sons, One - ness of God - head, Trin - i - ty blest.

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PSALMODY

Psalm 42

Leader: As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, my God, alleluia.

Leader:

*Like the deer that yearns
for running streams,
so my soul is yearning
for you, my God.*

*My tears have become my bread,
by night, by day,
as I hear it said all the day long:
“Where is your God?”*

*Why are you cast down, my soul,
why groan within me?
Hope in God; I will praise him still,
my savior and my God.*

*Deep is calling on deep,
in the roar of waters:
your torrents and all your waves
swept over me.*

*I will say to God, my rock:
“Why have you forgotten me?”
Why do I go mourning,
oppressed by the foe?”*

*Why are you cast down, my soul,
why groan within me?
Hope in God; I will praise him still,
my savior and my God.*

All:

My soul is thirsting for God,
the God of my life;
when can I enter and see
the face of God?

These things will I remember
as I pour out my soul:
how I would lead the rejoicing crowd
into the house of God,
amid cries of gladness and thanksgiving,
the throng wild with joy.

My soul is cast down within me
as I think of you,
from the country of Jordan and Mount Hermon,
from the Hill of Mizar.

By day the Lord will send
his loving kindness;
by night I will sing to him,
praise the God of my life.

With cries that pierce me to the heart,
my enemies revile me,
saying to me all the day long:
“Where is your God?”

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, my God,
alleluia.

Canticle—Sirach 36:1-5, 10-13

Leader: Fill Zion with your praises, Lord, and let your wonders be proclaimed, alleluia.

Leader:

*Come to our aid, O God of the universe,
and put all the nations in dread of you!
Raise your hand against the heathen,
that they may realize your power.*

*Give new signs and work new wonders;
show forth the splendor of your right hand
and arm.*

*Take pity on your holy city,
Jerusalem, your dwelling place.
Fill Zion with your majesty,
your temple with your glory.*

All:

As you have used us to show them your holiness,
so now use them to show us your glory.
Thus they will know, as we know,
that there is no God but you.

Gather all the tribes of Jacob,
that they may inherit the land as of old.
Show mercy to the people called by your name;
Israel, whom you named your first-born.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.

Fill Zion with your praises, Lord, and let your wonders be proclaimed,
alleluia.

Psalm 19A

Leader: The glory of God illumines the city; the Lamb of God is its light, alleluia.

Leader:

*The heavens proclaim the glory of God
and the firmament shows forth the work of his hands.
Day unto day takes up the story
and night unto night makes known the message.*

All:

No speech, no word, no voice is heard
yet their span extends through all the earth,
their words to the utmost bounds of the world.

*There he has placed a tent for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom coming from his tent,
rejoices like a champion to run its course.*

At the end of the sky is the rising of the sun;
to the furthest end of the sky is its course.
There is nothing concealed from its burning heat.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.

The glory of God illumines the city; the Lamb of God is its light,
alleluia.

If I could have foreseen the development of the Congregation of Holy Cross from the outset, I could then have regulated and coordinated everything in advance. If such were the case, however, the Congregation would have been a merely human combination and not the work of Divine Providence. The fact of the matter is that it began and developed in a manner so mysterious, that I can claim for myself neither credit for its foundation nor merit for its progress. Therein lies the indubitable proof that God alone is the Founder of this Congregation, since, according to St. Augustine, when we cannot find the cause of a good work, we must recognize that the Lord is its beginning and author. (CL 94-1858)

RESPONSORY

The Lord is risen from the tomb, alleluia, alleluia.
 —The Lord is risen from the tomb, alleluia, alleluia.
He hung upon the cross for us,
 —alleluia, alleluia.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
 —The Lord is risen from the tomb, alleluia, alleluia.

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

Leader: Truly I tell you, unless you are born again you cannot see the kingdom of God, alleluia.

Blessed + be the Lord, the God of Israel;
 he has come to his people and set them free.
 He has raised up for us a mighty savior,
 born of the house of his servant David.
 Through his holy prophets he promised of old
 that he would save us from our enemies,
 from the hands of all who hate us.
 He promised to show mercy to our fathers
 and to remember his holy covenant.
 This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham:
 to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
 free to worship him without fear,
 holy and righteous in his sight
 all the days of our life.
 You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High;
 for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
 to give his people knowledge of salvation
 by the forgiveness of their sins.
 In the tender compassion of our God
 the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
 to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
 Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
 and to the Holy Spirit:
 as it was in the beginning, is now,
 and will be for ever. Amen.

All: Truly I tell you, unless you are born again you cannot see the kingdom of God, alleluia.

INTERCESSIONS

Through the resurrection of your Son, you opened for us the way to eternal life; as we work today, sustain us with the hope of glory.

—Lord, be our light and our hope.

During this Year of Mission, may the Congregation renew its commitment to cross borders of every sort to hasten the coming of the Kingdom.

—Lord, be our light and our hope.

That our Holy Cross missionaries succeed in spreading “Hope Beyond Borders” throughout the world, especially in Papua New Guinea.

—Lord, be our light and our hope.

May the Holy Spirit set the hearts of all those associated with the missionary efforts of the Congregation of Holy Cross on fire with a burning desire to make the Good News known despite the obstacles that confront them.

—Lord, be our light and our hope.

May our Holy Cross missionaries imitate the heroic work of their predecessors in promoting education, development, and advocacy for human rights throughout the world.

—Lord, be our light and our hope.

As missionaries of hope may we have the competence to see the needs of the people and the courage to address them wherever we serve.

—Lord, be our light and our hope.

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.

*Almighty and ever-living God,
your Spirit made us your children,
confident to call you Father.
Increase your Spirit of love within us
and bring us to our promised inheritance.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.*

— Amen.

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Lord God, source of all goodness,
in your divine Providence
You entrusted Blessed Basile Moreau
with the task of sending missionaries
to spread the light of truth
in response to the needs of your universal Church.

We thank you for those faith-filled religious
who risked going beyond the borders of every sort
to proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God.

Enkindle in us all,
members of the Family of Holy Cross,
a renewed missionary zeal.
Grant that we may sow the seeds of faith
and be heralds of hope to all peoples,
especially among the poor,
the oppressed, and the marginalized,
that you may be known, loved, and served.

Through the intercession of
Servants of God Flavien Laplante and Vincent McCauley,
give us the grace to respond
generously and wholeheartedly
to the urgent call of evangelization.
We make this prayer in the name of Jesus the Lord.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

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

All: Amen.

