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GATHERING SONG

READY THE WAY

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The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: 'Rea - dy the way, rea - dy the way of the Lord. Rea - dy the way, rea - dy the way of the Lord. Rea - dy the way of the Lord.' The melody is simple and repetitive, with a consistent rhythm of quarter notes and eighth notes.

1. Make straight the road, raise the valleys,
and mountains make low.

Turning from sin,
let the broken be whole,
and ready the way of the Lord.

2. As we wait for you, give us the strength
to walk in your truth,
so we may love
more like you
and ready the way for you, Lord.

3. Let us see your face in our hearts
we prepare a place.
Come bring this world
your mercy and grace,
as we ready the way for you, Lord.

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GREETING

PRESIDER

Grace, mercy, and peace be with you
from God the Father
and Christ Jesus our Savior.

ALL And with your spirit.

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION & WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

PRESIDER

My sisters and brothers,
We look forward to celebrating the mystery of Christ's coming
Let us pray that when he comes again,
he may find us awake and ready to receive him.

PAUSE

Almighty and merciful God...
you have brought us together in the name of your Son
to receive your mercy and grace in our time of need.
Open our eyes to see the things that we have done
which distance ourselves from you and distance ourselves from others

Touch our hearts so that we might grow closer to you.
Give us a heart to love you,
so that we might live more like Jesus your son.

May the world see your glory,
revealed through the Church, your presence on earth,
and come to know the One whom you have sent,
Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

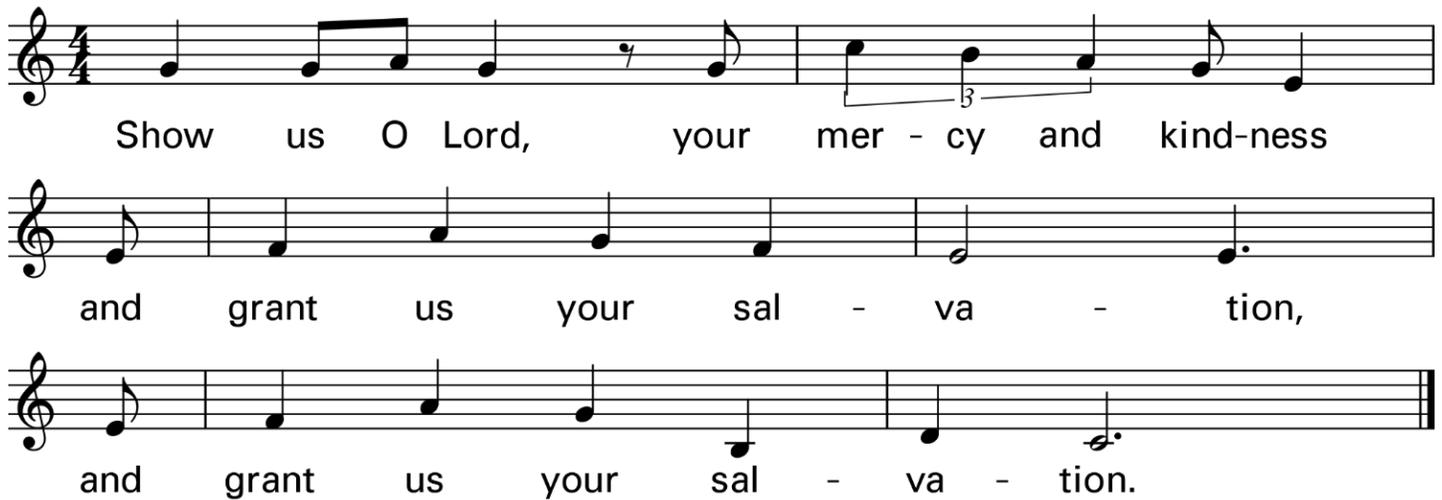
ALL Amen.

Please be seated for the Liturgy of the Word.

FIRST READING
Isaiah 40:1-3, 4b, 7, 9-11

READER The word of the Lord
ALL Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM



Show us O Lord, your mer - cy and kind-ness
and grant us your sal - va - tion,
and grant us your sal - va - tion.

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Please stand

GOSPEL
Luke 15:1-7

PRIEST The Lord be with you
ALL And with your spirit

PRIEST A reading from the Holy Gospel,
according to Luke
ALL Glory to You, oh Lord.



PRIEST The Gospel of the Lord
ALL Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Please be seated for a brief homily and interactive reflection

READER 1
ALL

Our Father
who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

*How often do I think about God?
How often do I say my prayers?
Do I pay attention and participate at Mass?*

READER 1
ALL

Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

*Do I show kindness and respect to others?
Do I help people?
Do I do what Jesus wants me to do?*

READER 1
ALL

Give us
this day our daily bread.

*Do I remember to say thank you?
Do I share things with people who don't have as much?
Do I take things that don't belong to me*

READER 1
ALL

Forgive us
**our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

*Do I say I'm sorry when I have been wrong?
Do I forgive the way I would like to be forgiven?
Do I say bad things about people who have hurt me?*

READER 1
ALL

Lead us
not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

*Do I play fairly?
Do I tell the truth?
Do I encourage others to choose the right thing?*

LITANY OF REPENTANCE

CANTOR

Come bring this world, your mercy and love and...

