

Diamond Jubilee Liturgy

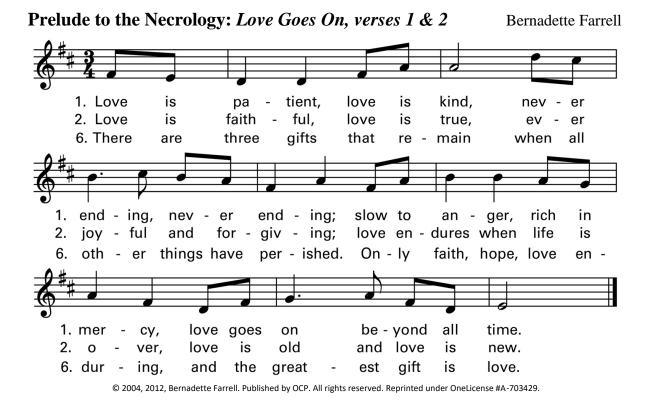
Entered the BVM Congregation on February 2, 1953: Elaine Campbell

Entered the BVM Congregation on September 8, 1953: Carol Atchity, Mary Anne Bradish, Gwen Farry, Margaret McGinn, Patricia McNamara, Mary Ellen Meckley, Margaret Sannasardo, Eugena Sullivan, Patricia Tang

> September 10, 2023 | 10:30 a.m. Mary Frances Clarke Chapel | Mount Carmel Bluffs

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As a residence for seniors, it is our custom to remain seated during the liturgy.



Necrology of the Diamond Jubilee Sets

Mary Ellen Meckley, BVM

Response to each name: BE WITH US.

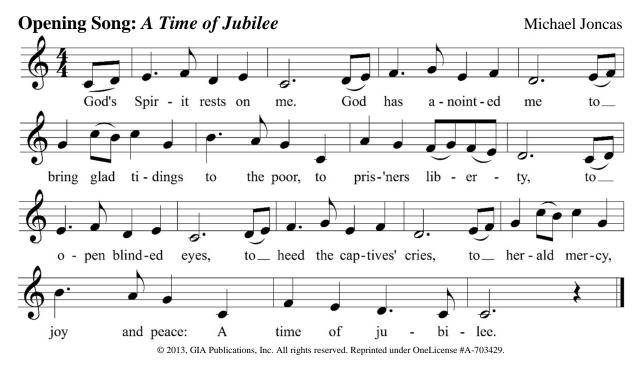
Set of February 2, 1953 S Dorene Good

Set of September 8, 1953

| S JoAnn Baum | S Betty Sullivan | S Mary Crimmin |
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| S Gina Donati | S Margaret Haas | S Carolyn Farrell |
| S Mary Frances Leahy | S Harriet Holles | S Joan M Opatts |
| S Mary Jane Halla | S Patricia Marie Potok | S Mary Alma Sullivan |
| S Mary Ellen Schulte | S Marion Murphy | |

Conclusion to the Necrology: Love Goes On, verse 6

We are joined today by Rev. Ardel Barta, our regular Sunday chaplain, and Rev. Larry Dowling from Chicago.



Welcome: Kate Hendel, BVM





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Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 29:11-14

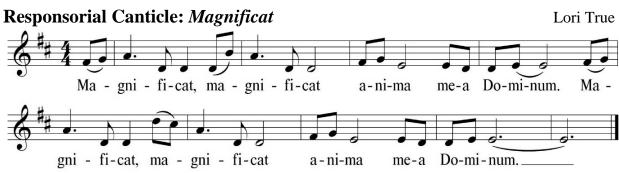
Carol Atchity, BVM

For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says your God, plans for your welfare, not for woe, plans to give you a future full of hope.

When you call me, when you pray to me, I will listen to you.

When you look for me, you will find me.

Yes, when you seek me with all your heart, you will find me with you, says your God.



Mary Anne Bradish, BVM

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 Christ the Savior

Dan Schutte



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Luke 1:26-38 Fr. Ardel Barta

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph ... and the virgin's name was Mary. ... The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. ... Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.

Reflection: Marge Sannasardo, BVM

Devotional Renewal of Vows

May it be done to me according to your word."

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.

Presider: Trusting in God's steadfast love, let us offer our prayers.