Refrain



CODA



Verses



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|---------------|---------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Lift | and en - cour - age | our hands, | hands for the poor | and im - pov - 'rished. |
| 2. Help | us to kin - dle | your hope, | hope in the hearts | of the suf - f'ring, |
| 3. Tend - ing | cre - a - tion | with love, | stew - ards of God's | gra - cious giv - ing, |
| 4. See, | how the love of | our God | beck - ons us | on - ward in ser - vice! |
| 5. Guide | ev' - ry step | on our path, | jour - ney of love | and of mer - cy, |



Hands like our Lord's: de - vot - ed to care, strength for the lost and the wear - y.
 Light of our Lord: the Christ in our midst, cast - ing out sha - dows of ha - tred.
 Safe - guard - ing life, we rev - 'rence the earth: gar - den of love from our Ma - ker.
 Mess - age of love: em - brac - ing the lost, heal - ing the wounds of the out - cast.
 Hail - ing the Cross, the Cross as our hope: strid - ing with words of sal - va - tion.

Monday, April 28, 2025

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Song

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



1. Lord, whose love in hum - ble ser - vice Bore the weight of hu - man need,
2. Still your chil-dren wan - der home-less; Still the hun - gry cry for bread;
3. As we wor-ship, grant us vi - sion, Till your love's re - veal - ing light
4. Called from wor-ship in - to ser - vice, Forth in your great name we go

Who did on the Cross for - sak - en, Show us mer - cy's per - fect deed;
Still the cap - tives long for free - dom; Still in grief we mourn our dead.
In its height and depth and great-ness Dawns up - on our hu - man sight,
To the child, the youth, the a - ged, Love in liv - ing deeds to show.

We, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship Not of voice a - lone, but heart:
As, O Lord, your deep com - pas - sion Healed the sick and freed the soul,
Mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens Your com-pas - sion bids us bear,
Hope and health, good - will and com - fort, Coun - sel, aid, and peace we give

Con - se - crat - ing to your pur-pose Ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
Use the love your Spir - it kin - dles Still to save and make us whole.
Stir - ring us to faith - ful serv - ice, Your a - bun - dant life to share.
That your chil - dren, Lord in free-dom, May your mer - cy know, and live.

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Greeting

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

OR

The grace of our lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, æ æ and the communion of the holy spirit be with you all.

R. And with your spirit.

OR

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the lord Jesus Christ.

R. And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

a brief pause for silence follows. then all recite together the formula of general confession:

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 in what I have failed to do,

and, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;

then they continue:

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.

the absolution by the Priest follows:

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

R. Amen.

OR

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,

and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

Collect

O God,
who in your effable Providence
Chose your priest, Blessed Basile
To imitate the virtues of the Holy Family
And respond to the needs of the Church,
Grant, we beseech you,
That supported by his prayers and example,
We may have the strength to boldly confess
The Cross of Christ as our only hope.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity
Of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
R. Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13

Alternative reading: Zechariah 8:20-23

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11

Alleluia

Cantor, then all:

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

Music: Chant Mode VI

Gospel

Matthew 16:24-27

Alternative reading: Mark 16:15-20

Homily

Universal Prayer

Celebrant: The love of Christ gathers us together in communion on this opening day of the Year of Mission, that we might be renewed in our commitment to bring the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Let us raise our hearts to our loving Father for our needs as we undertake this challenge:

We pray for Pope Francis, the bishops, and all the priests and religious brothers and sisters, that they may proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ with zeal and compassion and without fear. Lord, hear us:
—Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for civic leaders, that they be inspired to work to build a world where everyone can live in peace, and that they may care for God's creation by providing clean water, air, and a healthy environment for all. Lord, hear us:
—Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for the Congregation of Holy Cross, that in this Year of Mission, all may experience a burning desire to be sent in service beyond their borders to the Church and the world, especially to those living on the margins of society. Lord, hear us:
—Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for all collaborators with the mission of Holy Cross, that they find nourishment for their souls as they share in the proclamation of His Word. Lord, hear us:
—Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for the youth of the world, that they may listen carefully to God's invitations, discover the deepest longing of their hearts, and courageously respond with trusting faith and generous love. Lord, hear us:
—Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for all the deceased members of Holy Cross and this community, that the Light of God's love may lead them into the joy of God's presence forever. Lord, hear us:
—Lord, graciously hear us.

Prayer after the Intercessions

Celebrant: God of love and compassion, you sent your Son among us on a mission to reveal your love for us. Hear our prayers, and grant that we may walk in His way of love, truth, mercy, and compassion. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.
—Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

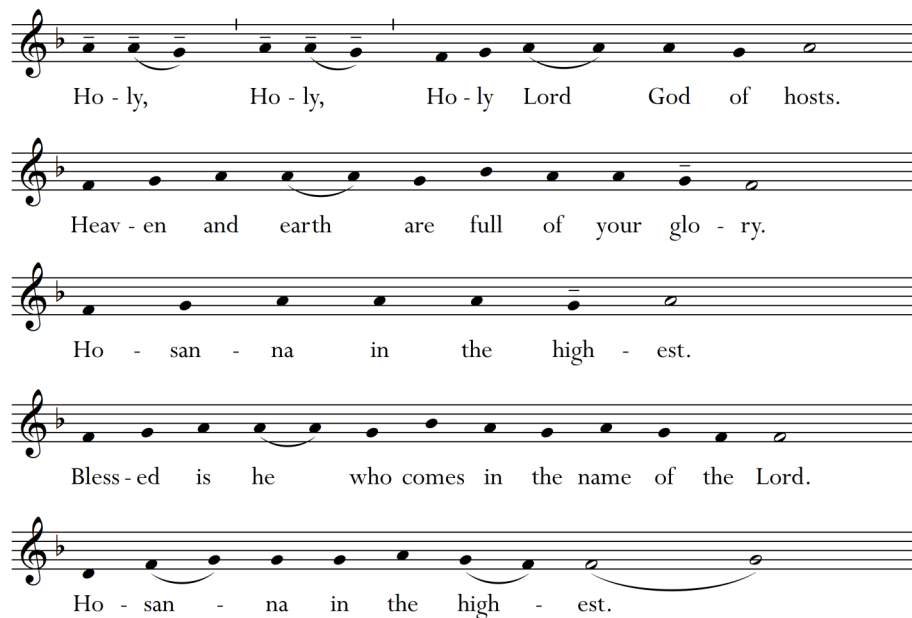
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Prayer Over the Offerings

