OPENING HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth BB594
Conrad Kocher, Folliot S. Pierpoint

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to you we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and dale, and tree and flow'r,
Sun and moon, and stars of light:
Lord of all, to you we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent child,
Friends on earth and friends above;
For all gentle thought and mild:
Lord of all, to you we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For your Church, that evermore
Lifts its holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
A pure sacrifice of love:
Lord of all, to you we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For Yourself, O Gift Divine
To our world so freely giv'n,
For that love from which will shine,
Peace on earth and joy in heav'n:
Lord of all, to you we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

COLLECT
GLORIA

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING I
PSALM 65

Isaiah 55:10-11

The seed that falls on good ground
will yield a fruitful harvest.

READING II

Romans 8:18-23

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-23

HOMILY

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Unless a Grain of Wheat BB505
Bernadette Farrell

Unless a grain of wheat shall fall
upon the ground and die,
It remains but a single grain with no life.

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him;
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

If any one serves me, then they must follow me;
wherever I am, my servants will be.

Make your home in me as I make mine in you;
those who remain in me bear much fruit.

If you remain in me and my word lives in you;
then you will be my disciples.

Those who love me are loved by my Father;
we shall be with them and dwell in them.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you;
peace which the world can-not give is my gift.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY
MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION
GREAT AMEN
COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

SIGN OF PEACE

BREAKING OF BREAD: LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

“My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament. 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. Amen.

COMMUNION SONG

Life Giving Bread, Saving Cup
James J. Chepponis,

Lifegiving bread, saving cup, we offer in thanksgiving. O God.
Life giving bread, saving cup, We offer as a sign of our love.

For bread that is broken, we give thanks.
For wine that is poured, we give praise.
For life and knowledge of the Kingdom,
All praise to you until the end of time!

We thank you, O Father, for your name
Which you give to dwell in our hearts.
You bring us together as one family:
All praise to you until the end of time!

Creator of all, we offer thanks.
You give us a share in your life.
You strengthen our body and our spirit:
All praise to you until the end of time!

Remember your Church which sings your praise.
Perfect it in truth and in love.
And gather your people all together
To praise you until the end of time!

Bread For The World BB 343
Bernadette Farrell

Bread for the world: a world of hunger.
Wine for all peoples: People who thirst.
May we who eat be bread for others.
May we who drink pour out our love.

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life,
Broken to reach and heal the wounds of human pain.
Where we divide your people you are waiting there
On bended knee to wash our feet with endless care.

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the wine of peace, poured
into hearts once broken and where dryness sleeps.

Lord Jesus Christ, you call us to your feast, at which
the rich and powerful have become the least.
Where we survive on others in our human greed,
You walk among us begging for your every need.

BLESSINGS & SOLEMN DISMISSAL

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

God of Our Fathers BB732
Daniel Crane Roberts, George William Waren

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past
In this free land by thee our lot is cast
Be thou our ruler: guardian, guide, and stay,
Thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

From war’s alarms from deadly pestilence,
Be thy strong arm our ever-sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way,
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.