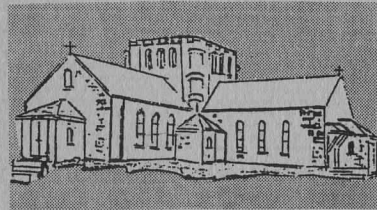


HOUSE OF GOD



**50th Anniversary
St. Joseph Church
Lake Orion/Oxford**

LITURGY OF THE CELEBRATION OF THE
CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

PRESIDING:

THE MOST REVEREND DALE J. MELCZEK, D.D.
AUXILIARY BISHOP OF DETROIT

CONCELEBRANTS:

Reverend John Leo Phalen, Pastor
Reverend Ronald Borg, Associate Pastor

Reverend Mr. Thomas Yezak, Deacon

Welcome to all the priests and deacons
participating in this celebration

Sunday, December 30, 1990

GATHERING RITES

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

WE SHALL RISE AGAIN

RESURRECTION

Jeremy Young



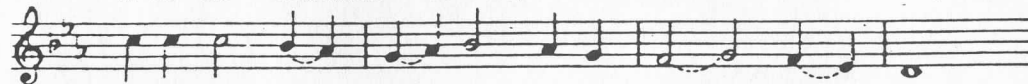
1. Come to me, all you wea - ry, with your bur - dens and pain.
 2. Though we walk through the dark - ness, e - vil we do not fear.
 3. We de - pend on God's mer - cy, mer - cy which nev - er fades.



Take my yoke on your shoul - ders and learn from me:
 You are walk - ing be - side us with your rod and your staff.
 We re - mem - ber our cov - e - nant and the prom - ise Je - sus made:



I am gen - tle and hum - ble, And your soul will find rest,
 On - ly good - ness and kind - ness fol - low us all our lives.
 If we die with Christ Je - sus, we shall live with him,



For my yoke is eas - y and my bur - den is light.
 We shall dwell in the Lord's house for so man - y years to come!
 And if we are faith - ful, we shall reign with him!

Refrain



We shall rise a - gain on the last day with the



faith - ful rich and poor. Com - ing to the house of Lord Je - sus, we will



find an o - pen door there, we will find an o - pen door.

SPRINKLING RITE

GLORIA (Cantors/Assembly/Choir)



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING: SIRACH 3:2-6, 12,-14

He who fears the Lord, honors his parents

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 98 (Cantors/Assembly)

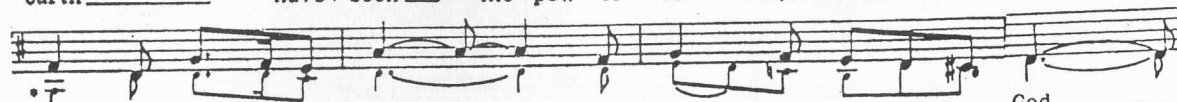
David Haas, Marty Haugen



All the ends of the



earth have seen the pow-er of God;



All the ends of the earth have seen the pow-er of God.

THE SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 3:12-21

Concerning the Christian life in the world

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Cantors/Assembly)



Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.



Al-le-lu-ia.

GOSPEL: LUKE 2:22-40

The child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

sung response: God the Father, hear our prayer,
Hear us, God the Son.
Holy Spirit, hear our prayer,
Mercy on your people, Lord.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

The congregation is asked to join the choir singing this refrain
after each verse is sung:

SONG OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

David Haas

Traditional Hawaiian

We — come to share our sto - ry. We —
come to break the bread. We —
come to know our ris - ing from the — dead. —

SANCTUS (SUNG BY ALL)

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (SUNG BY ALL)

CHRIST HAS DIED, CHRIST IS RISEN,
CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN

DOXOLOGY

GREAT AMEN (SUNG BY ALL)

COMMUNION RITE:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

LAMB OF GOD (Cantors/Assembly)

COMMUNION

The congregation is asked to join the choir singing this refrain after each verse is sung:

EAT THIS BREAD

After John 6

Jacques Berthier

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and nev-er be hun-gry. Eat this bread,
drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

THE CONCLUDING RITE:

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

GO NOW IN PEACE, GO NOW IN PEACE
MAY THE LOVE OF GOD SURROUND YOU
EVERYWHERE, EVERYWHERE, YOU MAY GO.

Following the Liturgy, everyone is invited to Myrick Hall for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

50 YEARS: 1940-1990

Its a golden anniversary for "quite a church" a quaint structure that has served its people well.

We dedicate this celebration to the people who built it and to those continue to express and build their faith in it.

Our primary thanks goes to the Lord because He is responsible for callings us together in this place at this time.

SOME REMEMBRANCES:

An older parishioner recalls that there were many heated debates about the site for the proposed church. Fr. Joseph Ording ended the discussion by choosing the 12 acre site on top of a hill between the towns of Lake Orion and Oxford. This site overlooked lakes Orion, Long, Manitou & the pond on the south. As a sign of unity, the cornerstones of both St. Elizabeth's (Oxford) and St. Thomas (Lake Orion) were installed in the foundation of the new church. The new cornerstone came from the pastor's boyhood home. Original drawings for the church were based on a French Normandy design. The church was dedicated on June 6, 1940 and officially used by the congregation on Christmas eve. It was built it for a total cost of \$55,000. Expert stone and brick masons from West Branch, Michigan and area farmers collected large stones from area farms. A runway was built to wheelbarrow the large stones to the top of the walls. The contractor, Dennis O'Connor said, "Its so sturdy it will be here for over a 100 years." Mrs. O'Connor said that, "her husband wasn't concerned with anything but quality... He was quite a man; his church, quite a church." And so it is.

Father John Leo Phelan
Pastor

St. JOSEPH PARISH STAFF

1990

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