

Memorial of St. Teresa of Jesus Thursday of the 28th Week in Ordinary Time

Oct. 15



Teresa lived in an age of exploration as well as political, social, and religious upheaval. It was the 16th century, a time of turmoil and reform. She was born before the Protestant Reformation and died almost 20 years after the closing of the Council of Trent.

The gift of God to Teresa in and through which she became holy and left her mark on the Church and the world is threefold: She was a woman; she was a contemplative; she was an active reformer.

As a woman, Teresa stood on her own two feet, even in the man's world of her time. She was "her own woman," entering into the Carmelite order despite strong opposition from her father. She is a person wrapped not so much in silence as in mystery. Beautiful,

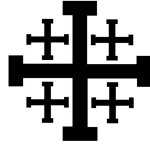
talented, outgoing, adaptable, affectionate, courageous, enthusiastic, she was totally human. Like Jesus, she was a mystery of paradoxes: wise, yet practical; intelligent, yet much in tune with her experience; a mystic, yet an energetic reformer; a holy woman, a womanly woman.

Teresa was a woman "for God," a woman of prayer, discipline, and compassion. Her heart belonged to God. Her ongoing conversion was an arduous lifelong struggle, involving ongoing purification and suffering. She was misunderstood, misjudged, and opposed in her efforts at reform. Yet she struggled on, courageous and faithful; she struggled with her own mediocrity, her illness, her opposition. And in the midst of all this she clung to God in life and in prayer. Her writings on prayer and contemplation are drawn from her experience: powerful, practical, and graceful. She was a woman of prayer; a woman for God.

Teresa was a woman "for others." Though a contemplative, she spent much of her time and energy seeking to reform herself and the Carmelites, to lead them back to the full observance of the primitive Rule. She founded over a half-dozen new monasteries. She traveled, wrote, fought—always to renew, to reform. During such travels, in a providential encounter, she convinced a young man on his way to become a Dominican friar. Instead she convinced him to become a Carmelite. He later became an equally influential reformer for the order, St. John of the Cross. In her self, in her prayer, in her life, in her efforts to reform, in all the people she touched, she was a woman for others, a woman who inspired and gave life.

Her writings, especially the *Way of Perfection* and *The Interior Castle*, have helped generations of believers.

In 1970, the Church gave her the title she had long held in the popular mind: Doctor of the Church. She and St. Catherine of Siena were the first women so honored.



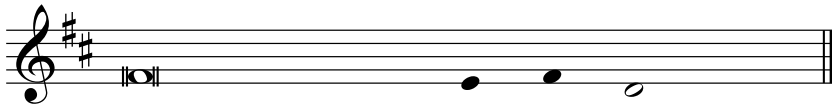
Introductory Rites

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 37: 30-31



The mouth of the just man ut-ters wisdom, and his tongue tells forth what is just;



the law of his God is in his heart.

Greeting

Penitential Act

Kyrie

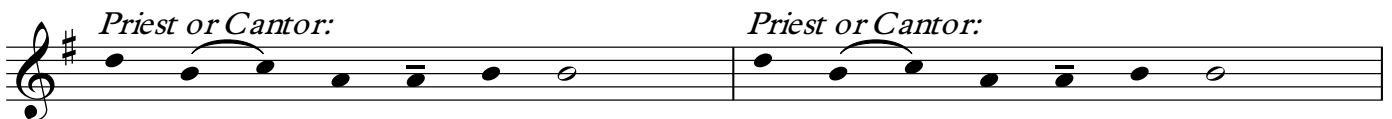
Missa Jubilate Deo

Mass XVI



Ky - ri - e e - lé - i - son.
Lord, have mercy.

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Chri - ste e - lé - i - son.
Christ, have mercy.

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Collect

O God, who through your Spirit raised up Saint Teresa of Jesus to show the Church the way to seek perfection, grant that we may always be nourished by the food of her heavenly teaching and fired with longing for true holiness.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, you Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Ephesians 1: 1-10

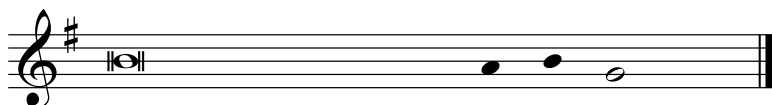
Paul, an Apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the holy ones who are in Ephesus and faithful in Christ Jesus: grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved.

In Christ we have redemption by his Blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the riches of his grace that he lavished upon us. In all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us the mystery of his will in accord with his favor that he set forth in him as a plan for the fullness of times, to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 96: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6



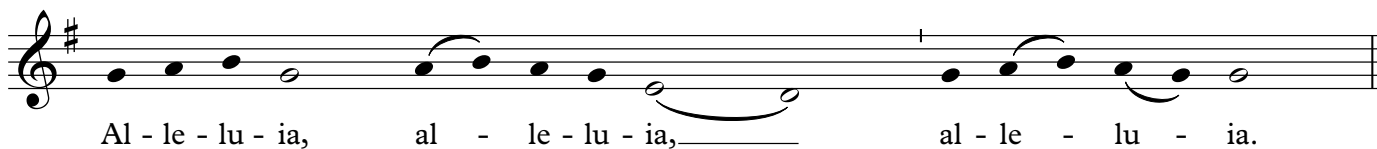
The Lord has made known his sal-vation.

Verses

1. Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done wondrous deeds;
His right hand has won victory
for him,
his holy arm.
2. The LORD has made his salvation
known:
in the sight of the nations he
has revealed his justice.
He has remembered his kindness
and his faithfulness
toward the house of Israel.
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation by our God.
Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;
break into song; sing praise.
4. Sing praise to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and melodious song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
sing joyfully before the King, the LORD.

Alleluia

Mode VI



Verse: I am the way and the truth and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father except through me. (*Jn 14:16*)

Gospel

Matthew 3: 10-17

The Lord said: "Woe to you who build the memorials of the prophets whom your fathers killed. Consequently, you bear witness and give consent to the deeds of your ancestors, for they killed them and you do the building. Therefore, the wisdom of God said, 'I will send to them prophets and Apostles; some of them they will kill and persecute' in order that this generation might be charged with the blood of all the prophets shed since the foundation of the world, from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah who died between the altar and the temple building. Yes, I tell you, this generation will be charged with their blood! Woe to you, scholars of the law! You have taken away the key of knowledge. You yourselves did not enter and you stopped those trying to enter." When Jesus left, the scribes and Pharisees began to act with hostility toward him and to interrogate him about many things, for they were plotting to catch him at something he might say.

Homily

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Antiphon

Daughters of kings, in your honor, have come to sit at your right hand arrayed in the gold of Ophir. (*Ps 45: 10*)

Prayer Over the Offerings

May our offering, O Lord, be acceptable to your majesty, to whom the devoted service of Saint Teresa was pleasing in such great measure. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface

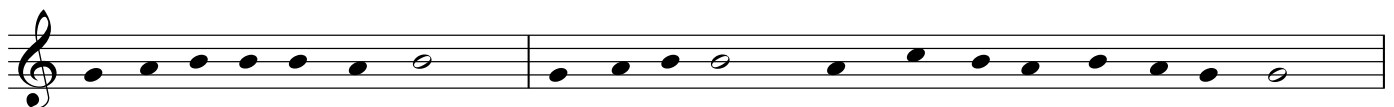
Sanctus

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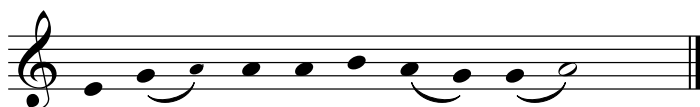
Adpt. Mass XVIII



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. —

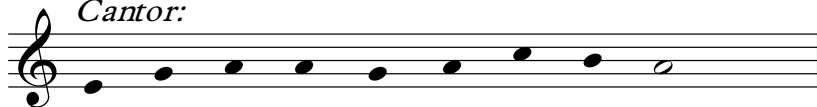
Eucharistic Prayer

The Mystery of Faith

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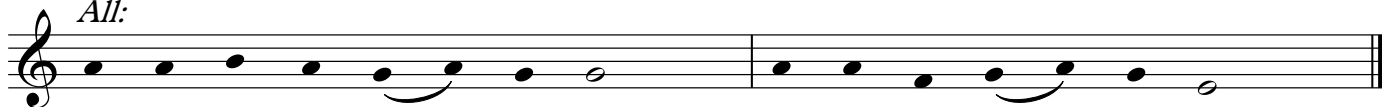
Mode IV

Cantor:



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,

All:



we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come_ a - gain.

Doxology & Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei

ICEL Chant Mass

Adpt. Mass XVI

Cantor: All:



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. _

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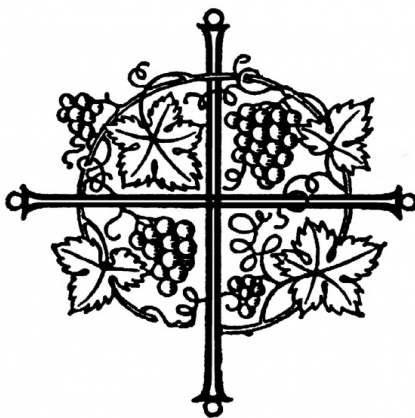
Cantor: All:



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, grant_ us_ peace. _

Fraction Rite

Holy Communion



Communion Antiphon

Psalm 89: 2



I will sing for ever of your mercies, O Lord; through all ages my
mouth will proclaim your fi-delity.



