

Opening Hymn

Do Not Be Afraid

*Do not be afraid,
for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name;
you are mine.*

When you walk through the waters I'll be with you.
You will never sink beneath the waves.

When the fire is burning all around you,
you will never be consumed by the flames.

When the fear of loneliness is looming,
then remember I am at your side.

When you dwell in the exile of the stranger,
remember you are precious in my eyes.

You are mine, O my child; I am your father,
and I love you with a perfect love.

First Reading

Lamentations 3: 17-26

Responsorial Psalm

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.*

Second Reading

Philippians 3: 20-21

Gospel Reading

John 14: 1-6

Offertory Hymn

Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my work to them.
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Communion Hymn

I Watch the Sunrise

I watch the sunrise, lighting the sky,
casting it's shadows near.
And on this 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 mid-day, life seems to say;
"I feel your brightness near me."

For you are always...

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

For you are always...

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.

Yes, you are always...

Communion Hymn

This Is My Body

This is my body, broken for you,
bringing you wholeness, making you free.
Take it and eat it, and when you do,
do it in love for me.

This is my blood, poured out for you,
bringing forgiveness, making you free.
Take it and drink it, and when you do,
do it in love for me.

Back to my father soon I shall go.
Do not forget me; then you will see
I am still with you, and you will know
you're very close to me.

Filled with my spirit, how you will grow!
You are my branches; I am the tree.
If you are faithful, others will know
you are alive in me.

Love one another – I have loved you,
and I have shown you how to be free,
serve one another, and when you do,
do it in love for me.