FRANCISCAN FRIARS AND SISTERS OF THE ATONEMENT

125th Anniversary Celebration

LITURGY OF THANKSGIVING





DECEMBER 15, 2023 St. Patrick's Cathedral The Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Atonement welcome you to our Mass in joyous thanksgiving for 125 years of blessings!

Since our founding, the Society of the Atonement has stood at the forefront of promoting dialogue, unity and compassion in a world often marked by division.

In 1898, Servant of God Father Paul Wattson, SA, and Mother Lurana White, SA, founded the Society of the Atonement to help bring about "At-One-Ment" – the reconciliation of Christians and their churches and unity in fulfillment of Jesus' prayer "that all may be one."

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Most Reverend Edmund J. Whalen Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of New York Principal Celebrant

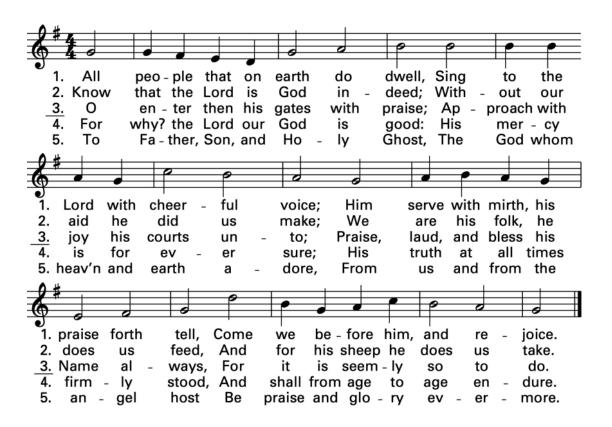
Very Reverend Brian F. Terry, SA Minister General, Franciscan Friars of the Atonement Homilist

Prelude

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Processional

All People That On Earth Do Dwell W. Kethe



Greeting

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 58:9b-14 Sr. Diane Bernier, SA

Responsorial Psalm (sung)

Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5

Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; serve the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful song.

R. We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Know that the LORD is God; he made us, his we are; his people, the flock he tends.

R. We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

The LORD is good: his kindness endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. R. We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading

Romans 5:5b-11 Fr. Dennis Polanco, SA

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

John 17:20-26 Deacon Jan Janoszka, SA

Homily

Very Reverend Brian F. Terry, SA

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

Introduction Prayer

Petitions:

Lord, you call us to walk humbly.

For the Church of God in union with Francis, our Pope, Timothy our Bishop, and all bishops, priests, religious and leaders of all our sister churches, that we may recognize our call to serve humanity in the humble servant image of Christ. We pray to the Lord.

Lord, you call us to act justly.

We pray for those who are exploited that others may grow rich, for the displaced persons in our world and for those who have the authority to break the circle of violence. We pray to the Lord.

Lord, you call us to love tenderly.

In thanksgiving for your Presence among us during 125 years of religious life in our Society and for an increase in vocations. We pray to the Lord.

For all deceased Friars and Sisters of the Atonement and our loved ones who have entered into eternal life that they may rest in Christ.

We pray to the Lord.

Concluding Prayer

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

C. Wesley



Eucharistic Acclamations

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace



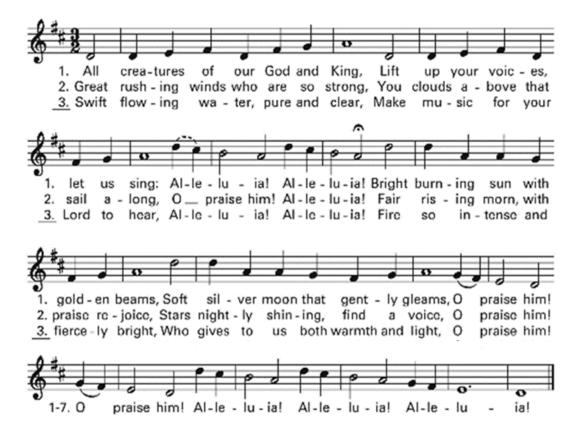
CONCLUDING RITES

Dismissal

Blessing

Recessional

All Creatures of Our God and King W.H. Draper



Postlude

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

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Fr. John Anderson Fr. Tom Lutz

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Lectors Sr. Diane Bernier, SA

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Fr. Dennis Polanco, SA

General Intercessions Sr. Lucinda May Patterson, SA

Presentation of GiftsMembers of the Society of the Atonement

Organist Mark R. Pacoe

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At One: Hope, Healing and Harmony

Since our founding in 1898, the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement have been dedicated to healing and reconciliation of humanity, opening its arms to people of every race, creed, and nationality around the world.

Our lifesaving ministries demonstrate our commitment to building deeper connections and transforming lives with **Hope, Healing and Harmony.**

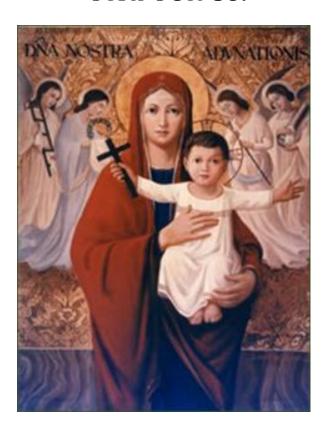


For 125 years, the ministry of the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement has consisted of prayer and service for the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer "that all may be one."

Mother Lurana's approach to missionary activity was drawn from the example of John the Baptist. She sent her Sisters to new or neglected areas to prepare the way of the Lord. Throughout these years, the foundations laid by them continue to bear witness to God's presence and love.



Our Lady of the Atonement, Pray For Us!



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