

Saint Cecilia

P A R I S H



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

7 May 2023

Jesus Christ Pantocrator (Detail from the deesis mosaic in Hagia Sophia, Istanbul)

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ENTRANCE PROCESSION | I Know that My Redeemer Lives

DUKE STREET



1. I know that my Re - deem - er lives!
2. He lives to bless me with his love;
3. He lives and grants me dai - ly breath;
4. He lives, all glo - ry to his name;



What joy this blest as - sur - ance gives!
He lives to plead for me a - bove;
He lives, and I shall con - quer death;
He lives, my Sav - ior, still the same;



He lives, he lives who once was dead;
He lives my hun - gry soul to feed;
He lives my man - sion to pre - pare;
What joy this blest as - sur - ance gives:



He lives, my ev - er - last - ing Head!
He lives to help in time of need.
He lives to bring me safe - ly there.
I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

CALL TO WORSHIP

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

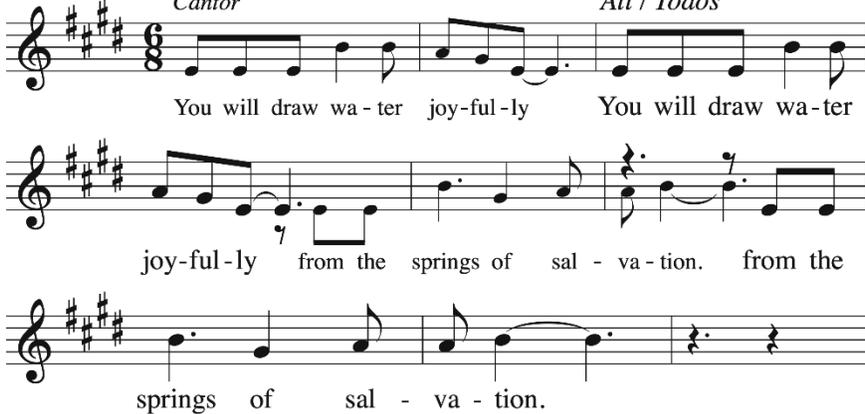
All: Amen.

✠ The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Refrain in English

Cantor *All / Todos*



You will draw wa-ter joy-ful-ly You will draw wa-ter
 joy-ful-ly from the springs of sal-va-tion. from the
 springs of sal-va-tion.

Estribillo en Español

Cantor *Todos / All*



Sa-ca-rán a-guas con a-le-grí-a Sa-ca-
 rán a-guas con a le grí-a de las fuen-tes de sal-va-
 ción. de las fuen-tes de sal-va-ción.

God indeed is my Savior, I am confident and fearless. My courage is the Lord, for God has been my Savior!

Proclaim God's name to the nations, tell the world of God's works.
 Praise the Lord, all you people, how glorious is God's name!

Sing the wonders God works, make them known in every land.
 O people of Zion, shout: The Holy one is among you.

Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est,
 glo - ry, glo-ry to God, and on earth peace to peo - ple,
 peo - ple of good will. *To verses* *Last time* and on earth
 peace to peo - ple, peo - ple of good will.

Verse 1

1. We praise you,
 we bless you,
 we adore you,
 we glorify you,
 we give you thanks for your great glory,
 Lord God, heavenly King,
 O God, almighty Father.

Verse 2

Cantor:
 2. 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
Assembly: *Cantor:*
 sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you
Assembly: *Cantor:*
 take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are



Verse 3

3. For you alone are the Holy One,
 you alone are the Lord,
 you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father.
 Amen.

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | Acts 6: 1-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Ps. 33: Lord, Let Your Mercy Be on Us

Marty Haugen

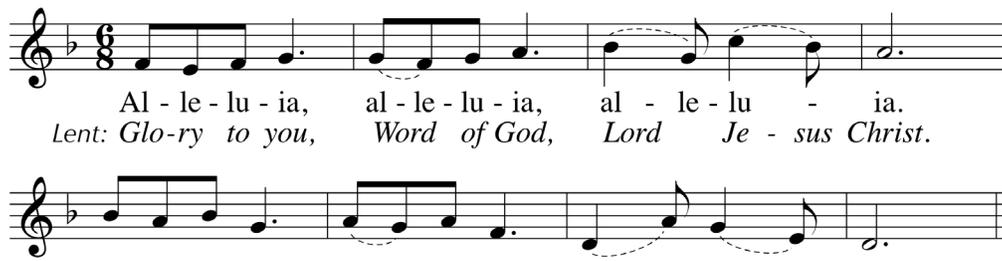


1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for the upright.
 Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp; with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful, and all his works to be trusted.
 The Lord loves justice and right, and his merciful love fills the earth.
3. Yes, the Lord's eyes are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love,
 to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

SECOND READING | 1 Peter 2: 4-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Mass of Christ, Light of the Nations

Tony Alonso



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Lent: Glo-ry to you, Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Glo-ry to you, Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ.

GOSPEL | John 14: 1-12

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UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

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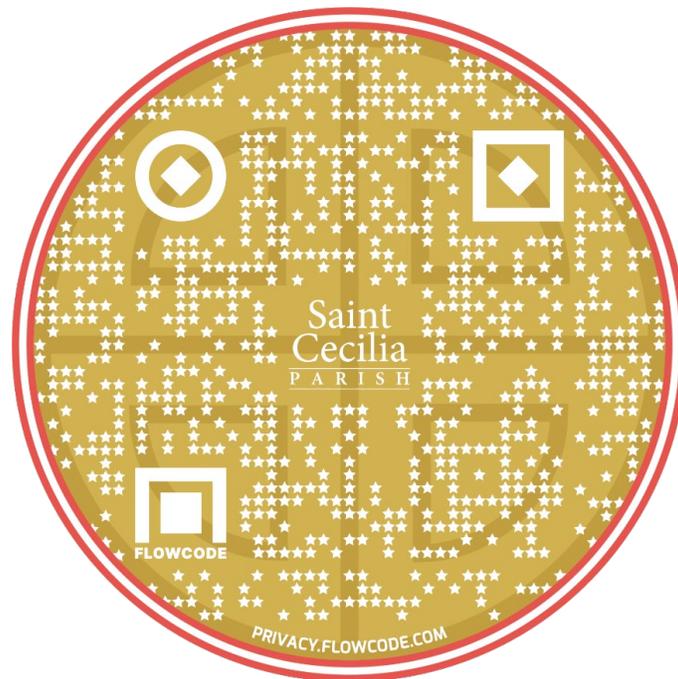
We are grateful for your ongoing support of Saint Cecilia. The easiest way to make a financial contribution to our parish is to use the parish Flowcode below.

