

41st Annual Red Mass

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Wednesday, October 25, 2023

5:30 P.M.

Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels

2023 RED MASS

Principal Celebrant: His Excellency Archbishop José H. Gomez
Archbishop of Los Angeles

Homilist: Fr. Edward Siebert, S.J.
Rector, Jesuit Community at Loyola Marymount University
Founder and President, Loyola Productions, Inc.

Master of Ceremonies: Rev. Michael Mesa

Director of Liturgy: Edward Resendiz

Lector: Michele Friend

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Bob Archuleta, California Senate District 30

Cantor: Charles Lane, LA Opera, Los Angeles Master Chorale

Organist: Suk Hyun (Sue) Kim

Entrance Procession: Knights of Columbus
Knights of Peter Claver
Order of Malta
Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem
Judges of the Federal and State Courts
Religious Leaders

Speaker Introduction: Hon. Stephen M. Moloney, Ret.

Closing Remarks: Hon. Patricia Guerrero
Chief Justice, California Supreme Court

Comments: Carmela Bombay
President, St. Thomas More Society of Los Angeles

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN

Christ, Be Our Light!

Verses



1. Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness.
2. Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled.
3. Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry.
4. Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less.
5. Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple,



Long - ing for truth, we turn to you.
Long - ing for hope, man - y de - spair.
Long - ing for wa - ter, man - y still thirst.
Long - ing for warmth, man - y are cold.
Man - y the hearts that yearn to be - long.



Make us your own, your ho - ly peo - ple,
Your word a - lone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your bread, bro - ken for oth - ers,
Make us your build - ing, shel - ter - ing oth - ers,
Let us be ser - vants to one an - oth - er,



Light for the world to see.
Make us your liv - ing voice.
Shared un - til all are fed.
Walls made of liv - ing stone.
Mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.



Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!



Shine in your Church gath - ered to - day.

GREETING

Celebrant: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.


People: Amen.

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And with your spirit.


KYRIE

Priest, deacon, or cantor, then all:



Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son. Chri - ste, e - lé - i - son.

Priest, deacon, or cantor; all repeat or sing longer conclusion:



Ký-ri - e, e - lé - i - son. Ký-ri - e, e - lé - i - son.

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COLLECT All Respond: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Rom 6:12-18

Sin must not reign over your mortal bodies
so that you obey their desires.
And do not present the parts of your bodies to sin
as weapons for wickedness,
but present yourselves to God as raised from the dead to life
and the parts of your bodies to God
as weapons for righteousness.
For sin is not to have any power over you,
since you are not under the law but under grace.

What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law
but under grace?
Of course not!
Do you not know that if you present yourselves
to someone as obedient slaves,
you are slaves of the one you obey,
either of sin, which leads to death,
or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?
But thanks be to God that, although you were once slaves of sin,
you have become obedient from the heart
to the pattern of teaching to which you were entrusted.
Freed from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness.
The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

OUR HELP IS IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Music: Chant Mode VI

GOSPEL

Lk 12:39-48

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

Then Peter said, "Lord, is this parable meant for us or for everyone?"

And the Lord replied, "Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to distribute the food allowance at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master on arrival finds doing so. Truly, I say to you, he will put him in charge of all his property. But if that servant says to himself, 'My master is delayed in coming,' and begins to beat the menservants and the maidservants, to eat and drink and get drunk, then that servant's master will come on an unexpected day and at an unknown hour and will punish the servant severely and assign him a place with the unfaithful. That servant who knew his master's will but did not make preparations nor act in accord with his will shall be beaten severely; and the servant who was ignorant of his master's will but acted in a way deserving of a severe beating shall be beaten only lightly. Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more." The Gospel of the Lord.

HOMILY Rev. Edward J. Siebert, S.J.

GENERAL INERCESSIONS

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE GIFTS

Gift Bearers: Molly White and Stephen Erigero

O God, You Search Me



1. O God, you search me and you know me. All my
2. You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing. You dis -
3. Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord, You have
4. Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me, Still I
5. For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me, Gave me



thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze. When I
cern my pur - pose from a - far, And with
known its mean - ing through and through. You are
search for shel - ter from your light. There is
life with - in my moth - er's womb. For the



walk or lie down you are be - fore me: Ev - er the
love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me: In ev - 'ry
with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing: God of my
no - where on earth I can es - cape you: E - ven the
won - der of who I am, I praise you: Safe in your



mak - er and keep - er of my days.
mo - ment of life or death, you are.
pres - ent, my past and fu - ture, too.
dark - ness is ra - diant in your sight.
hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

