

*All of creation
joins us in praise!*

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Prelude to Necrology: Love Goes On

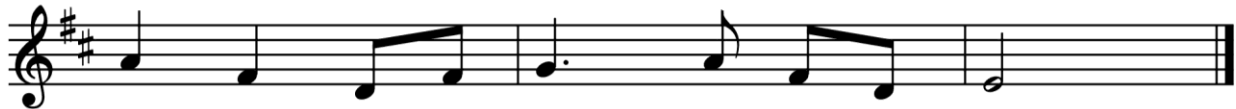
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1. Love is pa - tient, love is kind, nev - er
 2. Love is faith - ful, love is true, ev - er
 3. Love a - lone has shaped our soul, and our
 4. Love our jour - ney, love our goal. Though our
 5. Love, our Sav - ior's one com - mand: "Love the
 6. There are three gifts that re - main when all



1. end - ing, nev - er end - ing; slow to an - ger, rich in
 2. joy - ful and for - giv - ing; love en - dures when life is
 3. hearts are al - ways rest - less un - til love be - comes our
 4. faith may move the moun - tains, love a - lone can heal the
 5. way that I have loved you," with a tow - el and a
 6. oth - er things have per - ished. On - ly faith, hope, love en -



1. mer - cy, love goes on be - yond all time.
 2. o - ver, love is old and love is new.
 3. pur - pose, new cre - a - tion to un - fold.
 4. bro - ken; on - ly love will make us whole.
 5. ba - sin, wash - ing feet with ser - vant hands.
 6. dur - ing, and the great - est gift is love.

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DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DIAMOND JUBILEE SETS

Response: BE WITH US.

February 2, 1951

S Helen Thompson

September 8, 1951

SM Ascension Duddy

S Patricia Wrenn

SM Richard Therese Wren

SM Rosetta Rothengass

S K Therese Hart

SM Rose Shea

SM Eleanor Ann Bisenius

S Ellenine Goldthwaite

S Diane M Barabe

S Mary Wojnicki

S Mary Adele Appleby

S Jane Reehorst

S Mary Terese Rink

S Mary Kay Dum

S Mary K O'Brien

S Eliza Kenney

S Jane Haslwanger

S Anne Marie Mullen

S Joanne Simonini

S Alice Marie Dunphy

Conclusion to Necrology: I Am with You on the Journey

Kathy Sherman, CSJ

I am with you on the journey, and I will never leave you.

I am with you on the journey, always with you.

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Opening Song: *The God of All Grace*

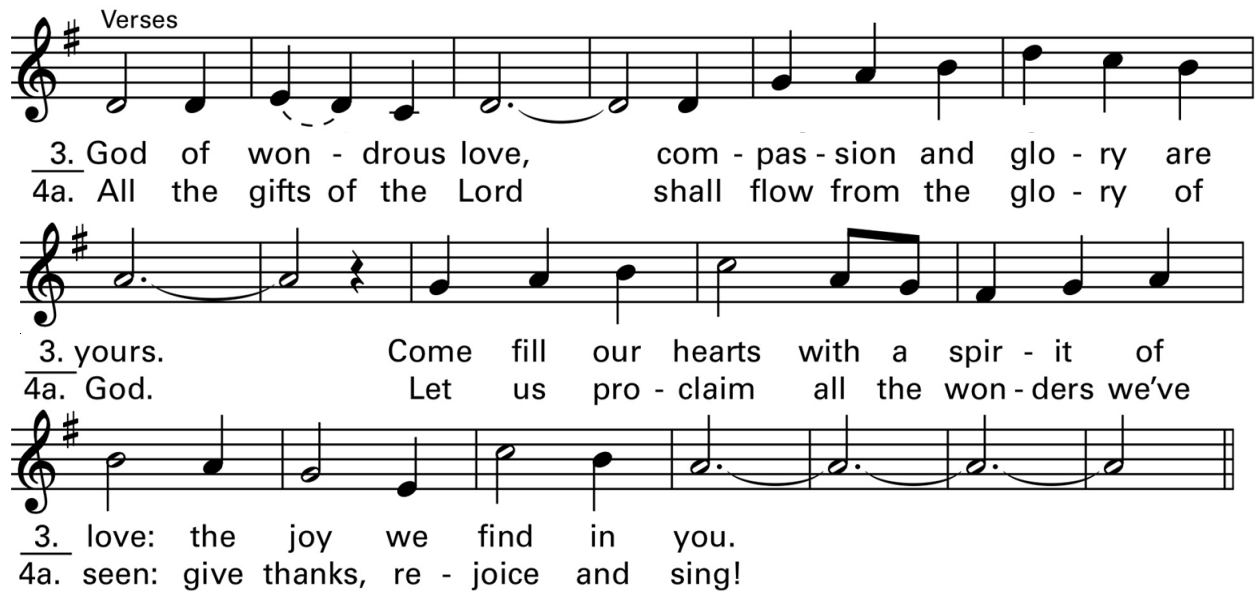
Ricky Manalo, CSP

Refrain



The God of all grace has blessed us this day, all of crea -
a - tion joins us in praise; lift - ing our voices, lift - ing our
hearts to the glo - ry of God for - ev - er!