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You can also mail a check to:

Saint Cecilia Parish
18 Belvidere Street
Boston, MA 02115



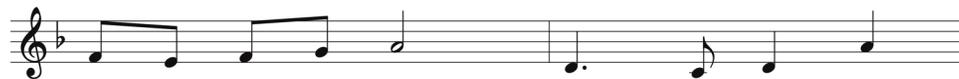
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS | Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior

Bernadette Farrell



Praise to you, O Christ, our Sav - ior, Word of the Fa - ther,



call - ing us to life; Son of God who



leads us to free - dom: glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!

Verses



1. You are the Word who calls us out of dark - ness;
2. You are the one whom proph - ets hoped and longed for;
3. You are the Word who calls us to be ser - vants;
4. You are the Word who binds us and u - nites us;



you are the Word who leads us in - to light;
you are the one who speaks to us to - day;
you are the Word whose on - ly law is love;
you are the Word who calls us to be one;



you are the Word who brings us through the des - ert:
you are the one who leads us to our fu - ture:
you are the Word - made - flesh who lives a - mong us:
you are the Word who teach - es us for - give - ness:



D.C.

glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!
glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!
glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!
glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

✘ The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

✘ Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

✘ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

HOLY, HOLY | Mass of the Angels and Saints

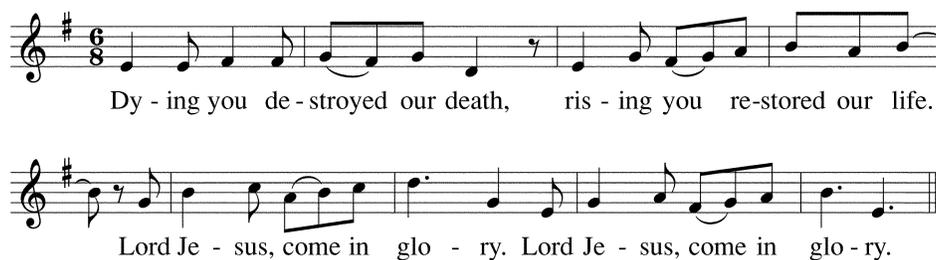
Steven R. Janco



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION | Mass of the Angels and Saints

Steven R. Janco



Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death, ris - ing you re - stored our life.
 Lord Je - sus, come in glo - ry. Lord Je - sus, come in glo - ry.

GREAT AMEN | Mass of the Angels and Saints

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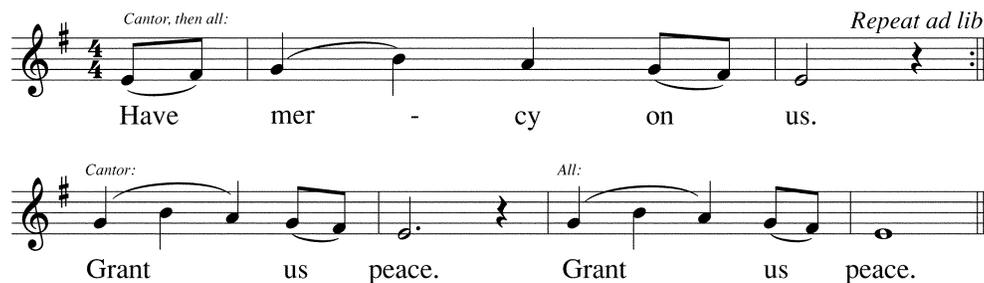
A - men, a - men, a - men.
 A - men, a - men, a - men.

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.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.
 Amen.

LAMB OF GOD | Mass of the Angels and Saints

Steven R. Janco



Cantor, then all: Have mer - cy on us. *Repeat ad lib.*
Cantor: Grant us peace. *All:* Grant us peace.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

It is a long-held Catholic belief that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an "Act of Spiritual Communion." When we are unable to be physically present at the celebration of the Eucharist, Pope Francis invites Catholics to say this prayer as a source of grace. We can be assured that when we express our desire to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, God will be with us spiritually in a special way. Here is an Act of Spiritual Communion that we encourage you to pray as you participate in our live-streamed liturgies:

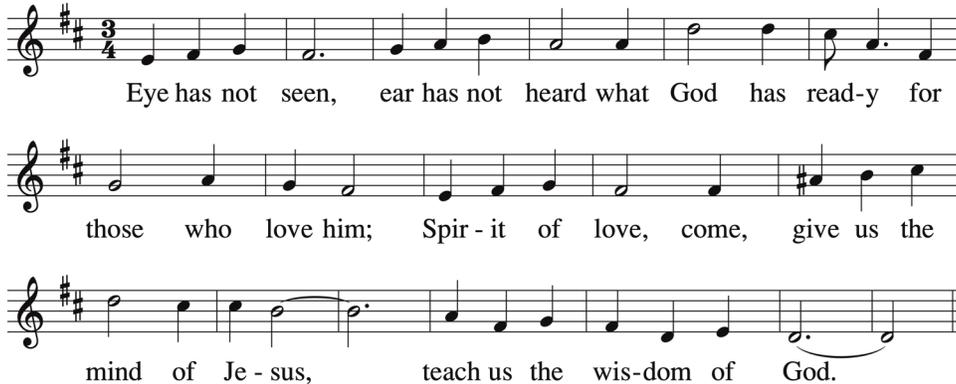
ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Loving Jesus,
I believe that you
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist.
I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
come at least 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.

COMMUNION | Eye Has Not Seen

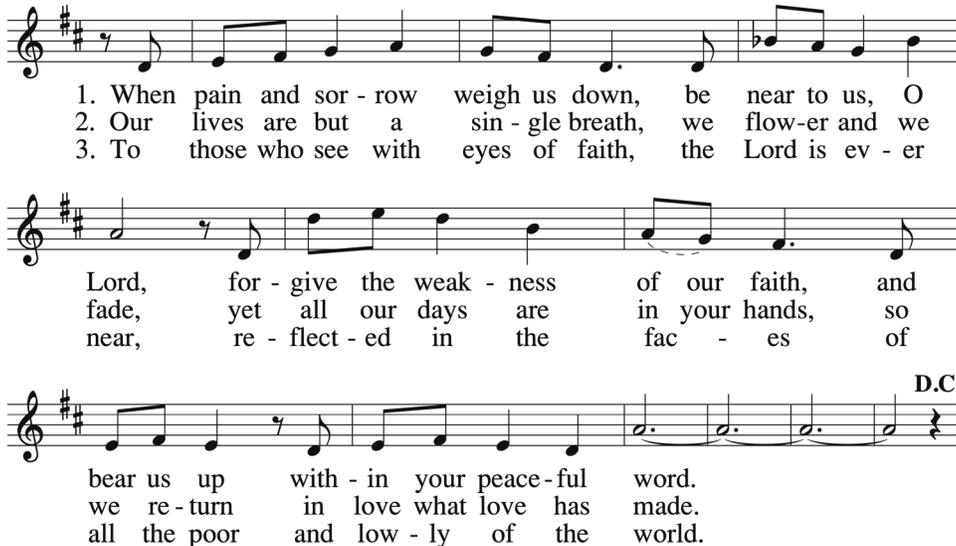
Marty Haugen

Refrain



Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has read-y for
those who love him; Spir - it of love, come, give us the
mind of Je - sus, teach us the wis-dom of God.

Verses 1-3



1. When pain and sor - row weigh us down, be near to us, O
2. Our lives are but a sin - gle breath, we flow-er and we
3. To those who see with eyes of faith, the Lord is ev - er
Lord, for - give the weak - ness of our faith, and
fade, yet all our days are in your hands, so
near, re - flect - ed in the fac - es of
D.C.
bear us up with - in your peace - ful word.
we re - turn in love what love has made.
all the poor and low - ly of the world.

Verse 4

4. We sing a mys-t'ry from the past in halls where saints have
 trod, yet ev-er new the mu-sic rings to
 Je-sus, Liv-ing Song of God. **D.C.**

COMMUNION MEDITATION | Come My Way, My Truth, My Life

Becky McGlade

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
 such a way as gives us breath;
 such a truth as ends all strife;
 such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
 such a light as shows a feast;
 such a feast as mends in length;
 such a strength as makes a guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
 such a joy as none can move:
 such a love as none can part;
 such a heart as joys in love.

CONCLUDING RITES

- ✘ The Lord be with you.
 All: And with your spirit.
- ✘ May almighty God bless you, the Father, (+) and the Son and the Holy Spirit.
 All: Amen.
- ✘ Go forth, the Mass is ended.
 All: Thanks be to God.



1. Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, Sing the res - ur -
 2. O what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing All that eye has
 3. Life e - ter - nal! heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives who
 1. *Can - ten con glo - rio - sos fie - les Him - nos de re -*
 2. *¡Oh! qué glo - ria tan ex - cel - sa, Im - po - si - ble*
 3. *Vi - da e - ter - na, ex - cla - ma el cie - lo; Vi - ve Cris - to*



rec - tion song! Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry,
 yet per - ceived! Ho - liest hearts, for a - ges plead - ing,
 once was dead. Shout with joy, O death - less voic - es!
su - rrec - ción. Muer - te y due - lo, tris - te his - to - ria,
con - ce - bir. Los más pu - ros co - ra - zo - nes
que mu - rió. ¡Gri - ten, vo - ces in - mor - ta - les!



To the for - mer days be - long. All a - round the
 Nev - er that full joy con - ceived. God has prom - ised,
 Child of God, lift up your head! Pa - tri - archs from
Pe - nas del pa - sa - do son. Nu - bes ne - gras
No es - pe - ra - ron re - ci - bir. Dios pro - me - te,
Al - cen ros - tros ha - cia Dios. Los pa - triar - cas



clouds are break - ing, Soon the storms of time shall cease; In God's
 Christ pre - pares it, There on high our wel - come waits. Ev - 'ry
 dis - tant a - ges, Saints all long - ing for their heav'n, Proph - ets,
se di - si - pan, La tor - men - ta ce - sa ya. Des - per -
Cris - to o - fre - ce El ban - que - te ce - les - tial. Pa - ra
del pa - sa - do, Los que es - pe - ran ce - le - brar, To - dos



like - ness we a - wak - en, Know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.
 hum - ble spir - it shares it; Christ has passed the e - ter - nal gates.
 psalm - ists, seers, and sag - es, All a - wait the glo - ry giv'n.
tan - do en su i - ma - gen, Dios la e - ter - na paz nos da.
to - dos los hu - mil - des, Vi - da en Cris - to es e - ter - nal.
sa - bios y pro - fe - tas Glo - ria an - he - lan sin ce - sar.

4. Life eternal! O what wonders
 Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
 When, amid earth's closing thunders,
 Saints shall stand before the throne!
 Oh, to enter that bright portal,
 See that glowing firmament,
 Know, with you, O God immortal,
 Jesus Christ whom you have sent!

4. *¡Vida eterna! ¡Gozo eterno!*
Fieles cantan a una voz.
Cesan truenos y nos vemos
Frente al trono tuyo, Dios.
Y al pasar por tus portales,
Brilla el cielo con fulgor.
Celebramos tu venida
En tu Hijo, el Salvador.

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For information on becoming involved or supporting the music program at Saint Cecilia,
please contact Dr. Robert Duff at 617-536-4548 or email: RDuff@stceciliaboston.org.

WELCOME!

Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish, a Roman Catholic community that gathers day by day, week by week, to know and make known the grace of God. By means of this abundant grace, we enjoy a diverse and close-knit parish family—young, old, rich, poor, of various ethnic origins and differing backgrounds. From our extraordinary music program to a growing children’s faith formation program; from the various liturgical ministries to the many opportunities for social outreach that the parish provides, Saint Cecilia is a vibrant community of faith, centered on prayer and worship that tries to keep the Gospel close to heart and to live by Jesus’ teachings.

Saint Cecilia Parish was established in 1888. At that time the Back Bay section of Boston along Commonwealth Avenue and Beacon Street was the residential section of the Yankee aristocracy. The maids (“Irish working out girls”) and coachmen who served these residents had long requested a church of their own. When Archbishop Williams granted their request and carved the parish from the territory of the Cathedral, they built a magnificent church out of their meager earnings. Our church building resides on the ancestral homeland of the Pawtucket and Massachusetts tribal nations.

The church was dedicated on April 22, 1894. Its architecture is Romanesque, XII Century Norman. The main altar, notable for its massive simplicity, was carved from a single block of white Carrara marble. The painting in the center reredos is a reproduction of da Vinci’s The Last Supper, and the dome above is an array of 24K gold rosettes.

For the sixtieth anniversary celebration in 1954, a massive renovation project was undertaken. During this renovation, a statue of Pope Saint Pius X (canonized that same year) was imported from Italy and placed on the right side of the sanctuary. Above the statue are paintings from Pius’ life. On the left side is a statue of Saint Patrick, principal patron of the Archdiocese of Boston, and above it are three scenes from his life.

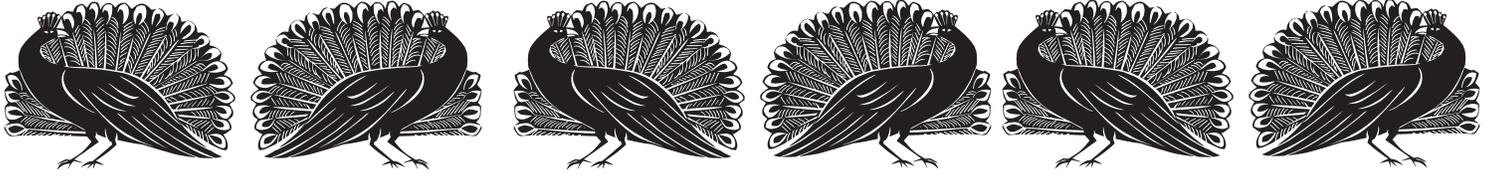
Fourteen circular and sixteen square panels adorn the nave and arches of the church. The square panels are decorated with the symbols of Our Lady taken from the Litany of Loreto and the circular ones with symbols taken from the lives of the apostles. The great window of the Assumption—framed by the two oak cases of the organ—was installed in 1954 (the Marian Year) in spaces originally designed for windows but not until then used.

