

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband.

Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new' he said. 'Write this: that what I am saying is sure and will come true.' And then he said, 'It is already done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give water from the well of life free to anybody who is thirsty; it is the rightful inheritance of the one who proves victorious; and I will be his God and he a son to me.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsorial Psalm:23**

***R/. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want***

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where  
he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit **R/**

2. He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. **R/**

3. You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **R/**

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **R/**

STAND

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
*It is my Father's will, says the Lord,*  
*that I should lose nothing of*  
*all that he has given to me,*  
*and that I should raise it up*  
*on the last day.*  
*Alleluia!*

**Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12**

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.  
*Glory to you, O Lord.*

Seeing the crowds, he went onto the mountain. And when he was seated his disciples came to him.

Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: How blessed are the poor in spirit: the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Blessed are the gentle: they shall have the earth as inheritance. Blessed are those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for uprightness: they shall have their fill.  
Blessed are the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.  
Blessed are the pure in heart: they shall see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers: they shall be recognised as children of God.  
Blessed are those who are persecuted in the cause of uprightness: the kingdom of Heaven is theirs.  
'Blessed are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you falsely on my account.  
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven; this is how they persecuted the prophets before you.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

SIT

**Homily**

STAND

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Priest: Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join our prayers to his

1. You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow. Let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Let us pray to the Lord: ***Lord, hear our prayer***

2. You raised the dead to life; give to Eileen eternal life.

Let us pray to the Lord: ***Lord, hear our prayer***

3. You promised paradise to the thief who repented: forgive Eileen her sins and take her to the joys of heaven.

Let us pray to the Lord: ***Lord, hear our prayer***

4. That the bishops and priests of the Church, and all who preach the Gospel, may be given the strength to express in action the word they proclaim.

Let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, hear our prayer*

5. For the souls of all our deceased relatives and friends, that they may find peace in the loving arms of Jesus.

Let us pray to the Lord: *Lord, hear our prayer*

Let us join our prayers with those of Our Blessed Lady and all the saints as we say:  
**Hail Mary...**

Priest: Lord God, giver of peace and healer of souls, hear the prayers of the your Son, Jesus Christ. Forgive the sins of Eileen and all who sleep in Christ and grant them a place in the kingdom. We ask this through Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

SIT

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

HYMN

As I kneel before you,  
As I bow my head in prayer,  
Take this day, make it yours  
and fill me with your love.

*Ave Maria, Gratia plena,  
Dominus tecum, Benedicta tu.*

All I have I give you,  
Every dream and wish are yours,  
Mother of Christ,  
Mother of mine, present them to my Lord.

*Ave Maria, Gratia plena,  
Dominus tecum, Benedicta tu.*

As I kneel before you,  
And I see your smiling face,  
Ev'ry thought, ev'ry word  
Is lost in your embrace.

*Ave Maria, Gratia plena,  
Dominus tecum, Benedicta tu.*

STAND

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

#### **The Preface dialogue**

The Lord be with you. *And with your Spirit*  
Lift up your hearts. *We lift them up to the Lord.*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right and just.*

#### *Sanctus*

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts, Heaven and earth are  
full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

KNEEL

### **Memorial Acclamation**

The mystery of faith.  
***We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your  
Resurrection until you come again.***

STAND

### **The Communion Rite**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

#### **Agnus Dei**

***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace.***

KNEEL

### **Invitation to Holy Communion**

***Catholics who are present and who come to Mass every Sunday are invited to  
come to receive Holy Communion.  
Others present are invited to come forward to receive a prayer of blessing; they  
should come to the Priest with their arms crossed before them, to make it clear  
that they are coming to receive the prayer of blessing.***

**AVE MARIA (Schubert)**

## COMMUNION HYMN

I watch the sunrise lighting the sky,  
Casting its shadows near.  
And on the morning, bright though it be  
I feel those shadows near me

*But you are always close to me  
Following all my ways.  
May I be always close to you  
Following all your ways, Lord*

I watch the sunlight shine through the clouds  
Warming the earth below.  
And at the midday, life seems to say:  
"I feel your presence near me"...

I watch the sunset fading away,  
Lighting the clouds with sleep.  
And as the evening, closes its eyes,  
I feel your presence near me....

I watch the moonlight guarding the night,  
Waiting till morning comes.  
The air is silent, earth is at rest  
Only your peace is near me ....

STAND

**Post-Communion Prayer**

SIT

## EULOGY

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### Final Commendation and Farewell

*May angels guide you and bring you into paradise;  
and may all the martyrs come forther to welcome you home;  
and may they lead you into the holy city, Jerusalem,  
May the angel chorus sing to welcome you,  
and like Lazarus, forgotten and poor,  
you shall have everlasting rest.*