Verses



3. God of won - drous love, com - pas - sion and glo - ry are
4a. All the gifts of the Lord shall flow from the glo - ry of
3. yours. Come fill our hearts with a spir - it of
4a. God. Let us pro - claim all the won - ders we've
3. love: the joy we find in you.
4a. seen: give thanks, re - joice and sing!

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Welcome: *LaDonna Manternach, BVM*

Glory to God: *Mass of Renewal* Music Issue 873

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

I, your God, have called you for justice,
I have grasped you by the hand;
I formed you,
and set you as a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,
to open the eyes of the blind,
to bring out prisoners from confinement,
and from the dungeon,
those who live in darkness.

See, I am doing something new!
Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
In the wilderness I make a way,
in the wasteland,
rivers for my chosen people to drink,
the people whom I formed for myself,
that they might recount my praise.

See, I am creating new heavens and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered nor come to mind.
Instead, shout for joy and be glad forever in what I am creating.
Indeed, I am creating Jerusalem to be a joy
and its people to be a delight;
I will rejoice and exult in my people.



The Unknown Births Forth Helen Thompson, BVM

Responsorial Psalm 33: *Happy the People God Has Chosen* Diane Forster, BVM

Hap-py the peo - ple God has chos - en,
Chos-en and ho - ly ones. —

Reading from the BVM Constitutions

God, who is love, has called us to follow Jesus Christ as Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

As women of the Church we are inspired and motivated by the vision and courage of Mary, the Mother of God, and of Mary Frances Clarke.

Ours is a pioneer heritage enabling us to move into the future responsive to the Spirit speaking in the exigencies of the times.

Throughout our history, we believe that God has called us to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ in community.

A spirit of inner freedom, characteristic of Mary, Mother of the Church, and of Mary Frances Clarke, our foundress, continues to animate us. ...

In faithfulness to the tradition of Mary Frances Clarke, we serve the people of God by living the Gospel in the spirit of simplicity, humility and charity.

A word from our BVM heritage. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: *Mass of Renewal* Music Issue 874

Reading from the Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

“I give you a new commandment: love one another.

As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.

This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

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.

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 in my name will be given to you.

This I command you: love one another.”

Reflection: Mary Gene Kinney, BVM

DEVOTIONAL RENEWAL OF VOWS

All BVM Sisters join the Jubilarians in renewing their vows.

**As Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
we are women who have been touched by God's steadfast love.**

**In response to that love, we are moved to commit ourselves
to a vowed life of faithfulness to the Lord,
faithfulness to one another in community,
faithfulness to God's people, especially the poor.**

**Loving God, in union with Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit,
we dedicate our lives to you as Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

**We renew our vows of consecrated celibacy, poverty and obedience
lived in community with our sisters according to our Constitutions.
Aware of our individual and corporate limitations,
we trust that you who have begun this work in us will bring it to completion.**

Universal Prayer

Presider: Rejoicing in God's abundant blessings, let us offer our prayers.

+For the Diamond Jubilarians,
in gratitude for God's gifts and blessings to us throughout these 70 years,
which have flowed through us to so many people, we pray:

LOVING GOD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

+For our set members who have died and for our deceased parents, relatives
and friends, we pray:

+For those who mentored and guided us at the beginning of our BVM journey,
especially Sisters Mary Leo, Catherine Ann, Jean Gabriel and St. Christina;
for those who continue to lead and accompany us into deep spiritual life;
and for all who seek to follow God's call in their lives, we pray:

+For all who have surrounded us with love, support and care in difficult and
challenging times, and for all the people who have graced and enriched our lives,
especially those who are unable to be here to celebrate with us today, we pray:

+For the women of wisdom and courage who have led the BVM Congregation
throughout our history, especially during these past 70 years, and for those in
leadership today who are guiding us into our ever-changing future, we pray:

+For people everywhere suffering from floods, fires and other disasters,
for those displaced by war, famine and persecution, and for all who reach out to
help those in need, we pray:

+For the leaders and people of all nations: may they work unitedly to promote true
justice, mitigate the destructive effects of climate change, and bring an end to
fear and violence, we pray:

- +For all who are working to control, cure and prevent the spread of COVID-19, especially exhausted medical personnel, our own Mount Carmel Bluffs staff, and all who continue to wear masks and observe safety protocols, we pray:
- +For all who support our BVM life and mission, and for all those who have asked us to pray for them, we pray:

Presider: Loving God, hear the prayers of your people,
and free our hearts to bring your compassion to all in need.
We ask this in the name of Jesus and in the power of your Holy Spirit,
who are one with you for ever and ever. Amen.

As we grow in Christ, we share more authentically in his sensitive response to the conflicts and sufferings of our world. (BVM Constitutions #28)

*...As members of the Communion of Saints,
we express this oneness in prayer for our sisters, friends, relatives
and benefactors, living and dead. (BVM Constitutions #29)*

*In keeping with our BVM tradition,
the Congregation remembers its deceased members in prayer.
In a spirit of faith we intercede for them,
thanking God for their dedicated service and the blessing of their lives.
(BVM Directory #11)*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Song for Preparation of Gifts: *Prayer of St. Francis*

Sebastian Temple

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.

Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,

And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness only light, and where there's sadness ever joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled, as to console,

To be understood, as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

In giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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Holy, We Proclaim..., Amen, Lamb of God: *Mass of Renewal*

MI 876-881

Communion Song: *Lord, You Have Come*

Cesáreo Gabaráin

VERSE 1 Lord, you have come to the seashore,
neither searching for the rich nor the wise,
desiring only that I should follow.

REFRAIN O, Lord, with your eyes set upon me,
gently smiling, you have spoken my name;
all I longed for I have found by the water,
at your side, I will seek other shores.

VERSE 2 Lord, see my goods, my possessions;
in my boat you find no power, no wealth.
Will you accept, then, my nets and labor?

VERSE 3 Lord, take my hands and direct them.
Help me spend myself in seeking the lost,
returning love for the love you gave me.

VERSE 4 Lord, as I drift on the waters, be the resting place of my restless heart,
my life's companion, my friend and refuge.

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Communion Song: *Be Still and Know That I Am God*

Christopher Walker



1-3. Be still and know that I am God. You are my



1. cho - sen one, to whom my love I give. My life is
2. cho - sen one, I came to set you free. Give me your
3. cho - sen one, to whom I show my ways. My love is



1. yours, in you I live. }
2. cares and rest in me. } Be still, be still
3. with you all your days. }



1-3. and know that I am God.

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Blessing Song: *May God Bless and Keep You*

Christopher Walker

Please extend your hands over the Jubilarians as we sing.



May God bless and keep you. May God's face shine on you.
May God be kind to you and give you peace.

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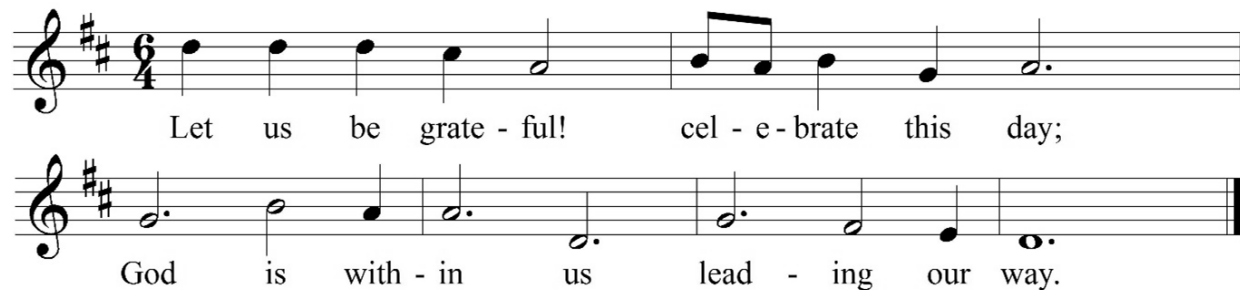
Closing Song: *Let Us Be Grateful*

Text: Mary Alma Sullivan, BVM

Music: Eliza Kenney, BVM

VERSE 1 We have been blessed with friendship, with life-giving ministries.
God is filling our lives with hope and raining gifts abundantly.

REFRAIN



Let us be grate - ful! cel - e - brate this day;
God is with - in us lead - ing our way.

VERSE 2 Join in our song of praise to God, whose Spirit has held our hands;
through many years and challenges our loving has been Spirit-led.

VERSE 3 So many thanks to offer for so many joyful years!
Our lives have been graced in countless ways, and blessings still remain.

Organ Postlude

*The Jubilarians will process out during the Postlude.
They will be available in the 2nd floor hallways to greet you after Mass.*

We look forward to:

***Living more profoundly into the mystery of God,
Living more consciously our interconnectedness with all of creation,
Living more intensely our understanding of freedom,
Living more acutely and publicly values aligned with the Gospel.***

***For all that we have received from the BVM congregation
we are deeply grateful as we remember that we can do together
what we cannot do alone.***