The original organ of 24 stops was built in 1902 by the Hutchings-Votey Organ Company, Opus 1465, and was rebuilt in 1954 with 32 stops. In 1998, Timothy Smith and Theodore Gilbert began a massive reconstruction of the organ. The current Smith & Gilbert Organ of 4 manuals, 54 ranks, and 3,084 pipes was dedicated on the Feast of Saint Cecilia, November 22, 1999.

Today we are experiencing something of an awakening within these old walls. Our numbers are increasing by 350 new households each year, and we continue to grow in our commitment to issues of peace, justice, and service to our neighbors, both near and far.

We’ve been right here on Belvidere Street, in the same building for over 125 years, but that does not mean that life here is stale, stagnant, or even predictable. We are proud to be entrusted with the legacy of Saint Cecilia Parish, where everything is the same, yet always changing; where we honor tradition while embracing the future; where God’s love makes all things new.

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS



MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Saturday, May 6 | 5:00 p.m.

Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, celebrant
Rosaria Salerno, lector

Sunday, May 7 | 8:00 a.m.

Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ, celebrant
Nicholas Hayes-Mota, lector

Sunday, May 7 | 9:30 a.m.

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Hannah Ostwald, Cole Young, and Jen Kowieski, lectors

Sunday, May 7 | 11:30 a.m.

Rev. John Unni, celebrant
Emily St. Germain and Moira Macdonald, lectors

Sunday, May 7 | 6:00 p.m.

Rev. Peter Gyves, SJ, celebrant
Jim Dougherty and Julie Bogdanski, lectors

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 7 | 8:00 a.m.

John & Angela Machado, *Memorial*

Sunday, May 7 | 9:30 a.m.

Fr. Richard Segreve, *Memorial*
Michael Chiarvalle, *Memorial*
Edward G. Toomey, *Memorial*
Aunt Solya, *Memorial*
Joseph R. Koslowsky, *Memorial*

Sunday, May 7 | 11:30 a.m.

Donna Ryan, *Memorial*

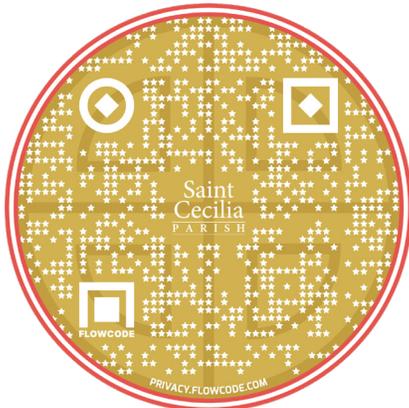
TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
1 Peter 2:20b-25
John 10:1-10

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
1 Peter 3:15-18
John 14:15-21

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS
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PRAYERS & OCCASIONS

Our Sick

Please pray for all our sick and for those who are in need of our prayer, especially **Anastaja Lee, Sue Ryan, Necee Regis, Tim Finn, Glenn Gallo, Carol Tebo, John Hosang, Mary Walters, Marc Pelletier, Ray Cronin, Rick Gaillardetz, Michele Maniscalco, Nick Hungerford, and Fred Tufts.**

Welcome to Saint Cecilia Parish

We are pleased to welcome the following newly-registered members of our parish: **Ashton Volkmann** of Webster, Minnesota, **Meghan and David Paresky** of Brookline, **Katherine Barrett** of Boston, **Todd Neuharth** of Farmville, Virginia, **Fallyn Boich** and **Christian Healy** of Boston, **Clare and Bernard Gillis** of Waltham, **Julia Henninger** of Boston, the **Ix Family** of Boston, **Catherine and Dale Irby** of Garland, Texas, **David Wentrup** of Lodi, California and **Kelly Connolly** of Boston. If you have not previously registered you can do so online at www.stceciliaboston.org.

Catholic Appeal

Thank you to those who have given to the Catholic Appeal! We've exceeded our donor goal, but we are only at 52% of our financial goal. We are stronger together and your generosity is greatly appreciated! Donate here: www.bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate



Attention, Graduates!

We want to acknowledge and celebrate all our graduates this spring. Please email the names of the parishioners who are graduating from high school or college to Christine Burns at cburns@stceciliaboston.org and use the word "graduate" in the subject line. Feel free to include the school's name and the degree awarded.

First Communion Class

We look forward to welcoming the twenty-nine children in our First Communion Class to the table of the Lord on Saturday, May 13 at 11:00 a.m. We pray in a special way that this new level of relationship with Jesus brings them joy, wisdom, and new insights to their growing faith. Thank you in advance to all who have supported them along the way, especially their teachers, Mr. Mark Lippolt and Ms. Anna Demare.

Last Six O'Clock Mass for the Season

Today is the last six o'clock Mass until September.

Looking for Teachers

Are you interested in volunteering for our Faith Formation program during the 2023-2024 school year? We are looking for a group of adults who are interested in helping grow our faith formation program in a variety of roles. No teaching experience is required. If you have any interest, please email our Children's Faith Formation Coordinator, Olivia Hastie, at ohastie@stceciliaboston.org.



The Month of May

The Church in the West has long dedicated the month of May in a special way to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Consider some ways you might honor Mary this month.



Flower Donations

If you would like to contribute sanctuary flowers on a particular Sunday in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving to God, please contact Mark Donohoe (mtonohoe@stceciliaboston.org) a few days in advance of the weekend.



ARE YOU CPR TRAINED?

Last month, we had a very successful CPR training and we're pleased to announce that we have several open slots available for our second CPR training being held on May 21 from 2:00—5:00 p.m. Registration is available on a first-come, first-served basis, so please contact Lisa Pickering (lpickering@stceciliaboston.org) to sign up. If you cannot attend this class, we will offer another training in the fall. Please note that there are two parts to this training—an online and an in-person component. The online component must be completed prior to the in-person training at Saint Cecilia.

 women's lunch place



This Mother's Day

**HONOR A WOMAN IN YOUR LIFE
WITH A GIFT TO WOMEN IN NEED**

Each Mother's Day card supports a week of healthy lunches for a guest of **WLP**.

The artwork was created by a guest and the back of the card tells her story!

Visit [mothersdaycards.org](https://www.mothersdaycards.org) for more information.

