

FIRST MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Fr. Matthew James Norwood



August 2, 2020
St. Paul Parish
Wellesley, Massachusetts

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Main Celebrant	Rev. Matthew Norwood
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Homilist	Rev. Peter Stamm
Master of Ceremonies	Steven Restrepo
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Cantor	Robert Mears
Organist	Chris Rakovec
Greeters	Friends of Fr. Matthew

ABOUT THE MUSIC SELECTIONS AT THIS MASS

The music selections for the celebration of this Mass of Thanksgiving have been chosen with the current circumstances in mind, namely that congregational singing is not allowed.

In particular, the Simple English Propers are being utilized, which only require a solo cantor and an organist. These beautiful chants are written for this particular liturgy, the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, to express what could be called the spiritual underpinnings of this Mass; how is God speaking to His people in the Liturgy? In this program, you may find texts from these selections indicated for the Introit (the entrance of the Mass), the Offertory, and Communion.

Also included in this program are the English translations for two renowned Eucharistic hymns in Latin, *Ave Verum Corpus* and *Panis Angelicus*, which will be sung at Communion.

THE ORDER OF MASS

Prelude

Laudate Dominum

Mozart

Introit

All you who are thirsty, come to the waters, says the Lord, and you who have no money, come, drink in gladness.

Gloria

Missa De Angelis

First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-3

Psalm

PS 145: 8-9, 15-16, 17-18

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Second Reading

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

Homily

Rev. Peter Stamm

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, (all bow head) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and he rose again on the third day in fulfillment of 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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic church, I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

General Intercessions

Offertory Antiphon

Moses prayed to the Lord his God... And the Lord was dissuaded from accomplishing the evil which he had threatened to inflict upon his people.

Eucharistic Acclamations

Missa de Angelis

Communion Antiphon

You gave us bread from Heaven, O Lord, having in it all that is delicious, and the sweetness of every taste.

Communion Hymns

Ave Verum Corpus

Mozart

Translation of *Ave Verum Corpus*

Hail, true Body, truly born Of the Virgin Mary mild

Truly offered, wracked and torn, On the Cross for all defiled, From
Whose love pierced, sacred side Flowed Thy true Blood's saving tide:
Be a foretaste sweet to me In my death's great agony.

Panis Angelicus

Franck

Translation of *Panis Angelicus*

Thus Angels' Bread is made the Bread of man today: the Living
Bread from heaven with figures dost away: O wondrous gift indeed!
the poor and lowly may upon their Lord and Master feed.

Consecration of Priesthood to Mary

Ave Maria

Schubert

Remarks by Fr. Matthew

Postlude

Marche Triomphale

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

First Blessings will follow the end of Mass at the front doors of the Church. Instructions to this end will be given.

WORDS OF THANKS

My gratitude is extended to Almighty God, Who has called me
to share in the priesthood of His Son;
to my parents, who have been such a strong support to this day and
witnesses to me in every way, especially in their love for me;
to St. Paul's Parish, to the parishioners, clergy and staff who have
supported me by their prayers and kindness over the years;
to the faculty and staff of Saint John Paul II Seminary in
Washington, DC, and the faculty and staff of Saint John's Seminary
in Brighton, who were sources of wisdom and encouragement
in my priestly formation;
to all my family and friends present here today and
watching from afar.
Thank you all for sharing in this gift with me.
Please pray that I may remain faithful to it!
May God bless you richly all of your days.