Celebrant: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be
acceptable to God, the almighty Father. *Stand*

**People: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER - PREFACE

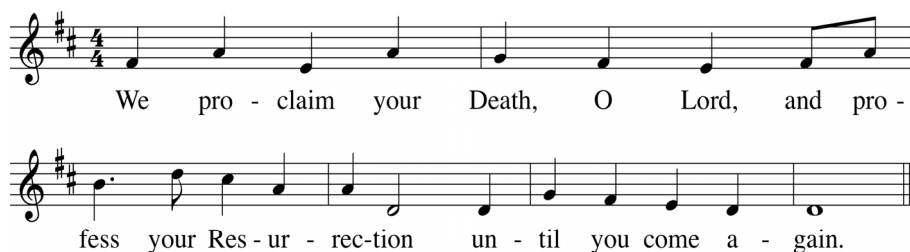
Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People: And with your spirit.**
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. **People: We lift them up to the Lord.**
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right and just.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION A



Two staves of music in G major and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain."

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AMEN

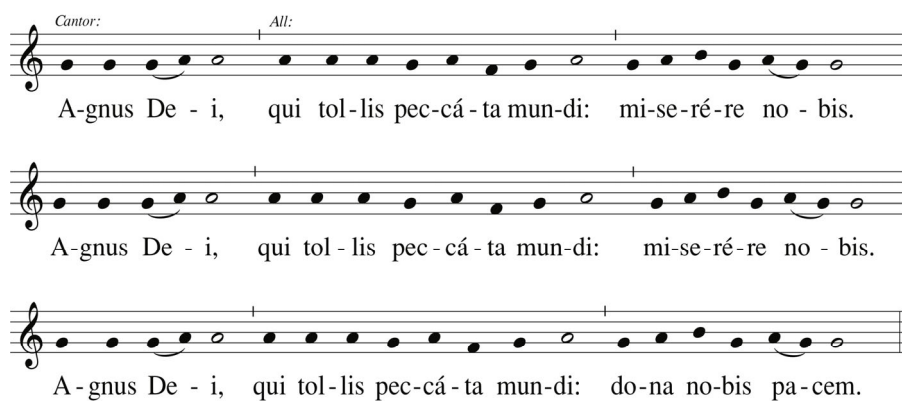


Two staves of music in G major and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men. A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men."

A - men, a - men, a - men, a -
men. A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

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AGNUS DEI



Three staves of music in G major and 4/4 time. The first staff is labeled "Cantor:" and the second and third staves are labeled "All:". The lyrics are: "A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: mi - se - ré - re no - bis. A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: mi - se - ré - re no - bis. A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: do - na no - bis pa - cem."

Cantor: A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: mi - se - ré - re no - bis.
All: A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: mi - se - ré - re no - bis.
A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Music: Vatican Edition XVIII

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

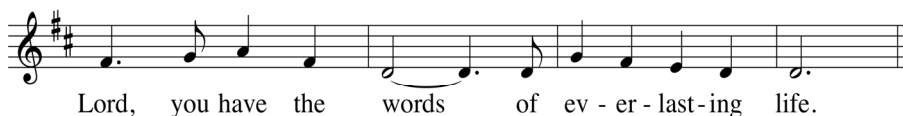
All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

We invite our non-Catholic friends to join us in communion with God, and instead of receiving Holy Communion, you may come up for a blessing from the priest, deacon, or Eucharistic minister. To signal your desire to receive a blessing, please cross

Psalm 19: Lord, You Have the Words

Refrain



Verses

1. The law of the LORD is perfect; it revives the soul.
The decrees of the LORD are steadfast; they give wisdom to the simple.
2. The precepts of the LORD are right; they gladden the heart.
The command of the LORD is clear; it gives light to the eyes.
3. The fear of the LORD is pure, abiding forever.
The judgments of the LORD are true; they are, all of them, just.
4. They are more to be desired than gold, than quantities of gold.
And sweeter are they than honey, than honey flowing from the comb.

Text: Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; *The Revised Grail Psalms*, © 2010, Conception Abbey and The Grail, admin. by GIA Publications, Inc.; refrain trans., © 1969, ICEL
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CLOSING REMARKS

Sit

CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Stand

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People: And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: May almighty God bless you, the Father and the Son,
and the Holy Spirit. **People: Amen.**

Celebrant: Go forth, the Mass is ended.

