

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time- A

September 19-20, 2026

Welcome to the Catholic Community of St. Francis Xavier in Hunt Valley, Maryland.

Thank you for worshipping with us!

Gathering

Canticle of the Sun #576

The heavens are telling the glory of God, and all creation is shouting for joy.

Come, dance in the forest, come, play in the field, and sing, sing to the glory of the Lord.

1. Praise for the sun, the bringer of day, He carries the light of the Lord in his rays;
The moon and the stars who light up the way unto your throne.
2. Praise for the wind that blows through the trees, The seas mighty storms, the gentlest breeze;
They blow where they will, they blow where they please To please the Lord.
3. Praise for the rain that waters our fields, And blesses our crops so all the earth yields;
From death unto life her myst'ry revealed Springs forth in joy.
4. Praise for the fire who gives us his light, The warmth of the sun to brighten our night;
He dances with joy, his spirit so bright, He sings of you.

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Penitential Act

Glory to God

The musical notation is written on four staves in a single system. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 6/8. The melody is simple and repetitive, using eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est. Glo-ry!

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

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Collect

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading I

Is 55:6-9

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near.
Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked his thoughts;
let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways
and my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

Reading II

Phil 1:20c-24, 27a

Brothers and sisters:
Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.
For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me.
And I do not know which I shall choose. I am caught between the two.
I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better.
Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit.
Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel

Mt 20:1-16a

Jesus told his disciples this parable:
"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard.
After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard.
Going out about nine o'clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace,
and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.'
So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise.
Going out about five o'clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them,
'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.'
He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.'
When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their
pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.'
When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage.
So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage.
And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour,
and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.'
He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual
daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you?
Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?'
Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Homily

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with
the Father; through him all things were
made. For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
(bow for the next two lines)
*and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary, and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate, he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day

in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the
giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the
Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic
Church.
I confess one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the
dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen

Universal Prayer

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts

In This Place #219 SS

We are all hungry people We need shelter and strength We are one in our hurting We are one in our pain
In our suffering and sadness We are saved by the grace Of the power and the Spirit That is here in this place

***We are gathered at table As one in the Lord We are gathered as people Who are living the Word
Our hearts and our spirits Are nurtured by grace It is Jesus who fills us He is here in this place***

All our lives are a mystery We see not where they lead We are asked now to trust You And we know we must
believe As our feet become Christ's feet We go forth with the grace
Of the power and the Spirit That is here in this place

Though the world may tell us To look at ourselves We reach out to another Where suffering dwells
As our hands become Christ's hands We are healed by the grace Of the power and the Spirit That is here in this
place

In the bread that is broken Is the Christ that restores As we take, now receive Him We find love evermore
As the bread becomes body We are filled with the grace Of the power and the Spirit That is here in this place

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Prayer Response

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.

Eucharistic Acclamations

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest

Memorial Acclamation

Save us, Savior of the World, for by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (repeat)

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Prayer before Communion

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

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You, come 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.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Miracle of Grace #254 SS

Miracle of grace, mystery of faith, calling us to venture to the deep.

Though our senses fail, your graces still prevail, and we become the love that we receive.

Bread of life, bread of life. Those who eat this bread shall live and never die.

Bread of life, bread of life. Your true presence in this holy sacrifice. Bread of life.

Unworthy though we are, you feed the hungry heart with bread come down from heaven above.

And like a grain of wheat, we fall down at your feet, dying here with you. Oh, let us rise! (**to Refrain 2**)

Bread of life, bread of life. Those who eat this bread shall live and never die.

Bread of life, bread of life. Your true presence in this holy sacrifice. Bread of life, bread of life, bread of life.

Your faithfulness revealed in this covenant you've sealed with your very body and your blood.

Come, claim your bride again with love that cannot end, for what God joins no one can divide. (**to Refrain 2**)

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Sending #578

How Great Thou Art

Oh Lord, my God, When I, in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made

I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee How great Thou art, how great Thou art

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When thru the woods and forest glades I wander And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze,

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing He bled and died to take away my sin

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art

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