

Communion Meditation  
**O Come to the Altar** By Elevation Worship

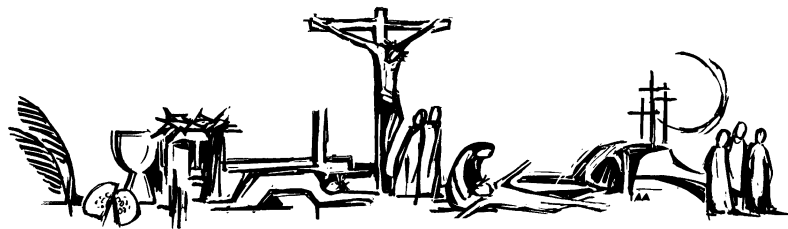
Are you hurting and broken within  
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin  
Jesus is calling  
Have you come to the end of yourself  
Do you thirst for a drink from the well  
Jesus is calling

O come to the altar  
The Father's arms are open wide  
Forgiveness was bought with  
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes  
Come today, there's no reason to wait  
Jesus is calling  
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy  
From the ashes, a new life is born  
Jesus is calling

O come to the altar  
The Father's arms are open wide  
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Bear your cross as you wait for the crown  
Tell the world of the treasure you found



CONCLUDING RITES

Recessional: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

1. I want to walk as a child of the light.  
2. I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
3. I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
I want to look at Je - sus.  
I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
Clear sun of right-eous-ness shine on my path. And  
When we have run with pa-tience the race, We

star of my life is Je - sus.  
show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Ephesians 5:8-10, Revelation 21:23, John 12:46, 1 John 1:5, Hebrews 12:1; Kathleen Thomerson, b.1934, © 1970, 1975, Celebration  
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INTRODUCTORY RITE

Opening Hymn: *Return to the Lord*

*Cantor*  
Re - turn to the Lord with all your heart,

*All*  
Re - turn to the Lord with  
with fast - ing and weep - ing and mourn - ing.  
all your heart, with  
The Lord is gra - cious,  
fast - ing and weep - ing and mourn - ing. The  
full of mer - cy, slow to an - ger,  
Lord is gra - cious, full of mer - cy,  
rich in love.  
slow to an - ger, rich in love.

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Penitential Act

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading I: *1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a*

Responsorial Psalm: **Psalm 23**

*♩. The Lord is my shep - herd; there is noth-ing I shall want.*

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Reading II: *Ephesians 5: 8-14*

Gospel Acclamation  
**Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ**  
*During Lent, Catholic-Christians “fast” from singing or saying “alleluia.”*

Gospel: *John 9: 1-41*

Homily

Profession of Faith

Prayer of the Faithful  
CANTOR: Lord in your mercy... ALL: **Hear our prayer.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation of Gifts **“Let Us Go to the Altar”**

*Refrain*

*Let us go to the al - tar of God, the God of our*

*glad-ness and joy! Let us en - ter the courts of the*

*house of the Lord and sing to the glo - ry of God.*

*Verses*

1. Give praise with blast\_\_\_ of trum - pet, with no - ble  
2. Give praise with lyre\_\_\_ and tim - brel, with lute and  
3. Give praise with pipe\_\_\_ and or - gan, with rous - ing  
4. Give praise, all crea-tures of heav - en, and all that

1. sound of the horn. With the clash of the clang - ing  
2. sound of the harp. With the dance of the flute and  
3. beat of the drum. With the call of the bell and  
4. dwell on the earth. Come to wor - ship the God who

(Continued)

*to Refrain*

1. cym - bal, give glo - ry to the Lord!  
2. o - boe, give glo - ry to the Lord!  
3. bag - pipe, give glo - ry to the Lord!  
4. made us, and dance be - fore the Lord!

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**Holy**

*Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord, God of hosts.*

*Hea - ven and earth are full\_\_\_ of your*

*Glo - - ry Ho - san - na in the high - est,*

*Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high-est.*

**Mystery of Faith**

*We pro-claim your death, O Lord, and pro- fess your*

*Res - ur - rec - tion, un - til you come a - gain.*

Great Amen

RITE OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord’s Prayer & Sign of Peace

**Lamb of God**

*Cantor*

1, 2. Lamb of God, } you take a-way the sins of the  
3. A - gnus Dei, }

*All*

1, 2. Lamb of God, } you take a-way the sins of  
3. A - gnus Dei, }

1-3. world: *Mi-se-re-re no - bis.*  
(Final) *Do-na no-bis pa-cem.*

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Communion Songs **Taste and See**

*Refrain: 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All*

*Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. O*

*taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.*

*Verses: Cantor*

1. I will bless the Lord at all times. His  
2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord with\_\_\_ me. To -  
3. Wor-ship\_\_\_ the Lord, all you peo-ple. ‡

1. praise\_\_\_ shall al-ways be on my lips; my  
2. geth-er\_\_\_ let us all\_\_\_ praise his name. I  
3. You'll\_\_\_ want for noth-ing\_\_\_ if you ask. ‡

1. soul shall glo - ry\_\_\_ in the Lord for  
2. called the Lord\_\_\_ and he an - swered me; from  
3. Taste and see\_\_\_ that God is good; in

*to Refrain*

1. he has been\_\_\_ so good to me.  
2. all my trou-bles he set me free.  
3. him we need\_\_\_ put all our trust.

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**I Have Loved You**

*Refrain*

*I have loved you with an ev - er-last-ing love, I have called you*

*and you are mine; I have loved you with an ev - er-last-ing love,*

*Verses*

*I have called you and you are mine. 1-3. Seek the face of the Lord and*

*to Refrain*

1. long for him: he will bring you his light and his peace.  
2. long for him: he will bring you his joy and his hope.  
3. long for him: he will bring you his care and his love.

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