Eucharistic Acclamations

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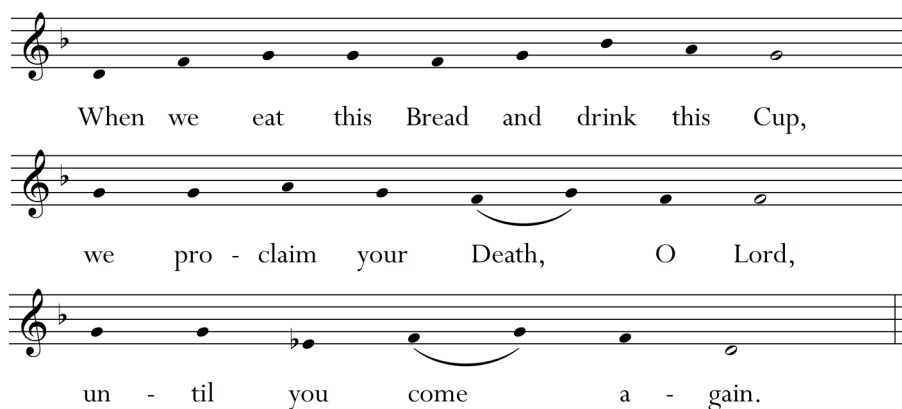
Sanctus



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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Mystery of Faith



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

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Amen

The Communion Rite

Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Fraction of the Bread



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

Communion

Song

Eat This Bread



Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

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Prayer after Communion

Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord,
and grant, we pray,
that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries
may attain in their flesh
the incorruptible glory of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.
R. And with your Spirit.

Blessing May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

Dismissal
Go forth, the Mass is ended.

OR

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

OR

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

OR

Go in peace.
R. Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



1. The Spir-it sends us forth to serve; We go in Je - sus' name To
2. We go to com - fort those who mourn And set the bur-dened free; Where
3. We go to be the hands of Christ, To scat-ter joy like seed And,
4. Then let us go to serve in peace, The gos-pel to pro - claim. God's



bring glad tid - ings to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
hope is dim, to share a dream And help the blind to see.
all our days, to cher - ish life, To do the lov - ing deed.
Spir - it has em - pow-ered us; We go in Je - sus' name.

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EVENING PRAYER

April 28, 2025

VERSE AND RESPONSE

God, + come to my assistance.

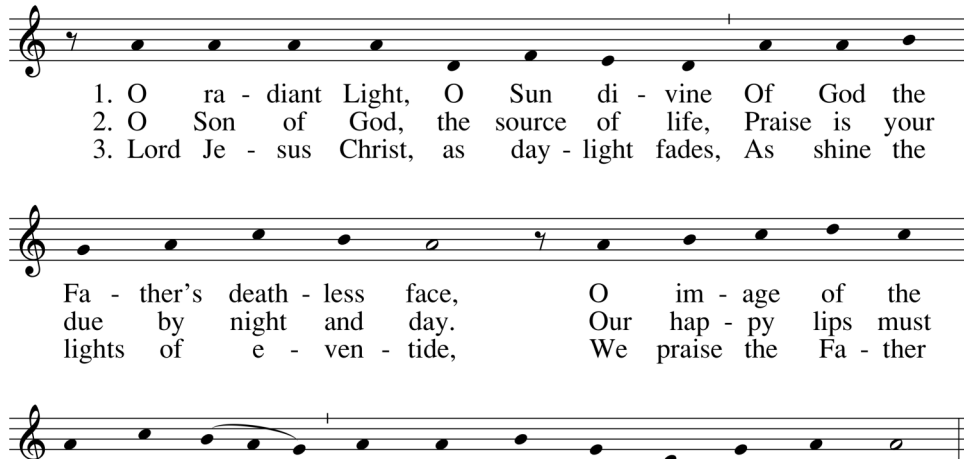
— Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

— as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

HYMN

O Radiant Light



1. O ra - diant Light, O Sun di - vine Of God the
2. O Son of God, the source of life, Praise is your
3. Lord Je - sus Christ, as day - light fades, As shine the

Fa - ther's death - less face, O im - age of the
due by night and day. Our hap - py lips must
lights of e - ven - tide, We praise the Fa - ther

Light sub - lime That fills the heav'n - ly dwell - ing place.
raise the strain Of your es - teemed and splen - did name.
with the Son, The Spir - it blest, and with them one.

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PSALMODY

Psalm 45 I

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, alleluia.

Leader:

*My heart overflows with noble words.
To the king I must speak the song I have made;
my tongue as nimble as the pen of a scribe.*

*O mighty one, gird your sword upon your thigh;
in splendor and state, ride on in triumph
for the cause of truth and goodness and right.*

*Your throne, O God, shall endure for ever.
A scepter of justice is the scepter of your kingdom.
Your love is for justice; your hatred for evil.*

*From the ivory palace you are greeted with music.
The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.
On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.*

All:

You are the fairest of the children of men
and graciousness is poured upon your lips:
because God has blessed you for evermore.

Take aim with your bow in your dread right hand.
Your arrows are sharp: peoples fall beneath you.
The foes of the king fall down and lose heart.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness above other kings:
your robes are fragrant with aloes and myrrh.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, alleluia.

PSALMODY

Psalm 45 II

Leader: Blessed are those who are called to the wedding feast of the Lamb , alleluia.

Leader:

*Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:
forget your own people and your father's house.
So will the king desire your beauty:
He is your Lord, pay homage to Him.*

All:

*And the people of Tyre shall come with gifts,
the richest of the people shall seek your favor.
The daughter of the king is clothed with splendor,
her robes embroidered with pearls set in gold.*

*She is led to the king with her maiden companions.
They are escorted amid gladness and joy;
they pass within the palace of the king.*

*Sons shall be yours in place of your fathers:
you will make them princes over all the earth.
May this song make your name for ever remembered.
May the peoples praise you from age to age.*

*All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.*

*Blessed are those who are called to the wedding feast of the Lamb,
alleluia.*

Canticle—Ephesians 1:3-10

Leader: From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace, alleluia.

Leader:

*Praised be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has bestowed on us in Christ
every spiritual blessing in the heavens.*

*He predestined us
to be his adopted sons through Jesus Christ,
such was His will and pleasure,
that all might praise the glorious favor
He has bestowed on us in His beloved.*

*God has given us the wisdom
to understand fully the mystery,
the plan He was pleased
to decree in Christ.*

All:

God chose us in Him
before the world began
to be holy
and blameless in His sight.

In Him and through His blood, we have been
redeemed, and our sins forgiven,
so immeasurably generous
is God's favor to us.

A plan to be carried out
in Christ, in the fullness of time,
to bring all things into one in Him,
in the heavens and on earth.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.

From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace, alleluia.

READING

Writings of Father Moreau

Holy Cross is not a human work, but God's very own. Woe to whoever would wish to change it by leading it into paths different from those followed by Divine Providence in its foundation. If each member continues to carry out his own particular obedience in a spirit of loyalty and simplicity, and with the spirit of union which is now inspiring all the members of the Association, God will bless our whole Congregation. (CL40 -1850)

RESPONSORY

The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.

—The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.