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

LOVING GOD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

- + For the members of the jubilee sets who have died, for our deceased parents, relatives, friends, and all who have gone before us into eternal life, we pray:
- + For those who have mentored and guided us throughout these years in our personal, professional and spiritual lives, we pray:
- + For those who have surrounded us with love, support and care in the difficult and challenging times, and for all the people who have graced and enriched our lives, 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 all who support our BVM life and mission personally, prayerfully and financially, in gratitude for their generosity and encouragement, we pray:
- + For the leaders and people of all nations: may they work unitedly to promote true justice and bring an end to war and violence, we pray:
- + For all who have requested our prayers for their needs and concerns, 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.**

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation of Gifts: Pat McNamara, BVM & Eugena Sullivan, BVM

Song: Lord, When You Came

VERSE 1 Lord, when you came to the seashore
You weren't seeking the wise or the wealthy,
But only asking that I might follow.

REFRAIN O Lord, in my eyes you were gazing,
Kindly smiling, my name you were saying;
All I treasured, I have left on the sand there;
Close to you, I will find other seas.

VERSE 2 Lord, you knew what my boat carried:
Neither money nor weapons for fighting,
But nets for fishing, my daily labor.

VERSE 3 Lord, you have need of my labor, Hands for service, a heart made for loving, My arms for lifting the poor and broken. Text and music: Pescador de Hombres, Cesáreo Gabaráin, © 1979, published by OCP; trans. by Willard F. Jabusch, © 1982, administered by OCP. All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense #A-703429.

Eucharistic Acclamations & Lamb of God:



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Communion Song: The Summons

VERSE 1 Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,

Text: John Bell; Tune: KELVINGROVE

Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

VERSE 2 Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

VERSE 3 Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?

Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,

And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

VERSE 4 Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,

Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

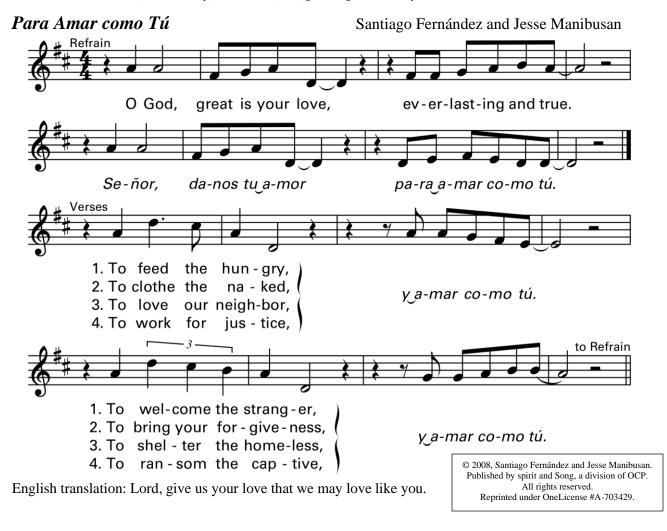
VERSE 5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.

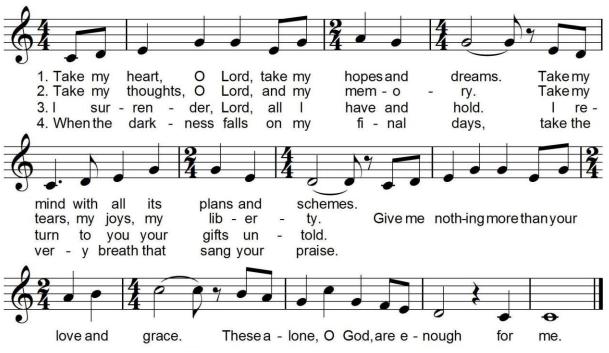
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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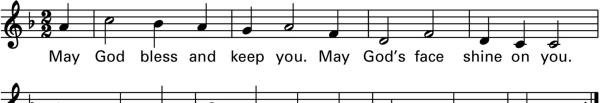


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Community Blessing: May God Bless and Keep You

Christopher Walker

Please extend your hands in blessing over the Jubilarians as we sing.



God be kind to you and give you peace.

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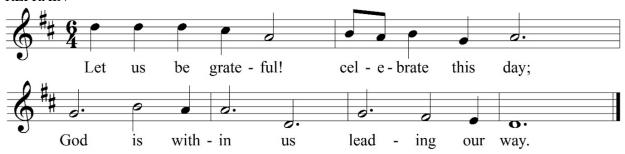
Closing Song: Let Us Be Grateful

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.

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- 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, pausing to acknowledge our broadcast and livestream congregation.

Those who have been invited to join the Jubilarians for dinner in St. Joseph Hall, take the Vista elevator to the 2^{nd} floor and turn right to get to St. Joseph Hall.

Ringing of the Prairie Bell

You will hear the bell faintly as you exit the chapel. For a fuller sound, walk straight out towards the Motherhouse hallway. For the full experience, turn left and walk to the center stairwell.