Psalm 89

“With my chosen one I have made *a*
covenant; *

I have sworn to *David my* servant:

The heavens praise your wonders, *O Lord*, *
your fidelity in the assembly *of your* holy
ones.

“I have set the crown on *a* warrior, *
I have exalted one chosen *from the* people.

I have found my *servant* David, *
and with my holy oil *anointed* him.

My hand shall always be with him, *
and my arm shall *make* him strong.

My mercy and my faithfulness shall be with
him; *
by my name his might shall *be* exalted.

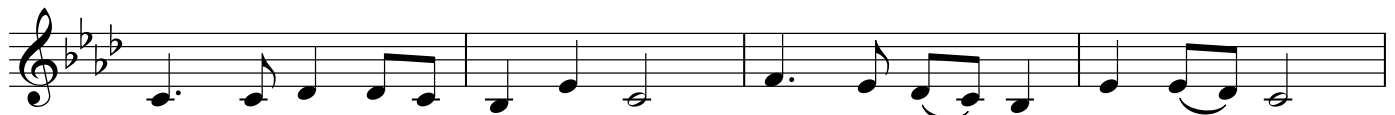
I will keep my faithful love for *him* always; *
with him my *covenant* shall last.

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.

Meditation Hymn

Words By: St. Teresa of Jesus



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Refrain Translation: I am Yours, for You I was born: what would You have me do?

Verses

- Soberana Majestad,
Eterna Sabiduría,
Bondad buena al alma mía,
Dios, Alteza, un Ser, Bondad:
la gran vileza mirad,
que hoy os canta amor así.

English Adaptation

- O sovereign Lord, of majesty supreme !
O Wisdom, that existed from all time !
Bounty, showing pity on my soul !
God, one sole Being, merciful, sublime.
Behold this basest of created things.
As thus, with hardihood its love it sings.*

2. Vuestra soy, pues me criastes,
vuestra pues me redimistes,
vuestra, pues que me sufristes,
vuestra pues que me llamastes.
vuestra, porque me esperastes,
vuestra pues no me perdí,
3. ¿Qué mandáis, pues, buen Señor,
que haga tan vil criado?
¿Cuál oficio le habéis dado
a este esclavo pecador?
veisme aquí, mi dulce amor,
amor dulce veisme aquí:
4. Veis aquí mi corazón,
yo le pongo en vuestra palma;
mi cuerpo, mi vida y alma,
mis entrañas y afición.
Dulce esposo y redención,
pues por vuestra me ofrecí,
5. Dadme muerte, dadme vida;
dad salud o enfermedad,
honra o deshonra me dad,
dadme guerra o paz crecida,
flaqueza o fuerza cumplida,
que a todo digo que sí:
6. Dadme riqueza o pobreza,
dad consuelo o desconsuelo,
dadme alegría o tristeza,
dadme inferno o dadme cielo,
vida dulce, sol sin velo,
pues del todo me rendí:
2. *Lo, I amThine! Thou hast created me :
And I amThine, Thou hast redeemed me :
And I amThine, forThou dost bear with me.
AndThine, forThou hast called me toThee,
AndThine, Who dost preserve me atThy cost
Nor leavest me to perish 'mid the lost:*
3. *Declare what dost decree, O Master kind !
If serf so vile have any fitting task,
And tell what office byThy will ordained
Is work that from so base a slave dost ask !
Behold, sweet Love, I wait forThy command,
Behold me. Lord, beforeWhose face I stand:*
4. *Behold my heart, which here I bring, and in
Thine hand as glad entire free-offering lay,
Together with my body, life, and soul,
The love, the longings that my being sway !
ToThee, Redeemer and most gentle Spouse,
In willing holocaust I pledge my vows:*
5. *Bestow long life, or straightway bid me die ;
Let health be mine, or pain and sickness send,
With honour or dishonour ; be my path
Beset by war, or peaceful till the end.
My strength or weakness be asThou shalt choose.
For naughtThou askest shall I e'er refuse:*
6. *Assign me riches, keep in poverty,
And let me cherished or neglected dwell,
In joy or mourning asThou wilt, upraised
To highest heaven, or hurled down to hell !
Whether the sky be bright, from cloudlets free,
It matters not, I leave the choice toThee,*

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Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord our God, that your obedient family, whom you have fed with the Bread of heaven, may follow the example of Saint Teresa and rejoice to sing of your mercies for all eternity. Through Christ our Lord.

Concluding Rites

Blessing

Dismissal