SUPPORT WOMEN'S LUNCH PLACE THIS MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day is approaching, and Women's Lunch Place (WLP) has the perfect opportunity for you to honor the special women in your life while supporting women in need. For each \$25 donation to WLP, you will receive a card designed by one of the shelter's guests as a thank you. *At check out please indicate that Mark Lippolt referred you to this campaign.*

At Saint Cecilia, Mother's Day cards will be sold in the narthex following each of weekend liturgies this week and next. By purchasing Mother's Day cards through their fundraiser, you help WLP provide a wide array of services for the most vulnerable women in our community, including healthy meals and individualized services that empower these women to make positive changes in their lives. The cards are blank on the inside so they can also serve as a personal or "thank you" note. In addition to Mother's Day cards, you can sponsor a breakfast for \$300 or a day of fresh fruit for \$150 in honor or memory of a meaningful person in your life.

This year's Mother's Day card was designed by Deirdre, who is a friendly and welcoming presence in the Women's Lunch Place community. A traumatic childhood led Deirdre to self-medicate leading to a substance use disorder, but she has since found sobriety and stability at our shelter and advocacy center. She visits us nearly every day for nutritious meals and Advocacy services. In March, Deirdre partnered with local artist Janice Hayes-Cha to create a vibrant collage out of repurposed greeting cards.

For more information about this fundraiser, please contact Mark.Lippolt@gmail.com or you can order a card directly by visiting www.mothersdaycards.org. Thank you for supporting Women's Lunch Place and for making this Mother's Day a meaningful one for the special women in your life.



JOIN US FOR THE 2023 MOTHER'S DAY WALK FOR PEACE

Please join us on May 14 for the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute's 27th Annual Mother's Day Walk for Peace. The Institute was formed in 1996 by a Boston mother who turned her grief into action after her teenage son was murdered. The Institute's goal is to empower survivors, Generation Peace, and communities impacted by murder, trauma, grief, and loss to cultivate cycles of peace and healing. Saint Cecilia

Parish has supported the Institute's essential work for many years, and this year, we have set a parish goal of \$7,000 to contribute to the program's mission through its annual Mother's Day Walk for Peace. Your gift can have a lasting impact on the healing steps that move us toward peace through compassionate justice. We invite you to visit our team page (<https://www.mothersdaywalk4peace.org/stcecilia>) on the Mother's Day Walk for Peace website to donate. You can also sign up to join our Walking Team for an unforgettable community experience. Following the 9:30 and 11:30 liturgies this weekend, we welcome you to visit the Saint Cecilia Walking Team's information table in the Parish Hall. Here, you'll be able to chat with Walkers and donate to this deeply meaningful cause.

JOIN THE HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS MINISTRY MAILING LIST



Over the past decade, Saint Cecilia Parish has developed a significant relationship with several Boston-based non-profit agencies that focus on housing and homelessness as well as hunger relief and food insecurity. From facilitating the collection of food and supply donations for our partners to offering safe, limited-contact opportunities for volunteering, Saint Cecilia's Hunger and Homelessness Ministry provides plenty of ways to pitch in for our neighbors in need. To get involved, or learn more about the work of this important ministry, please contact Mark Lippolt at Mark.Lippolt@gmail.com to join the mailing list.

JOIN THE REMOTE FELLOWSHIP COMMUNITY'S MAY COFFEE HOUR!

In their continuing effort to introduce Saint Cecilia's various ministries to the Far-Flung Flock (FFF), the Remote Fellowship Community is pleased to welcome the Wisdom and Mature Spirituality Group to their May 7 online coffee hour. Since the beginning of the pandemic, the Wisdom and Mature Spirituality Group has been meeting weekly via Zoom to share their reflections on books and to "rediscover the joy of being Catholic in the second half of life." The group's meetings have been a wonderful way to deepen the community's faith through transformative and healing conversation, prayer, and occasional social justice actions. The FFF looks forward to hearing members of the Wisdom Group share their journey. Learn how the second half of life can be full of transitions and change—happy and sad—and how this ministry has been surprised by grace each week.

Anyone is welcome to join this call! If you have registered or attended any online coffee hour in the past, you will automatically get the email with the link for May. The Zoom link will be emailed to the entire list a few days before the call. To join the FFF mailing list and get the link for this call, fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/jUx6DgMLyMb2c2526>

If you have any questions, please email Mary Ann Gallagher at gallaghercomms@gmail.com.

PAULIST CENTER BOSTON presents

IT'S NOT JUST YOU, IT'S EVERYBODY A Symposium on Mental Health and Faith



Join us for a sacred symposium on a host of issues around the intersection of faith, mental health, and challenges we all face in a prayerful, pastoral setting with presenters whose ground-breaking theological work and pastoral ministry are shaped by their personal experiences in these areas.



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Paulist Missionary, Los Angeles, CA



PATRICIA SIMPSON, MIDIV
Paulist Center, Boston, MA
Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA

Friday, May 12th
6:30-9:00 pm

Saturday, May 13th
10:00 am - 3:45 pm

Suggested donation: \$50 (All are welcome, with or without a donation)

For more information and to register:

www.paulistcenter.org/mental-health-and-our-faith-symposium



Paulist Center | 5 Park Street • Boston, MA
Directions & more Parking info at www.paulistcenter.org/directions-parking/

PLEASE SHARE ABOUT OUR RETURNING CITIZENS MINISTRY

Previously known as our Prison and After Ministry, the Saint Cecilia Returning Citizens group meets from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m., every other Monday evening. During each meeting, a group of volunteer parishioners gathers to welcome men local to the Boston area who have experienced any local, state, and federal correctional institutions. Some are recently released, living in supervised settings, and others have already settled in the area. These Monday nights are designed to provide a safe space where men reentering society from prison or jail can feel welcomed and loved. Each evening, these men share their experiences and share a meal with our parishioners. Needless to say, the stories shared are very powerful and a blessing for all to hear.

We need help recruiting and inviting new members. If you know any men who could benefit from this kind of supportive conversation and fellowship, please let them know that they would be more than welcome. Questions? Please email Fr. Jim Shaughnessy, SJ, at shaughnessy1@gmail.com.

SUPPORT OUR NONPROFIT PARTNERS

Spring is traditionally the time of year when the majority of the nonprofit agencies Saint Cecilia supports through our Hunger & Homelessness Ministry have their most critical fundraisers. This is true again in 2023, except that, with COVID seemingly winding down, everyone is returning to in-person events.

Wednesday, May 10

LifeSavor — Community Servings

Location: Davio's Northern Italian Steakhouse Galleria, Back Bay

Information about the event: <https://www.servings.org/lifesavor/>

Friday, May 12

Eat Lunch Give — Women's Lunch Place

Location: Grand Ballroom, Park Plaza Hotel | Information about the event:

<https://womenslunchplace.org/eat-lunch-give>

Monday, May 15

Medicine that Matters Gala — Boston Health Care for the Homeless

Location: Omni Boston Hotel at the Seaport | Information about the event:

<https://www.bhchp.org/events/2023-medicine-that-matters-gala/>

Wednesday, May 17

Spring Celebration — Catholic Charities

Location: JFK Library | Information about the event:

<https://www.ccab.org/news-updates/catholic-charities-spring-celebration/>

Sunday, May 21

Elderbration — Friendship Works

Location: Jamaica Pond | Information about the event:

<https://secure.qgiv.com/event/elderbration/>

For more information about any of these events,
please email Mark Lippolt at Mark.Lippolt@gmail.com



CLIMATE JUSTICE GROUP MEETING

The Climate Justice group will be meeting on Sunday, May 7 at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 1. They will be discussing the racial justice issues that come with the climate crisis and what we can do as a parish, including how to begin a climate action plan for the parish. For more information, please email sc.climatejustice@gmail.com.



