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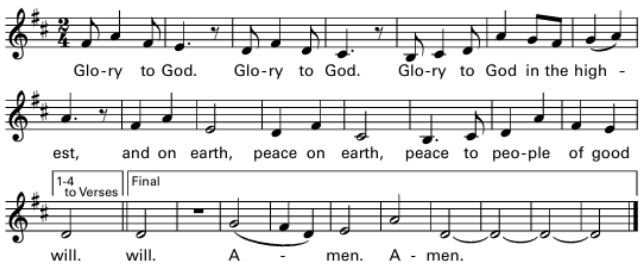
Youth Sunday – 22 November 2026

Introductory Rites

Gathering Song
Hail Redeemer King Divine (**320**)

Greeting & Penitential Act

Gloria
Mass of Christ our Saviour – Schutte (**1013**)



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Collect
Almighty ever-living God,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of the universe,
grant, we pray,
that the whole creation, set free from slavery,
may render your majesty service
and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
R. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading *(Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17)*
A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats.

The word of the Lord.
R. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose.

2 Beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.
He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.

Gospel Acclamation

Second Reading *(1 Cor 15: 20-26, 28)*
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and Sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.
R. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel *(Matthew 25: 31-46)*
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
R. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the

sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." Then the righteous will answer him, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?" And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me."

'Then he will say to those on his left, "Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?" Then he will answer them, saying, "Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
R. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Pastoral Letter from the Archbishop

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

Bidding Prayers

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts
St O: Let all the world – Ralph Vaughan Williams
St B: He is Lord (**761**)

Prayer over the Offerings
As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice
by which the human race is reconciled to you,
we humbly pray,
that your Son himself may bestow on all nations
the gifts of unity and peace.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer
Holy, Holy – Mass of Christ our Saviour (Dan Schutte)
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

The Mystery of Faith
We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

Our Father
Notre père… Tėve Mūsų… Vater unser… Ojcze nasz…
Padre nostro… 我們的天父

Sign of Peace
Please exchange the Sign of Peace with those around you in whatever way is most comfortable for you.

Communion
Song: The Servant King (**749)**

Prayer after Communion
Having received the food of immortality,
we ask, O Lord,
that, glorying in obedience
to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe,
we may live with him eternally
in his heavenly kingdom.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
R. **Amen.**

Concluding Rite

Final Song
Majesty (**767**)

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