When they saw the risen Lord,

—alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

—The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.

CANTICLE OF MARY

Leader: What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the spirit is spirit, alleluia.

My + soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for He has looked with favor on His lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is His name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of His arm,
He has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich He has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for He has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise He made to our fathers,
to Abraham and His children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.

All: What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the spirit is spirit, alleluia.

INTERCESSIONS

Lord Jesus Christ, you walked with your disciples on the way; be with your Church on its pilgrimage through life.

—Christ, our hope, hear our prayer.

In this Year of Mission, may we comfort the poor and strengthen the oppressed wherever we may encounter them.

—Christ, our hope, hear our prayer.

That we may be on fire for the Kingdom of God, with unwavering trust in Divine Providence and zeal for the missions, through the Cross, our only Hope

—Christ, our hope, hear our prayer.

That we may be missionaries of compassion to the poor and afflicted as we speak of hope and assist them to find relief.

—Christ, our hope, hear our prayer.

Through all our many ministries, may we continue to educate in the faith by developing minds, cultivating hearts, and encouraging hope in the Cross.

—Christ, our hope, hear our prayer.

Jesus, the new Adam and life-giving spirit, transform the Holy Cross men and women who have gone before us into your own likeness, that the fullness of your joy may be theirs.

—Christ, our hope, hear our 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.

*Almighty and ever-living God,
Your Spirit made us your children,
confident to call you Father.
Increase your Spirit of love within us
and bring us to our promised inheritance.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.*

— Amen.

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Lord God, source of all goodness,
in your divine Providence
You entrusted Blessed Basile Moreau
with the task of sending missionaries
to spread the light of truth
in response to the needs of your universal Church.

We thank you for those faith-filled religious
who risked going beyond the borders of every sort
to proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God.

Enkindle in us all,
members of the Family of Holy Cross,
a renewed missionary zeal.
Grant that we may sow the seeds of faith
and be heralds of hope to all peoples,
especially among the poor,
the oppressed, and the marginalized,
that you may be known, loved, and served.

Through the intercession of
Servants of God Flavien Laplante and Vincent McCauley,
give us the grace to respond
generously and wholeheartedly
to the urgent call of evangelization.
We make this prayer in the name of Jesus the Lord.
Amen.

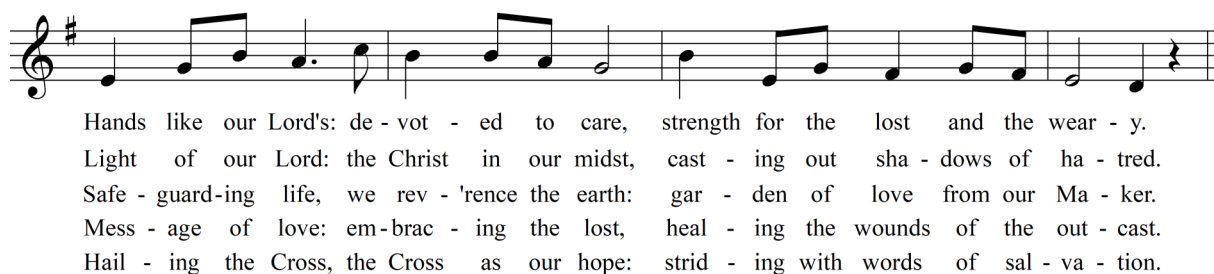
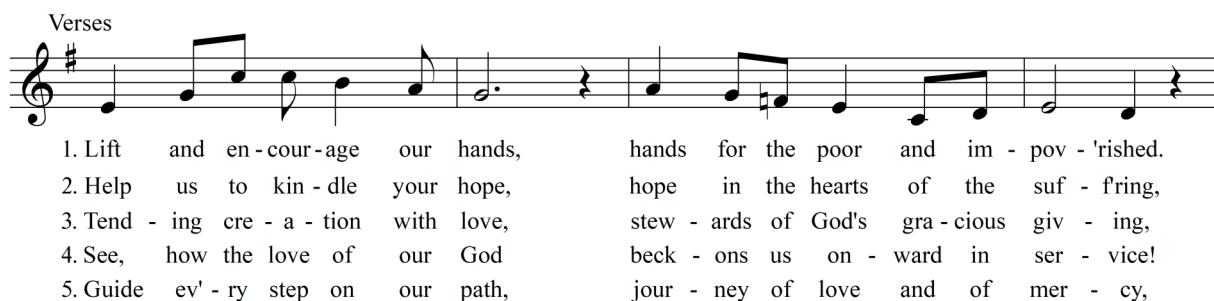
DISMISSAL

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

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

All: Amen.



THE CLOSING DAY OF THE YEAR OF MISSION

MORNING PRAYER

April 28, 2026

VERSE AND RESPONSE

God, + come to my assistance.

— Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

— as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

HYMN

This Day God Gives Me

1. This day God gives me Strength of high heav - en, Sun and moon
2. This day God sends me Strength as my guard - ian, Might to up -
3. God's way is my way, God's shield is 'round me, God's host de -
4. Ris - ing I thank you, Might - y and strong One, King of cre -
shin - ing, Flame in my hearth, Flash - ing of light - ning, Wind in its
hold me, Wis - dom as guide. Your eyes are watch - ful, Your ears are
fends me, Sav - ing from ill. An - gels of heav - en, Drive from me
a - tion, Giv - er of rest, Firm - ly con - fess - ing God in three
swift - ness, Depths of the o - cean, Firm - ness of earth.
lis - t'ning, Your lips are speak - ing, Friend at my side.
al - ways All that would harm me, Stand by me still.
Per - sons, One - ness of God - head, Trin - i - ty blest.

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PSALMODY

Psalm 101

Leader: Whoever does the will of my Father will enter the kingdom of heaven, alleluia.

Leader:

*My song is of mercy and justice;
I sing to you, O Lord.
I will walk in the way of perfection.
O when, Lord, will you come?*

*I will hate the ways of the crooked;
They shall not be my friends.
The false-hearted must keep far away;
The wicked I disown.*

*I look to the faithful in the land
That they may dwell with me.
He who walks in the way of perfection
Shall be my friend.*

*Morning by morning I will silence
All the wicked in the land,
Uprooting from the city of the Lord
All who do evil.*

All:

*I will walk with blameless heart
Within my house;
I will not set before my eyes
Whatever is base.*

*The man who slanders his neighbor in secret
I will bring to silence.
The man of proud looks and haughty heart
I will never endure.*

*No man who practices deceit
Shall live within my house.
No man who utters lies shall stand
Before my eyes.*

*All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.*

*Whoever does the will of my Father will enter the kingdom of heaven,
alleluia.*

Leader: Let all the nations, O Lord, know the depths of your loving mercy for us, alleluia.

