

GOSPEL RESPONSE OPTIONS

There are several stations available inviting you to active, creative ways of responding to the Spirit and today's Gospel. With the exception of the discussion circles, these stations all have fluidity between them and you are welcome to engage with more than one during the two 20-minute segments. No level of expertise is expected for any of these activities, so consider challenging yourself to do something different from your usual area of comfort.

CONTEMPLATIVE SILENCE, PRAYER, AND HEALING Chapel

An open forum for communal silent meditation upon the Word. There will also be an area of this space devoted to healing prayer. Facilitated by Anita Amstutz.

DISCUSSION CIRCLES

Alvarado Ballroom FGH

A breakout into small groups to consider a focus question related to Gospel readings.

MOVEMENT AND PRAYER

Franciscan Ballroom

An invitation into liturgical dance wherein participants will explore the Gospel through simple, lyrically-styled movements in interpretation of sacred music. Facilitated by Shirin McArthur.

PRAYER THROUGH DRAWING

Weaver's Room

An opportunity to express reactions to the Gospel in a visual manner using basic art supplies. Facilitated by Kelsea Habecker.

SONG AND PRAYER

Alvarado Ballroom A-E

An exploration of music's ability to open the soul to communion with God through participation with new songs that facilitate meditative awareness and echo the themes of the readings. Facilitated by Amy Carol Webb.

WALKING MEDITATION

Hotel Lobby

Fr. Richard will instruct participants on how to intentionally walk while reflecting upon the readings.

COMMUNION – Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire

Though I may speak with bravest fire and have the gift to all inspire and have not love, my words are vain as sounding brass and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.

Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

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Bread of Life

Refrain: I myself am the bread of life. You and I are the bread of life. Taken and blessed, broken and shared by Christ that the world might live.

This bread is spirit, gift of the Maker's love; and we who share it know that we can be one: a living sign of God in Christ. (Refrain)

Here is God's kingdom given to us as food. This is our body, this is our blood: a living sign of God in Christ. (Refrain)

Lives broken open, stories shared aloud, becomes a banquet, a shelter for the world: a living sign of God in Christ. (Refrain)

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This is the Body of Christ

This is the body of Christ, broken that we may be whole;
This cup, as promised by God, true to his word,
Cradles our Lord: food for the good of the soul.

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SENDING SONG – Come and Go With Me

Come and go with me to that land,
Come and go with me to that land,
Come and go with me to that land where I'm bound.
(repeat x1)

There'll be freedom in that land,
There'll be freedom in that land,
There'll be freedom in that land, where I'm bound.
(repeat x1)

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Laughing Weeping

January 1, 2009 Thomas Liturgy
Presider: Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM

The Thomas Liturgy was first created in Helsinki, Finland in 1988 by a collection of ministers of various denominations, artists, musicians and civic leaders. They wanted to create a prayerful service that would again fill their cathedral, but with seekers, searchers, and believers alike. They recognized that much of Europe had become a continent of skeptics, and so they named the service after St. Thomas, "the Doubter."

After an initial attempt to create a new and ecumenical liturgy, they realized that it basically had the structure of the historic Catholic Mass. It immediately began to spread across Europe, and Father Richard participated in the Thomas Liturgy in Munich and other cities. The Thomas Liturgy avoids the usual denominational turf, arguments, and leadership, while still offering a deeply sacramental structure where disparate groups can gather in a faith-filled way. It retrieves the historic meaning of the very word "liturgy" as a collective work of the people.

One of the strengths of the Thomas Liturgy is that it emphasizes full participation instead of mere listening or attendance. There are options for how one would like to participate after the readings: silent prayer, discussion, song, dance and movement, drawing, etc. The primary role and function of the presider is to hold the entire community "prayerfully safe in unity."

Because liturgy is a collective work of the people, we would like to thank all of those involved in creating this celebration!

GATHERING RITE

OPENING SONG – Gathered Here

Gath - ered here in the mys-tery of the hour.
Gath-ered here in one strong bod-y. Gath-ered here in the
strug- gle and the power. Spir - it, draw near.

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PENITENTIAL RITE

LITURGY OF THE WORD

1ST READING: Numbers 6:22-27

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – May The Lord Shine

Chorus:

May the Lord shine on your joy a-nd sor-row. May the Lord shine o-n your face.
For to- day and for to- mor-row, May you know His pe-ace a-nd grace!

Every tear that you may cry
Falls as from the Lord's own eye
Each trouble that your heart has known
The Lord has taken as his own

Chorus

Every joyful moment pleased
Through the heavenly halls will ring
All your gladness shared forever
Borne in song on angel wing

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2ND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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GOSPEL READING: Luke 19:41-44

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY SONG – We're Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table

We're gonna sit at the welcome table
We're gonna sit at the welcome table
One of these days, hallelujah!
We're gonna sit at the welcome table
Gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days

All kinds of people around that table
All kinds of people around that table
One of these days, hallelujah!
All kinds of people around that table
Gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days

Peace and justice around that table
Peace and justice around that table
One of these days, hallelujah!
Peace and justice around that table
Gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days

Brothers and sisters around that table
Brothers and sisters around that table
One of these days, hallelujah!
Brothers and sisters around that table
Gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days

All God's children around that table
All God's children around that table
One of these days, hallelujah!
All God's children around that table
Gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days

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PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL – Response for petitions

May your light be reflected in us, here and now

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SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest!
Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (spoken)

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

AMEN

Amen, amen, amen
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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OUR FATHER (spoken)

AGNUS DEI

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy, have mercy on us.

Bread of life and saving cup, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy, and grant us your peace.

King of kings and Lord of lords, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy, and grant us your peace.

Loving Savior, Prince of peace, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy, and grant us your peace.

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