



**Sunday, July 16, 2023**

**Processional**

**Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling**

**LEVAS 101**

*1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, Calling for you and for me; See, on the portals He's waiting and watching, Watching for you and for me.*

***Refrain: Come home, Come home, Come home, Come home, Ye who are weary, come home! Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, Calling, O sinner, come home!***

*2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, Pleading for you and for me? Why should we linger and heed not His mercies, Mercies for you and for me?*

***(Refrain)***

*3. Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing, Passing for you and for me; Shadows are gathering, death beds are coming, Coming for you and for me.*

***(Refrain)***

*4. Oh! For the wonderful love He has promised, Promised for you and for me; Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon, Pardon for you and for me.*

***(Refrain)***

Celebrant: Blessed be our God. People: **For ever and ever. Amen.**

**Glory to God S 280**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. 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.**

God be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## **A Reading from the book of Isaiah.**

**55:10-13**

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 65:9-14**

9. You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; **\*the river of God is full of water.**

10. You prepare the grain, **\*for so you provide for the earth.**

11. You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; **\*with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

12. You crown the year with your goodness, **\*and your paths overflow with plenty.**

13. May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, **\*and the hills be clothed with joy.**

14. May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; **\*let them shout for joy and sing.**

## **A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.**

**8:1-11**

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if

Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Hymn: Spirit of the Living God**

**LEVAS 115**

*Spirit of the living God, Fall fresh on me. Spirit of the living God, Fall fresh on me. Break me, Melt me, Mold me, Fill me, Use me. Spirit of the living God, Fall fresh on me.*

Clergy: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

13:1-9,18-23

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

**The Reverend Rick O'Brien**

## Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

In peace and faith, let us offer our prayers, saying, "Christ have mercy."

For the mission of the Church in every place, that it may persevere in faith and hope, and have grace to build up your people in love. **Christ, have mercy.**

For the leaders of our nation and the world, that they may come together in peace, protect our fragile earth, and work together for the common good. **Christ, have mercy.**

For those in our community in need, those in the grip of addiction, and those who lack hope. **Christ, have mercy.**

For the sick, the injured, and those in need of healing, in either body, mind or soul, especially: \_\_. God of love and mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For those saints who have departed this life, we pray today for: \_\_\_\_\_. God of love and mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Loving Jesus; Protect and sustain us with your hand. Open the door of love that, sealed with your wisdom, we may be free to serve you with joy. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to God.

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the**

**evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **People: And also with you**

**Offertory Hymn: In the Garden LEVAS 69**

1. I come to the garden alone, While the dew is still on the roses; And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, The Son of God discloses.

**(Refrain) And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He tells me I am His own, And the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever known.**

2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the birds hush their singing; And the melody that He gave to me Within my heart is ringing. **(Refrain)**

3. I'd stay in the garden with Him Though the night around me be falling; But He bids me go through the voice of woe, His voice to me is calling. **(Refrain)**

### **Presentation of Offering**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### **The Holy Communion**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

**Santo, santo, santo [Holy, holy, holy]**

**WLP 785**

**Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you! My heart is glad to say the words you are holy, Lord.**

**Santo, santo, santo, mi corazon te adora! Mi corazon te sabe decir: santo eres Señor.**

**Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you! My heart is glad to say the words you are holy, Lord.**

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen. God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us. Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Communion:                      One Bread, One Body                      LEVAS 151**  
***Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth, We are one body in this one Lord.***

- 1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. One Lord (Refrain)*
- 2. Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. One Lord. (Refrain)*
- 3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all. One Lord. (Refrain)*

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. **Amen.**

**Recessional                      Blessed Assurance                      LEVAS 184**

*1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His spirit, washed in His blood.*

**Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, Praising my savior all the day long; This is my story, this is my song, Praising my savior all the day long.**

- 2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight; Angels descending, bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)*
- 3. Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my savior am happy and blest; Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. (Refrain)*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

<b>Calendar</b>		
Monday	6:30 PM	<b>Al-Anon (Resumes 7/31)</b> – Support for those affected by the disease of addiction
Tuesday	9 AM	<b>Tuesday Tune-up</b> – Scripture reflections from our clergy on Facebook and YouTube
Thursday	6:30 PM	<b>Centering Prayer</b> ( <i>Zoom – an oasis of quiet contemplation done together with time for silent reflection</i> ) Contact <a href="mailto:lauracanon@yahoo.com">lauracanon@yahoo.com</a>
Friday	10:30 AM	<b>Alzheimer's / Dementia / Memory Support Group</b> at the Epiphany campus. Contact Gary Hails 702-884-7050
Sunday	8 AM	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> (Live – spoken, contemplative)
	9 AM	<b>Faith Matters</b> (Live and Facebook)
	9:45 AM	<b>Summer Education</b> for youth (4 years and up), nursery care is available as well
	10 AM	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> (Live and live stream) A lively, family friendly service with music

### **Special Announcement about the Parish Hall**

The parish hall is scheduled to be remodeled starting July 20. The renovations will take 2 to 3 weeks to complete. If you need to use the parish hall, please check the availability ahead of time.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Alzheimer/Dementia Support Group**

Spread the word about the Alzheimer's / Dementia / Memory support group. This is open to caregivers and care receivers and meets every Friday 10:30 am to 12 pm on the Epiphany campus. If you are in need or know anyone in need of the love, support and help this group offers please call or have them call Gary Hails at 702-884-7050

#### **Helping Hands of Epiphany**

Please join us on July 22 for some refreshment, socializing and help with some light projects to help maintain our facility and serve our parish. With the heat of summer now here, projects will be limited to indoor needs. Arrive between 8:30am and 9:00am



## **Treasure House and Epicenter Food Bank Donations**

Please save your donations for Epicenter Food Bank and Treasure House until September 1 2023. The person delivering these items is on vacation and ample storage is not available. Thank you for your generosity and holding on to your items a few weeks.

## **Refugee Resettlement Needs**

Won't you help with our Outreach Refugee Resettlement Program? July needs are Shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant (\$ store items). Diapers and Baby Items See Betty-Jeanne and Kristen for more details or Questions

## **St. Jude's Ranch Collection**

For July and August, St Jude's is collecting baby things. Some new babies have arrived on campus so diapers, nursery items, wipes. Etc.



***Our mission is to create and nurture disciples to share our journey to know and to love Jesus Christ***

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