DID YOU KNOW
THAT THE PELICAN IS
AN EARLY CHRISTIAN
SYMBOL THAT
REPRESENTS JESUS?

The symbolism of the mother pelican feeding her baby chicks is rooted in an ancient legend that predates Christianity. According to the legend, in times of famine the mother pelican pierces her breast

with her beak to feed her chicks with her own blood. Another version of the legend was that the mother fed her dying chicks with her own blood to rescue them from death, in turn sacrificing her own life. This legend was adapted by early Christians to symbolize the sacrifice of Jesus—the mother pelican representing Jesus, and the chicks representing us—and was frequently used in early Christian art.



Mosaic from the Aachen Cathedral, North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany

31ST ANNUAL POPE ST. JOHN
XXIII NATIONAL SEMINARY GOLF
TOURNAMENT

The 31st Annual Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary Golf Tournament is on Monday, May 15th, at The Weston Golf Club. This premier charity event is held to benefit the educational program for the seminarians. Tuition covers only half the cost of educating a seminarian and the proceeds from this tournament will help bridge the gap and keep the cost of educating them affordable. The \$250 player entry includes lunch at Weston Golf Club, 18 holes of golf with cart, and door prizes; followed by a social hour, silent auction, and dinner for each golfer and a guest at the seminary. To register, call Kate Folan (781-899-5500), email her (kfolan@psjs.edu), or visit www.psjs.edu.

CATHOLIC
RELIEF
SERVICES'
RICE BOWLS



Catholic Relief Services is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic Church in the United States. Thanks to your support in the past year, CRS touched the lives of more than 120 million poor and vulnerable people in more than 110 countries around the world. **On the weekend of May 6—7, we will ask you to return your Lenten rice bowls.** Even if you have not used the actual cardboard rice bowl to collect funds, you can still donate by making a check payable to “Catholic Relief Services.”

Recently, Sudan has been in the news as a conflict between two generals has caused deadly fighting. The combat has engulfed Khartoum (one of the largest cities in Africa) and, according to Sudan’s Health Ministry, the fighting has resulted in 550 deaths and 4,926 injuries. Catholic Relief Services, which has been active in Sudan since 2004, provides life-saving assistance to address the needs of the most vulnerable in conflict-affected and natural disaster-prone areas such as Darfur. CRS also implements longer-term programs designed to respond to climate or conflict-related shocks through skills building, enhancing basic services, and strengthening bonds between local communities and government.

Please keep in mind that 25% of donations to CRS are returned to local non-profits. In the case of Greater Boston, that means that they benefit our friends at Catholic Charities. For more information: www.CRS.org.



"LOOKING TOWARD HEAVEN"

Join the Chamber Orchestra of Boston at First Church Boston on May 12 at 7:30 p.m. for “Looking Toward Heaven,” featuring our dear friend and Grammy-nominated trumpeter Richard Kelley who will be the featured soloist in the premiere of a newly orchestrated version of Carson Cooman’s *Prayer of St. Ambrose*, as well as the *Prayer of St. Gregory* by Alan Hovhaness. Joyous works by Adolphus Hailstork, Florence Price, and others will round out this uplifting program. To learn more about this program and purchase tickets: <https://www.chamberorchestraofboston.org/lookingtowardheaven>

OUR ADULT FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION NEEDS YOUR INPUT!



The Saint Cecilia Adult Faith Formation Commission (AFFC) provides a range of impactful in-person and virtual parish events throughout the year. Past programming has included a monthly "Faith & Film Series" as well as special guest speaker events, such as last October's, "An Evening with Br. Guy Consolmagno, SJ," an enlightening presentation and discussion on faith and science with the Director of the Vatican Observatory and world-renowned astronomer. Looking ahead, the AFFC would like to hear from the parish community on ways to create new programming that is current, inspirational, and accessible. Whether you have attended an event in the past or would be interested in doing so in the future—either locally or from across the globe—the AFFC would love to hear from you! Please take a moment to fill out a two-minute survey by scanning this QR code—it's fast and easy. If you have any questions, please email Scott MacDonald, Director of Faith Formation and Parish Visibility, at smacdonald@stceciliaboston.org. Thank you for your consideration!

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Generous parishioners have donated a supply of children's books that can be found in a box in the narthex. Please feel free to borrow these during one of our liturgies.

BLACKSTONE/FRANKLIN SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP

Blackstone/Franklin Square Neighborhood Association annually offers scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 to high school seniors who are South End residents or attend school in the South End (or, as funds allow, are significantly involved in a South End community organization), and planning to attend college or pursue higher education studies. They also offer a \$3,000 Andrew Parthum Scholarship, given in recognition of outstanding community achievement. These scholarships can aid with the cost of books, computers, and other supplies and fees not necessarily covered by financial aid or other scholarships. Applications are due May 15. To learn more about these scholarships, please visit: <http://www.blackstonefranklin.org/scholarship>

ADULT FAITH FORMATION EVENTS

PAULIST CENTER – BOSTON

It's Not Just You, It's Everybody: Getting Real about Mental Health and Our Faith—A Sacred Symposium

Speakers: Dr. Jessica Coblenz of St. Mary's University; Dr. Elizabeth Antus, Department of Theology, Boston College; and Paulist Fr. Stuart Wilson-Smith of Old St. Mary's Parish in Chicago | Moderator: Ms. Patty Simpson, Paulist Center Pastoral Administrator and Harvard Divinity School faculty member.

Friday, May 12, 2023, 6:30—9:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 13, 2023, 10:00 a.m.—3:45 p.m.