ALL



rea - dy the way _____ of the Lord.

You came to be our friend, and to show us how to love one another.

You came to take away sin, so that we can live in peace with one another,

You came to take away hate which makes us all unhappy,

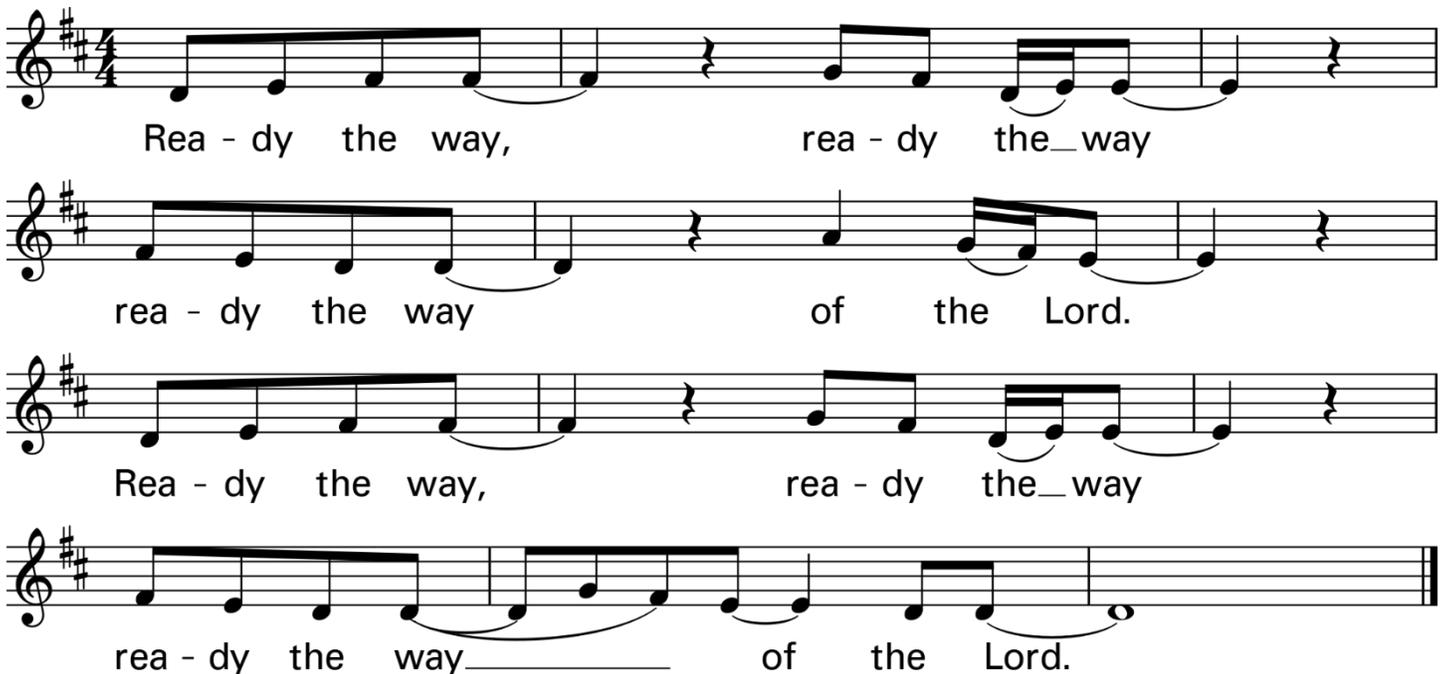
You put yourself into our hands and hearts, so that we might be one in you,

You free us from the mistakes of our past and help us to start over,

CANTOR

Make us a sign of love for all to see as we sing together

ALL



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THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL 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. Amen.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

PRESIDER

Almighty and eternal God
you sent your only-begotten Son to show us how much you love us.
Help us to put aside the things that distance us from that love,
so that we may celebrate
the dawn of Christ's birth with fullness of joy,
Through Christ our Lord.

ALL Amen.

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

At this time, we will identify the locations of the stations for individual confessions. There will be one enclosed confession station in the reconciliation room and others will be dispersed throughout the church.

Your child and one parent will be directed to the station closest to where you are seated, **but if your child has a preference, they are welcome to go to any priest they wish.** You will accompany your child up to the confession station, and introduce them to the priest. Then you may return to your pew and wait for your child to return.

We understand that this experience might create a sense of worry or nervousness. Sometimes, when we're nervous, we might forget things that are ordinarily committed to memory. In case anyone forgets a prayer, we have the prayers conveniently printed on the last page of our booklet.

As you are in line for the sacrament, please help us to maintain a calm atmosphere by keeping prayerful silence. Once your child has completed their penance you are welcome to depart in peace. Please pick up your certificate as you leave the church.

ACT OF CONTRITION

My God,

I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.

In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good,

I have sinned against you

Whom I should love above all things.

I firmly intend, with your help,

to do penance, to sin no more,

and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.

Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us.

In his name, my God, have mercy. Amen.

OUR FATHER

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. Amen.

HAIL MARY

Hail Mary, full of Grace,

The Lord is with thee.

**Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.**

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of death. Amen.

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

Glory be to the Father,

and to the Son,

and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning,

is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen.