



BACCALAUREATE LITURGY

Class of 2024

Thursday, May 16, 2024
Lawler Arena

LITURGICAL PROCESSION

Entrance Processional

“The House That Love Is Building”

Crossbearer and Server

David Brusco '24

Bearing the Book of the Gospels

Margaret Frawley '24

Concelebrant

Father Dan Madden, O.S.A.

Director, Austin Scholars Formation

Presider

Father Raymond Dlugos, O.S.A., Ph.D.

Vice President for Mission and Ministry

Cantor

Audrey McGill '25

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INTRODUCTORY RITES

GREETING

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

People: Amen.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Priest: ...Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: ...Christ, have mercy.

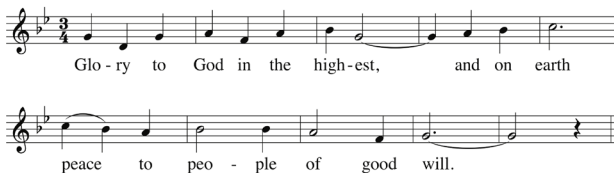
People: Christ, have mercy.

Priest: ...Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

Refrain



Verses

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

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COLLECT

People: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | Proclaimed by Margaret Frawley '24

Acts of the Apostles 2: 42-47

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need.

Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes.

They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people.

And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

"To You, O God, I Lift Up My Soul"

Refrain: 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All

To you, O God, I lift up my soul; lift up my spirit - it to my Lord. To you I lift up my soul.

Verses: Cantor

1. Make me to know your ways, O God; teach me your
2. Good and up - right our gra - cious God, show - ing the
3. Stead - fast and kind your ways, O God; all who re -

1. paths, guide me. † You are my Sav - ior.
2. way, guid - ing the hum - ble to jus - tice.
3. vere your cov - e - nant † know your friend - ship.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

(CONTINUED)

SECOND READING | Proclaimed by Maxwell Beland '24

Colossians 3:12-17

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.

And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.

And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Alleluia"

Refrain



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LITURGY OF THE WORD

(CONTINUED)

DIALOGUE AT THE GOSPEL

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL

John 15: 9-17

As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.

I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you.

This I command you: love one another.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

HOMILY

Rev. Raymond Dlugos, O.S.A.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER | Led by Molly Keuter '24

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION AND PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

“A New Commandment”

Based on Jn:13, 14

Michael Philip Ward

REFRAIN

I give you... a new com-mand-ment: Love one an - oth-er— as—
I— have loved you, as I have loved you.
Final
you. Love one an - oth-er— as— I— have loved
you, as I have loved you, as I have loved you.

VERSES

1. All the world will know that you are my dis - ci - ples—
2. Those who would be great must be the least a - mong you.—
3. I will leave you soon to join the one who sent me.—
4. Do not be a - fraid nor let your hearts be trou - bled.—
1. when they see the love you have for one an - oth-er.—
2. Those who would be strong must first be poor in spir-it.—
3. We will come to you and we will send the Spir-it.—
4. Put your faith in me; I will not leave you or - phans.
1. Let this be your love: to live your life for oth - ers;— not in
2. Just as I have done, so do now for each oth - er,— for in
3. Teach-ing you all things, in - struct-ing you in wis - dom, and re -
4. I go to pre - pare a place for you to dwell in.— Peace I
To Refrain
1. be - ing served, but in your call to serve.—
2. all the world there is no great-er love.—
3. mind - ing you what I have said to you:—
4. leave with you, my peace I give to you.—

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INVITATION TO PRAYER

Priest: Pray that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

PREFACE DIALOGUE

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

People: It is right and just.

SANCTUS

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

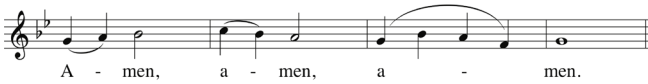
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -
claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

(CONTINUED)

AMEN



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LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

People: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

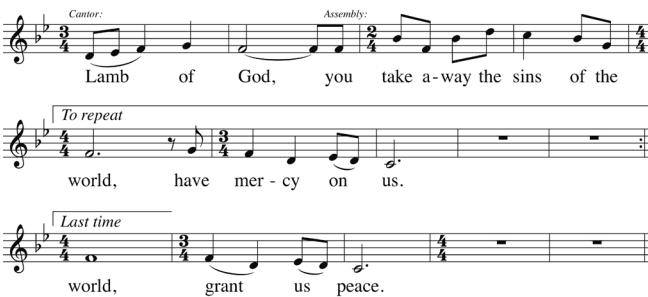
SIGN OF PEACE

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And with your spirit.

LITANY AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

“Lamb of God”



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Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

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

CONCLUDING RITES

COMMUNION PROCESSION

Procession songs:

“What a Beautiful Name” • “Lord, I Need You” • “Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone”

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

People: Amen.

PRESENTATION OF THE CAMPUS MINISTRY AWARD

PRESENTATION OF THE MERRIMACK MEDAL

MERRIMACK COLLEGE ANTHEM

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

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

People: Amen.

Priest: Go in peace.

People: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL PROCESSION

Procession song: “This Is Amazing Grace”

COLLEGE ANTHEM

Michael J. Rossi, Ph.D.
Rev. Joseph L. Farrell, O.S.A.
Rev. Scott C. Ness, O.S.A.

Intro.

In unison

O__ Mer-ri-mack, how shall we hon-or you? With

mind and heart a - wa-kened to the truth. We shall build God's ci - ty in our -

selves and in our world, reach-ing out in ser-vice, our hearts a - fire with

love. The__ rest-less quest for wis-dom in the com - pa - ny of friends,

calls us ev-er on-ward 'til in God our hearts find rest. Our__ guides are faith and

rea - son on a path that yet un - folds, and come we will to wis-dom through

know-ledge formed in love. O__ Mer-ri-mack, how shall we hon-or you? With

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