Leader:

*Blessed are you, and praiseworthy,
O Lord, the God of our fathers,
and glorious forever is Your name.*

*For we have sinned and transgressed
by departing from you,
and we have done every kind of evil.*

*Do not take away your mercy from us,
for the sake of Abraham, your beloved,
Isaac your servant, and Israel Your holy one,*

*For we are reduced, O Lord, beyond any other nation,
brought low everywhere in the world this day
because of our sins.*

*But with contrite heart and humble spirit
let us be received;
as though it were holocausts of rams and bullocks,
or thousands of fat lambs,
so let our sacrifice be in Your presence today
as we follow You unreservedly;
for those who trust in You cannot be put to shame.*

All:

*For you are just in all you have done;
all your deeds are faultless, all your ways right,
and all your judgments proper.*

*For your name's sake, do not deliver us up forever,
or make void your covenant.*

*to whom you promised to multiply their offspring
like the stars of heaven,
or the sand on the shore of the sea.*

*We have in our day no prince, prophet, or leader,
no holocaust, sacrifice, oblation, or incense,
no place to offer first fruits, to find favor with you.*

*And now we follow you with our whole heart,
we fear you and we pray to you.*

*All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.*

*Let all the nations, O Lord, know the depths of your loving mercy for
us, alleluia.*

Leader: The Lord is my refuge and my savior, alleluia.

Leader:

*Blessed be the Lord, my rock,
who trains my arms for battle,
who prepares my hands for war.*

*Lord, what is man that you care for him,
mortal man, that you keep him in mind;
man, who is merely a breath,
whose life fades like a passing shadow?*

*Reach down from heaven and save me;
draw me out from the mighty waters,
from the hands of alien foes
whose mouths are filled with lies,
whose hands are raised in perjury.*

All:

*He is my love, my fortress;
he is my stronghold, my savior
my shield, my place of refuge.
He brings peoples under my rule.*

*Lower your heavens and come down;
touch the mountains; wreath them in smoke.
Flash your lightnings; rout the foe,
shoot your arrows and put them to flight.*

*To you, O God, will I sing a new song;
I will play on the ten-stringed harp
to you who give kings their victory,
who set David your servant free.*

*All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.*

The Lord is my refuge and my savior, alleluia.

What is true of a palace whose foundations have been laid, and which is rising gradually until completion is verified, likewise, in a great work of charity. It is not one alone who builds; nor is it one stone, or one single beam of wood that forms it. Each worker contributes something from his own trade; each stone is cut to fit into its one appointed place; and each piece of wood is arranged and placed so as to enhance the general effect of the entire building. Union, then, is a powerful lever with which we could move, direct, and sanctify the whole world, if the spirit of evil, who has been allowed to exercise his power over this earth does not set himself up against the wondrous effects of this moral force. (CL 5 – 1841)

RESPONSORY

The Lord is risen from the tomb, alleluia, alleluia.

—The Lord is risen from the tomb, alleluia, alleluia.

He hung upon the cross for us,

—alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

—The Lord is risen from the tomb, alleluia, alleluia.

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

Leader: The works that I do in the name of my Father speak on my behalf, alleluia.

Blessed + be the Lord, the God of Israel;
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior,
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
to give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.

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INTERCESSIONS

Source of all life, as we arrive on the last of the Year of Mission, bless all those who have helped us to see your providential hand at work at every moment of our life in Holy Cross. Send into our hearts the spirit of our founder Blessed Basile Moreau, that we may resolutely place our trust in you alone.

—Source of all life, raise us to new life.

Now that the old leaven of wickedness and evil is destroyed, may we always feed on the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

—Source of all life, raise us to new life.

May the Spirit continue to grant all those who partner with the missionary efforts of the congregation of Holy Cross a passionate desire to share the Good News with those hungry for God.

—Source of all life, raise us to new life.

Through our missionary work, may we continue to help relieve the loneliness, poverty, and suffering of victims of injustice

—Source of all life, raise us to new life.

May we faithfully support our missionaries who labor in places plagued by violence and terror with fervent prayers for their safety and their ministry,

—Source of all life, raise us to new life.

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.

*Almighty God,
as we celebrate the resurrection,
may we share with each other
the joy the risen Christ has won for us.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.*

— Amen.

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Lord God, source of all goodness,
in your divine Providence
You entrusted Blessed Basile Moreau
with the task of sending missionaries
to spread the light of truth
in response to the needs of your universal Church.

We thank you for those faith-filled religious
who risked going beyond the borders of every sort
to proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God.

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members of the Family of Holy Cross,
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to the urgent call of evangelization.
We make this prayer in the name of Jesus the Lord.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

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

All: Amen.

Refrain



To verses:
last time to CODA

CODA



Verses



2. Help us to kin - dle your hope, hope in the hearts of the suf - fring,
 3. Tend - ing cre - a - tion with love, stew - ards of God's gra - cious giv - ing,
 4. See, how the love of our God beck - ons us on - ward in ser - vice!
 5. Guide ev' - ry step on our path, jour - ney of love and of mer - cy,



Light of our Lord: the Christ in our midst, cast - ing out sha - dows of ha - tred.
 Safe - guard - ing life, we rev - 'rence the earth: gar - den of love from our Ma - ker.
 Mess - age of love: em - brac - ing the lost, heal - ing the wounds of the out - cast.
 Hail - ing the Cross, the Cross as our hope: strid - ing with words of sal - va - tion.

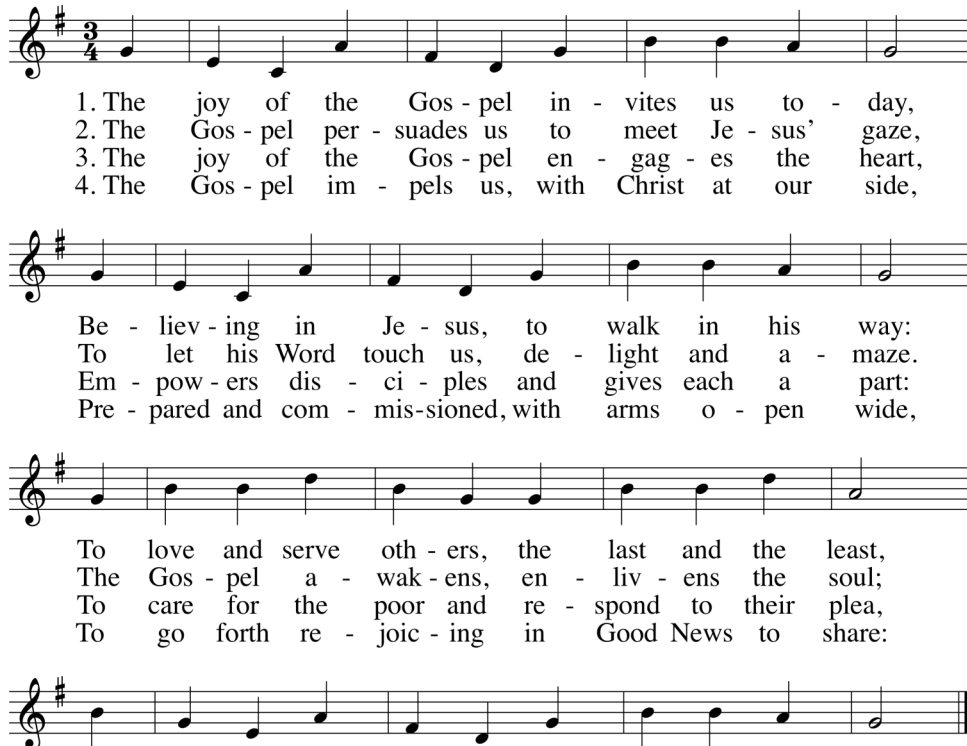
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EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Song

The Joy of the Gospel



1. The joy of the Gos - pel in - vites us to - day,
2. The Gos - pel per - suades us to meet Je - sus' gaze,
3. The joy of the Gos - pel en - gag - es the heart,
4. The Gos - pel im - pels us, with Christ at our side,

Be - liev - ing in Je - sus, to walk in his way:
To let his Word touch us, de - light and a - maze.
Em - pow - ers dis - ci - ples and gives each a part:
Pre - pared and com - mis - sioned, with arms o - pen wide,

To love and serve oth - ers, the last and the least,
The Gos - pel a - wak - ens, en - liv - ens the soul;
To care for the poor and re - spond to their plea,
To go forth re - joic - ing in Good News to share:

To be for our world both the salt and the yeast.
It kin - dles the spir - it, makes new and makes whole.
To lift up the low - ly, from bur - dens set free.
God's love is for all and ex - tends ev - 'ry - where!

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Tune: ST. DENIO, 11 11 11 11; adapt. from a Welsh ballad in John Roberts' *Hymns of the Sanctuary*, 1839

Greeting

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

OR

The grace of our lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the holy spirit be with you all.

R. And with your spirit.

OR

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the lord Jesus Christ.

R. And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

a brief pause for silence follows. then all recite together the formula of general confession:

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 in what I have failed to do,

and, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;

then they continue:

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.

the absolution by the Priest follows:

may almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.
R. Amen.

OR

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.

You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.
R. Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.

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

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that, celebrating the mysteries of the Lord's Resurrection,
we may merit to receive the joy of our redemption.
Through our lord Jesus Christ, your son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
R. Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

1 Peter 4:7b-11

Alternative reading: Timothy 2:1-8

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 112:1-9

Alleluia

Cantor, then all:



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

Music: Chant Mode VI

Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

Alternative reading: Mark 16:15-20

Homily

Universal Prayer

Celebrant: At the end of our journey through the Year of Mission, may we unite with the whole community of the faithful in prayer as we lift our hearts to God, our loving Father:

For our Pope, our Bishop.... and all Church leaders: may they be given the strength to follow the example of Christ who came not to be served, but to serve. Let us pray to the Lord:

—Lord, here our pray.

For all Holy Cross missionaries, especially those working in places of danger and persecution: may they find the courage and wisdom to be powerful Gospel leaven in the world. Let us pray to the Lord:

—Lord, here our pray.

For those who suffer through poverty, violence, racial and ethnic bias, and oppression: may the power of the Gospel heal division, dispel the darkness of ignorance, and bring hope to those who despair. Let us pray to the Lord:

—Lord, here our pray.

For all who are making vocational choices: that the Holy Spirit will inspire them to share their love and gifts fully through the consecrated life in the Congregation of Holy Cross. Let us pray to the Lord:

—Lord, here our pray.

We pray for those who are suffering today: Lord Jesus, you know our weaknesses and our temptations and you were no stranger to suffering. Strengthen all those who are struggling under heavy burdens. Let us pray to the Lord:

—Lord, here our pray.

For all the faithful departed in places served by the Congregation of Holy Cross, that the Lord may welcome them into his everlasting glory. Let us pray to the Lord:

—Lord, here our pray.

Prayer after the Intercessions

Celebrant: Loving Father, we thank You for the gift of Your Son and the call to share His love with the world through the charism of our founder, Blessed Basile Moreau. Hear our prayers, and help us to continue with zeal the mission of the Congregation of Holy Cross to be faithful witnesses of Your mercy and grace. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

—Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

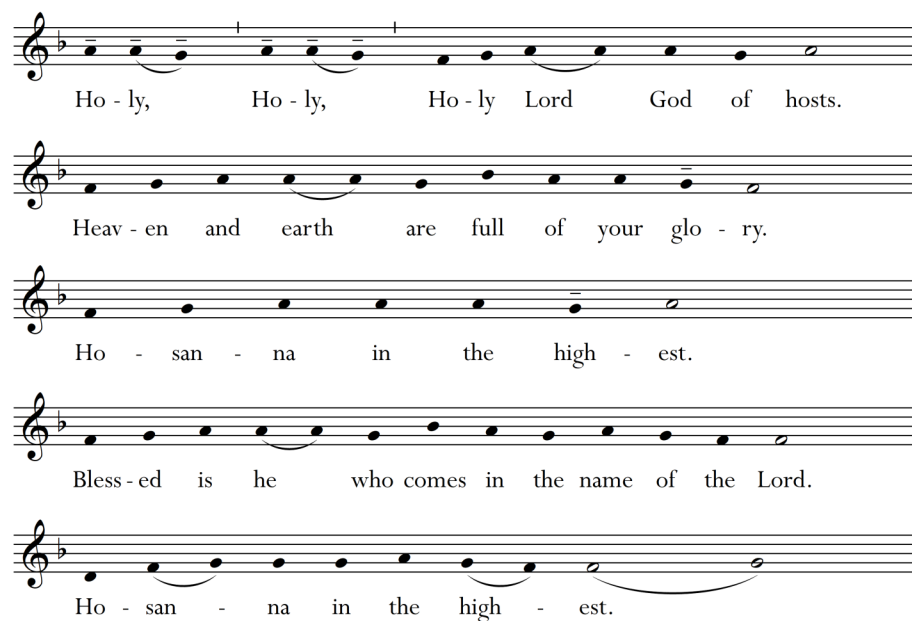
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Prayer Over the Offerings