5 Park Street, Boston | In-Person Only

Suggested donation is \$50.00 (All are welcome, with/without a donation.) | Register by May 7

To learn more or register, visit:

<https://www.paulistcenter.org/mental-health-and-our-faith-symposium/>

SAINT SUSANNA PARISH — DEDHAM

Father Steve's Book Group: Living in the Company of Jesus: A Practical, Scripture-Based Guide to Deepening Our Journey Within His Nonviolent Kingdom

Presenter: Father Steve Josoma, Pastor, Saint Susanna Parish

Monday, May 8, 2023 | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. | Zoom

For further details on this presentation, please check this website:

https://saintsusanna.org/adult_faith_formation.html

CARE-TAKERS SUPPORT GROUP

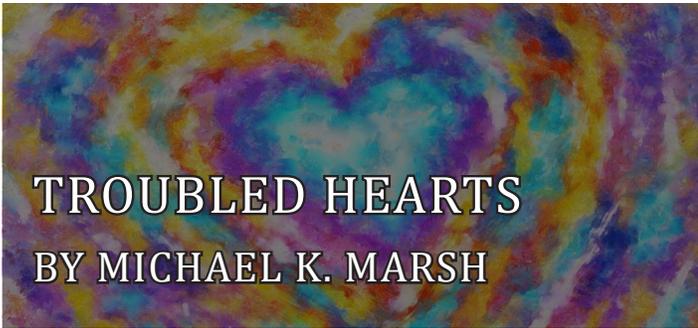
Calling all parishioners who visit the sick, the elderly, or the homebound! Are you visiting people as part of a hospital or hospice volunteer group or through the CARES ministry and feel that you would benefit from peer support? We are considering starting a parishioner-led group to meet virtually, in person, or on a hybrid basis (likely once a month) to build spiritual connection and share experiences. Anyone who attends Saint Cecilia in person or virtually is welcome. If you are interested, send your thoughts to aerusso2015@gmail.com. Our best, Silvina Ibanez, Bob Sances, and Amy Russo.



ANNUAL FIRST COMMUNION CHURCH TOUR

Our second-grade First Communion class and their parents recently took part in what has become an annual tradition—a tour of the church. Built in 1894, Saint Cecilia's physical space had three major renovations in 1954, 2010, and 2019. The church is filled with religious objects and beautiful iconography that enhance the students' connection to our faith. Of particular interest and curiosity was the sacristy, where the priests and altar servers vest before Mass—a space that most parishioners do not have the occasion to visit. Other highlights of the tour included the many images of the saints—in particular, the stunning mosaics of Saint Cecilia, patron saint of music, and Saint Patrick, patron saint of the Archdiocese of Boston and Ireland (even though he was born in Britain). Our second-grade class recently learned about the Passion of Jesus, and so the students were intrigued by the stained glass window depicting Saint Veronica holding the veil that bears the image of Jesus' face. They learned that, because of this miracle, Veronica is the patron saint of photography. The tour was conducted by our second-grade catechists, Anna DeMare and Mark Lippolt, with help from our lead altar servers, Ceci Bagnall and Don Carrier. Thank you so much to everyone who participated!





really serious about that? Does he know what is happening in our lives and our world? How can Jesus say that with a straight face when he was troubled at seeing Mary and the Jews weeping at the death of Lazarus (John 11:33), when he said that his own “soul is troubled” (John 12:27), and when St. John tells us that Jesus “was troubled in spirit” (John 13:21)? What is Jesus telling us? It’s not as if there is an on-off switch for troubled hearts. How do we begin to make sense of today’s gospel in a world whose heart is constantly troubled?

What troubles your heart today?

For me the list is long and it’s not pretty. It’s a crushing and excruciating heart attack. I think about all the litanies and prayers we have offered in the last couple of years for the violence and suffering in the world. I think about the protests around the world and in America. I think about healthcare, immigrants, and refugees. I think about gun violence, racism, and poverty. I think about stories of bullying and suicides. I think about ISIS, Russia, North Korea, and increasing tensions around the globe. I think about the nightmare of our political dysfunction in both parties. I think about those grieving and mourning the death of a loved one. I think about families that are struggling, spouses that are divorcing, children that are hungry, and people that are hanging on by a thread. I think about my own sorrows, losses, and disappointments. I think about the ways today’s gospel gets interpreted and used to exclude, condemn, and bludgeon others.

Despite what Jesus says about not letting our hearts be troubled, my heart is troubled and I suspect yours might be too. What would you add to my list? What is troubling your heart today? None of us get through this life without a troubled heart. I don’t think we can look at the pain of the world today, the suffering of a loved one, or our own wounds and hurts and not have a troubled heart. At least, I hope we can’t.

That’s the context in which I hear Jesus say, “Do not let your hearts be troubled.” It’s not that different from the context in which Jesus said those words. It is the night of the last supper. Jesus has announced his departure from this world, his death. Feet have been washed. Judas has left the table and stepped into the nighttime of betrayal. Peter will break his silence with a threefold denial. Thomas is lost and asks, “How can we know the way?” Philip has lost his center and can’t see what is right in front of him. “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied,” he says.

“Do not let your hearts be troubled,” Jesus says. “Do not let your hearts be troubled?” Are you kidding me? Is Jesus

It’s not hard to understand why this text is so often used in a burial liturgy. Death troubles our hearts and we want to find some balance, stability, and harmony. This text, however, is about more than the after life. It has something to say right here and right now. It’s speaks to the very circumstances that trouble our hearts today.

Think about times when you heart has been troubled. Maybe it is now. What does that feel like? We all experience it in our own ways but see if this sounds familiar: isolated, paralyzed, overwhelmed, powerless, off balance, out of control, disconnected, afraid, thoughts spinning in your head, no stability, despair, grief, tears, anger. Do you recognize any of those?

In the midst of a troubled heart the unspoken question is this: Will the center hold or is everything collapsing around us. Thomas and Philip are feeling the collapse. Much of the world is. Maybe you are too. Will the center hold? That’s our question.

“Do not let your hearts be troubled.” Jesus recognizes that our hearts are troubled. He is not warning us about a future condition. He knows the troubling has already begun. He can see it in us because he’s experienced it within himself. He also knows that our lives and the world are not defined by or limited to what troubles.

What if not letting our hearts be troubled begins with looking into our hearts and seeing and naming what troubles? That means facing our selves, our lives, our world. That may be the first and most difficult thing Jesus asks of us in today’s gospel. I don’t



know about you but sometimes I don’t want to see. I don’t want to name. It’s too difficult and too painful. It’s takes

me too close to the edge of the abyss and a free fall into a collapsing life and a collapsing world. “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Thomas speaks for us all. We’ve lost our center. How do we recenter? Where do we go when it seems everything is collapsing around us?

Here’s the paradox. Sometimes we have to lose our center in order to find it. I want to be clear about this. I’m not suggesting that God purposely de-centers us. De-centering happens. It’s a part of life. It’s a part of the human condition. Sometimes it comes out of circumstances we didn’t create or choose. Other times it is a consequence of our choices or actions. Regardless, Jesus says that is not a place to stay or a way to live. It is not the life he lives or offer us.

If your heart is troubled then it’s time to re-center. Re-centering doesn’t mean our hearts won’t be troubled. It doesn’t necessarily fix the problem, whatever it might be. It means that our lives are tethered to something greater than ourselves. It means that our hearts are held secure by the Divine Life and we are not free falling into the abyss. Jesus is reminding us that there is a center and it is not us. It is not America and her laws and constitution. It is not the church and her creeds and doctrines. It is not our success, accomplishments, position, or power. We do not have to be the center nor do we need to establish it. In fact, we can’t. Instead, we awaken to it. We already know the way to and the place of this center Jesus says.

“Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied,” Philip says to Jesus. He’s bought into the lie that the Father is apart from, outside of, and distant from himself. The center, however, is within. The Father’s house is within. The kingdom is within. Wherever you go, there is the center. Whatever you face, there is the center. Whoever you are, there is the center, Regardless of what troubles, there is the center. Wherever you are, there is the center. Not because you are the center, but because God is within.

In the language of today’s gospel the center is the Father’s house and there are many dwelling place in this house. In the Father’s house there is a dwelling place for every troubled heart. I am not talking about the after life, and I am not thinking of this as some sort of celestial dormitory for those who have enough right belief and right behavior. I am taking about the dwelling places as the ways God’s life intersects our own: mercy and forgiveness, justice, generosity, compassion, healing, love, beauty, wisdom, hope, courage, joy, intimacy. These are the dwelling places for troubled hearts, places of re-centering. Every time we live into and express the divine attributes in our way of being, with our words, or by our actions, we regain our center, restore

balance, and take up residence in the Father’s house.

What in you today needs re-centering? “In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.”

How might centeredness, balance, and harmony within yourself help you see and respond to your troubles or the troubles of the world differently? “In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.”

What if in the midst of troubles your heart could maintain a normal rhythm and beat with God’s life? “In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.”

“In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.” I hear those words and I imagine a sign blinking like a heartbeat:

“Rooms available.” “Rooms available.” “Rooms available.”

~ *The Rev. Michael Marsh has served as rector of St. Philip’s Episcopal Church – Uvalde, a parish in the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas, since 2005.*

Saint Cecilia
P A R I S H

50 DAYS FOR OUR DELIGHT:

We spend forty days preparing for Easter, and then celebrate Easter as if it’s a single day. But Easter isn’t just a day, it’s a season. It’s not only a celebration, but an invitation to joy. We are [in the midst of] *Easter tide* (or Easter Season, or Easter Time or Paschaltide – all of them work!). This is a period of fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. It’s a time to remember that Jesus wasn’t in a rush to ascend, but that he spent time appearing to his disciples and preparing them for Pentecost. This is an extended time, then, to joyfully celebrate the resurrection. After all, the resurrection changes everything. St. Paul even writes, “If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain” (1 Corinthians 15:14). Easter is a big deal. Consider what Pope John Paul II said,

“Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.”

Easter tide is about joy. Not any type of joy, but a particular joy: joy in the resurrection. Over Easter tide, consider what practices you can implement into your life to cultivate more joy. Our cities and the world need to see our joy as much as they need to see our fasting and sacrifice. In a world abundant with hopelessness and purposelessness, the surprising, unexpected joy of the resurrection is the antidote.

Alastair Stern, <https://www.stpetersfireside.org/2019/04/the-50-days-of-joy-challenge>



*This joyful Eastertide, join us for
Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer*

Saturday, April 22 @ 9:00 a.m.
Dedication Anniversary of Saint Cecilia Church (1894)

Tuesday, April 25 @ 6:00 p.m.
Feast of Saint Mark

Wednesday, May 3 @ 6:00 p.m.
Feast of Saints Philip and James

Monday, May 22 @ 6:00 p.m.
Memorial of Saint Rita of Cascia

Join us live on the Saint Cecilia Facebook page or via Zoom. Liturgies last approximately half an hour.
Email sc.hoursandtaize@gmail.com for details.

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Schedule for Liturgy

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday | 8:00 a.m.
Lord's Day | Sat 5:00 p.m.; Sun 8:00, 9:30*, 11:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Holy Days | 8:00 a.m.
* Please note that the 9:30 Mass is both in person and livestreamed.

Baptism for Infants

Infant baptism is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month. For more information, please contact Mark Donohoe in the Parish Office.

Faith Formation for Children

To register your child for our Faith Formation Program, please contact our Children's Faith Formation Coordinator, Olivia Hastie, at ohastie@stceciliaboston.org.

Marriage

Couples who wish to prepare for marriage should contact Mark Donohoe in the Parish Office at least six months in advance.

Order of Christian Funerals

The parish is prepared to celebrate the Vigil (wake) in the church. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the communal process through which non-baptized men and women become members of the Catholic Church. It is also suitable for those baptized in different faith traditions who are interested in becoming Catholic, or, for those who were baptized Catholic, but have yet to receive the sacraments of Eucharist and confirmation.

Care of the Sick

To arrange for the Sacrament of the Sick, for Holy Communion to be brought to those unable to attend the Sunday celebration, or for Viaticum for the Dying (Holy Communion for those in danger of death), please contact the Parish Office. It is always possible to anoint the sick during regularly scheduled liturgies.

Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Team

The CAP Team is responsible for training all parish staff and volunteers in mandated reporting laws and the Protecting God's Children program (VIR-TUS). They also provide consultation and support to anyone in the parish who has concerns about reporting child abuse and neglect. Please contact Lois Flaherty (loisflaherty@gmail.com), Maria Roche (maria.roche15@gmail.com), Letitia Howland (L_howland@hotmail.com), or Erin Young (erin.t.young@gmail.com) if you have any questions or concerns.

The Archdiocese of Boston has in place a vigorous program to protect children from harm and to educate its ministers and faithful about the nature of abuse, with a goal of increasing knowledge, creating a safe environment for children, and recognizing and reporting potentially dangerous situations. The full text of the policy is also available in the narthex and Parish Office, as well as on our website.

For Those with Celiac Disease

If you have celiac disease, please let us know. We have a supply of low-gluten altar bread available for those who cannot tolerate gluten.

Hearing Assistance in Church

The church is equipped with an assistive listening system. If you would like to use one of the small receivers, please ask one of our greeters.

Building Accessibility

Both the church and Parish Hall Center are accessible by elevator.

Parking

There is discounted parking at The Hynes Auditorium Garage (located at 50 Dalton Street next to Bukowski's Tavern), for \$13, available on Sundays until 3:00 p.m., and \$13 after 4:00 every day of the week. To take advantage of this discount, ask a greeter for a chaser ticket at Mass or ask a staff person during the week. Chaser tickets must be used at the machine at the exit gate. To obtain the discount, place the ticket you received upon entering the garage into the machine, then follow it with the chaser ticket.

Joining Our Community

We're happy that you're with us! Our community offers a warm, spiritual home for a diverse group of Catholics. We come from many neighborhoods in and around Boston, but also have long distance parishioners from around the country and around the world. If you are local, please introduce yourself to a staff member or drop in for coffee on Sunday. We invite both local and long distance individuals and families to fill out a new parishioner form on our website. No matter what your background or location, please know that you are always welcome at Saint Cecilia.