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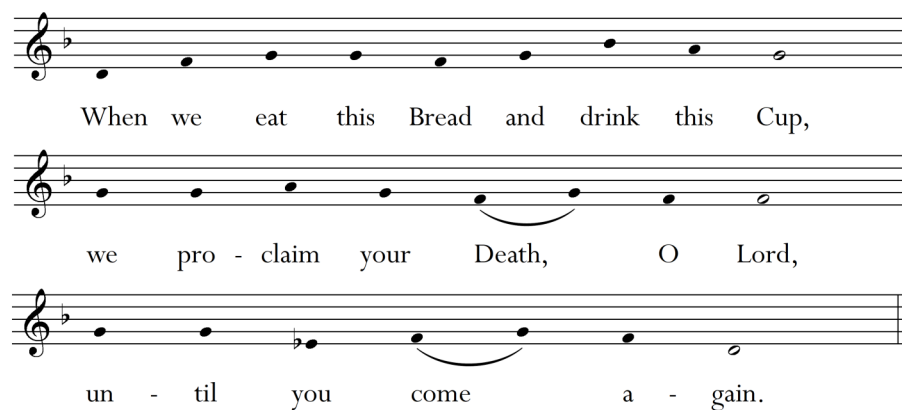
Sanctus



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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Mystery of Faith



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

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Amen

The Communion Rite

Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Fraction of the Bread

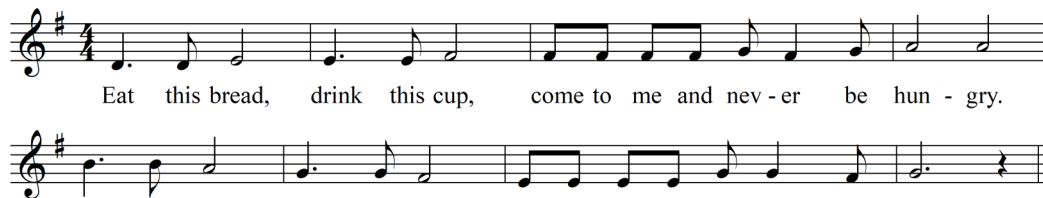


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mi - se - ré - re no - bis.
do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Communion

Song

Eat This Bread



Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

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Prayer after Communion

Hear, O Lord, our prayers,
that this most holy exchange,
by which you have redeemed us,
may bring your help in this present life and ensure for us eternal gladness
Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.
R. And with your Spirit.

Blessing May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

Dismissal
Go forth, the Mass is ended.

OR

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

OR

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

OR

Go in peace.
R. Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



1. The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; We go in Je - sus' name To
2. We go to com - fort those who mourn And set the bur - dened free; Where
3. We go to be the hands of Christ, To scat - ter joy like seed And,
4. Then let us go to serve in peace, The gos - pel to pro - claim. God's



bring glad tid - ings to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
hope is dim, to share a dream And help the blind to see.
all our days, to cher - ish life, To do the lov - ing deed.
Spir - it has em - pow - ered us; We go in Je - sus' name.

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EVENING PRAYER

April 28, 2026

VERSE AND RESPONSE

God, + come to my assistance.

— Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

— as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

HYMN

God of Day and God of Darkness



1. God of day and God of dark - ness, Now we stand be - fore the night;
2. Still the na - tions curse the dark - ness, Still the rich op - press the poor;
3. You shall be the path that guides us, You the light that in us burns;
4. Praise to you in day and dark - ness, You our source and you our end;



As the shad - ows stretch and deep - en, Come and make our dark - ness bright.
Still the earth is bruised and bro - ken By the ones who still want more.
Shin - ing deep with - in all peo - ple, Yours the love that we must learn.
Praise to you who love and nur - ture As a fa - ther, moth - er, friend.



All cre - a - tion still is groan - ing For the dawn - ing of your night,
Come and wake us from our sleep - ing, So our hearts can - not ig - nore
For our hearts shall wan - der rest - less 'Til they safe to you re - turn;
Grant us all a peace - ful rest - ing, Let each mind and bod - y mend,



When the Sun of peace and jus - tice Fills the earth with ra - dant light.
All your peo - ple lost and bro - ken, All your chil - dren at our door.
Find - ing you in one an - oth - er, We shall all your face dis - cern.
So we rise re - freshed to - mor - row, Hearts re - newed to king - dom tend.

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PSALMODY

Psalm 137:1-6

Leader: Sing for us one of Zion's songs, alleluia.

Leader:

*By the rivers of Babylon
there we sat and wept,
remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there
we hung up our harps.*

*O how could we sing
the song of the Lord
on alien soil?
If I forget you, Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither!*

All:

For it was there that they asked us,
our captors, for songs,
our oppressors, for joy.
“Sing to us,” they said,
“one of Zion's songs.”

O let my tongue
cleave to my mouth
if I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem
above all my joys!

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.

Sing for us one of Zion's songs, alleluia.

Psalm 138

Leader: Though I am surrounded by affliction, you preserve my life, alleluia.

Leader:

*I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple.*

*All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways:
"How great is the glory of the Lord!"*

*You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.*

All:

*I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul.*

*The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes.*

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as it was in the beginning, is now,
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Canticle—Revelation 4:11, 5:9, 10, 12

Leader: Yours, O Lord, is majesty and power, glory and triumph, alleluia.

Leader:

*O Lord our God, you are worthy
to receive glory and honor and power.*

*Worthy are you, O Lord,
to receive the scroll and break open its seals.*

*You made of them a kingdom,
and priests to serve our God,
and they shall reign on the earth.*

All:

For you have created all things;
by your will they came to be and were made.

For you were slain;
with your blood you purchased for God
men of every race and tongue,
of every people and nation.

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain
to receive power and riches,
wisdom and strength,
honor and glory and praise.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
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READING

Writings of Father Moreau

By zeal is understood that flame of burning desire which one feels to make God known,, loved and served and thus save souls. Apostolic activity is therefore the essential character of this virtue; and every [one] who is animated by this virtue will fulfill the duties of his state with eagerness, affection, courage and perseverance...He will feel that which St. Paul felt for the Galatians whom he had evangelized: "My little children for whom I am in labor until Christ Jesus be formed within you."...Our zeal is always guided by charity, everything is done with strength and gentleness: strength because we are courageous and unshakable in the midst of pain, difficulty and trials...and gentleness because we have the tenderness of our Divine Model. (Christian Pedagogy, I:1, art.4-1856)

RESPONSORY

The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.
—The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.

When they saw the risen Lord,
—alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
—The disciples rejoiced, alleluia, alleluia.

CANTICLE OF MARY

Leader: I know my sheep and they follow me; I give them eternal life, alleluia.

My + soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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and to the Holy Spirit:
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INTERCESSIONS

Chief shepherd, after your resurrection you made Peter shepherd of your flock when he professed his love for you. Increase from day to day the love and devotion of Francis, our Pope.

—Lord Jesus, you live for ever; hear our prayer.

May you guide the hands and hearts of those who lead us in the Congregation of Holy Cross, especially our Superior General and his Councilors, Provincials and their Councilors, and all those hold positions of leadership, that they may faithfully preserve the charism of our founder Blessed Basil Moreau.

—Lord Jesus, you live for ever; hear our prayer.

At the lakeside you prepared bread and fish for your disciples, open our eyes to see the needs of others and help us to sow seeds of hope in your eternal love and care for us.

—Lord Jesus, you live for ever; hear our prayer.

May we continue to participate in God's mission as educators in the faith, reaching out to the afflicted, the poor, and the oppressed.

—Lord Jesus, you live for ever; hear our prayer.

As we move forward, may we seek with renewed resilience, boldness, and zeal to serve the needs of the church and the world by going beyond borders of every sort.

—Lord Jesus, you live for ever; hear our prayer.

Judge of the living and the dead, forgive the sins of the faithful departed including all those Holy Cross men and women who gone before us.

—Lord Jesus, you live for ever; hear our 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.

*Almighty God,
as we celebrate the resurrection,
may we share with each other
the joy the risen Christ has won for us.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.*

— Amen.

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Lord God, source of all goodness,
in your divine Providence
You entrusted Blessed Basile Moreau
with the task of sending missionaries
to spread the light of truth
in response to the needs of your universal Church.

We thank you for those faith-filled religious
who risked going beyond the borders of every sort
to proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God.

Enkindle in us all,
members of the Family of Holy Cross,
a renewed missionary zeal.
Grant that we may sow the seeds of faith
and be heralds of hope to all peoples,
especially among the poor,
the oppressed, and the marginalized,
that you may be known, loved, and served.

Through the intercession of
Servants of God Flavien Laplante and Vincent McCauley,
give us the grace to respond
generously and wholeheartedly
to the urgent call of evangelization.
We make this prayer in the name of Jesus the Lord.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

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

All: Amen.

Refrain



To verses:
last time to CODA

CODA



Verses



2. Help us to kin - dle your hope, hope in the hearts of the suf - fring,
 3. Tend - ing cre - a - tion with love, stew - ards of God's gra - cious giv - ing,
 4. See, how the love of our God beck - ons us on - ward in ser - vice!
 5. Guide ev' - ry step on our path, jour - ney of love and of mer - cy,



Light of our Lord: the Christ in our midst, cast - ing out sha - dows of ha - tred.
 Safe - guard - ing life, we rev - 'rence the earth: gar - den of love from our Ma - ker.
 Mess - age of love: em - brac - ing the lost, heal - ing the wounds of the out - cast.
 Hail - ing the Cross, the Cross as our hope: strid - ing with words of sal - va - tion.

BROTHER FLAVIAN LAPLANTE, C.S.C.

Born in Québec, Canada, Br. Flavian entered Holy Cross at the age of 16. Upon Final Profession in 1928, he worked at Collège Notre-Dame before heading to the Congregation's mission in East Bengal (present-day Bangladesh and India) in 1932. He was a builder of schools and orphanages, a teacher, an administrator, a principal of schools and a hermit.

In May 1942, when the Japanese Army started air raids on Chittagong, Br. Flavian went to assist. There he met the fishermen to whom he devoted most of the rest of his life. After completing 49 years of service to the poor in Bangladesh, he died there on June 19, 1981. In the words of the Congregation's *Constitutions*, Br. Flavian "[came] not just as servants but as their neighbors, to be with them and of them" (2:13).

Flavian was declared a Servant of God on February 13, 2009 – the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes – by Most Rev. Patrick D'Rozario, Bishop of Chittagong Diocese, Bangladesh. His cause is being advanced by coordinated work in Bangladesh and in Canada.

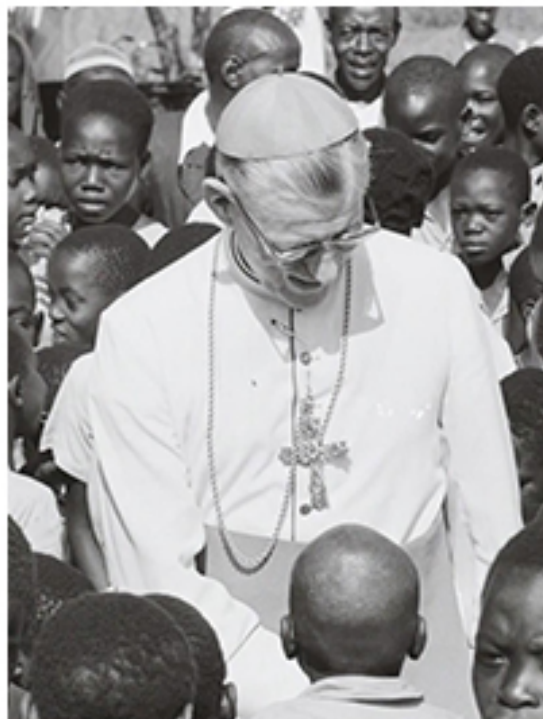


BISHOP VINCENT MCCAULEY

Born in Iowa in the United States, Bishop McCauley from his childhood dreamed of being a missionary. After studying in the Congregation's Foreign Mission Seminary, he was sent to East Bengal where he worked among the Kuki Christians near Agartala. Sickness, however, forced him to return to the United States.

Bishop McCauley persevered in his desire to serve in the missions, and in 1958, he led the Congregation's new mission to Uganda. In 1961, he was appointed bishop of the newly created Diocese of Fort Portal. In addition to building the diocese from the ground up, he was known for his compassion, guiding the Church in aiding countless refugees, widows, and orphans during the political turmoil of the 1960s and 70s. For him, as the *Constitutions* state, "The face of every human being who suffers is for us the face of Jesus" (8:114).

He died on November 1, 1982 and was buried in the Holy Cross community cemetery at Notre Dame on November 4. In August 2006, the cause for canonization of Bishop McCauley, C.S.C., was introduced in the Congregation of Saints. As Servant of God, Bishop McCauley's cause undergoes review by the Diocese of Fort Portal, Uganda, Holy Cross seeks to emulate his faith, talent, energy, and joy – gifts by which he made God known, loved, and served.



ALTERNATIVE HYMNS

Go Make of All Disciples

God Has Chosen Me by Bernadette Farrell

Here I Am, Lord

I Am the Bread of Life

I Receive the Living God

Now Let Us from This Table Rise (TUNE: DUKE STREET)

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

The Church of Christ (TUNE: O WALY WALY)

To Be Your Presence (TUNE: ENGELBERG)

PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF MISSION

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