People: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



1. Lord, whose love in hum - ble serv - ice Bore the
 2. Still the chil - dren wan - der home - less, Still the
 3. As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, Till your
 4. Called from wor - ship in - to serv - ice, Forth in



weight of hu - man need, Who up - on the cross, for -
 hun - gry cry for bread. Still the cap - tives long for
 love's re - veal - ing light In its height and depth and
 your great name we go To the child, the youth, the



sak - en, Of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed: We, your
 free - dom, Still in grief we mourn our dead. As you,
 great - ness Dawns up - on our hu - man sight, Mak - ing
 a - ged, Love in liv - ing deeds to show. Hope and



ser - vants, bring the wor - ship Not of
 Lord, in deep com - pas - sion, Healed the
 known the needs and bur - dens Your com -
 health, good - will and com - fort, Coun - sel,



voice a - lone, but heart, Con - se - crat - ing
 sick and freed the soul, Use the love your
 pas - sion bids us bear, Stir - ring us to
 aid, and peace we give That your chil - dren,



to your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift that you im - part.
 Spir - it kin - dles Still to save and make us whole.
 faith - ful serv - ice, Your a - bun - dant life to share.
 Lord, in free - dom, May your mer - cy know, and live.

ABOUT ST. THOMAS MORE

(1438-1535) Thomas More was educated at Oxford and followed in his father's footsteps and became a lawyer. He married Jane Colt in 1505 and they had four children.

Mentored by Archbishop of Canterbury and Lord Chancellor John Morton, Thomas More had a distinguished career in public service. First elected to Parliament in 1504, he was knighted in 1521 and made King Henry VIII's Under Treasurer of the Exchequer. In 1529 he rose to Lord Chancellor.

More believed King Henry VIII had no jurisdiction over the Church. His rift with Henry VIII led to false accusations against More. His defense included evidence in the form of a letter to Sister Elizabeth Barton wherein he directed her not to interfere in politics. Choosing his principles over death, More was beheaded in 1535. More was canonized as a Saint in 1925 and his feast day is June 22.

St. Thomas More, who stood alone and gave his life for his principles of Separation of Church and State, has been selected as the patron of the Red Mass in Los Angeles.

ABOUT THE RED MASS

The Red Mass is an annual event traditionally held at the opening of the judicial year. Judges and lawyers attend in a body, joined by public officials and law faculty. The Red Mass was first celebrated in Paris in 1245. From the time of Edward I, the Mass was offered in England at Westminster Abbey and received its name from the scarlet robes worn by the Lord High Justices. The first American Red Mass was held in New York City on October 6, 1928 at Old St. Andrew's Church on Duane Street. In Washington D.C., the Red Mass opens the new term of the U.S. Supreme Court each year. The justices join in the celebration at the Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle.

Please join us for a reception in the conference center across the courtyard for food and beverages following the Mass, courtesy of our generous Red Mass Sponsors.

We would especially like to thank our dedicated volunteers including Cathedral High School Students and all the civic and faith leaders who have generously given so much of their time.

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A LAWYER'S PRAYER TO ST. THOMAS MORE

I pray, for the glory of God and in the pursuit of His justice, that I, with You, St. Thomas More, may be trustworthy with confidences, keen in study, accurate in analysis, correct in conclusion, able in argument, loyal to clients, honest with all, courteous to adversaries, ever attentive to conscience. Sit with me at my desk and listen with me to my clients' tales. Read with me in my library and stand always beside me so that today I shall not, to win a point, lose my soul.

Pray for me, and with me, that my family may find in me what Your family found in You: friendship and courage, cheerfulness and charity, diligence in duties, counsel in adversity, patience in pain—their good servant, but God's first. Amen.

PRAYER FOR GOOD HUMOR

by St. Thomas More

Grant me, O Lord, good digestion, and also something to digest.
Grant me a healthy body, and the necessary good humor to maintain it.
Grant me a simple soul that knows to treasure all that is good
and that doesn't frighten easily at the sight of evil,
but rather finds the means to put things back in their place.
Give me a soul that knows not boredom, grumblings, sighs and laments,
nor excess of stress, because of that obstructing thing called "I."
Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humor.
Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke to discover in life a bit of joy,
and to be able to share it with others.

Most Reverend José H. Gomez

Most Rev. José H. Gomez is the Archbishop of Los Angeles, the nation's largest Catholic community. For nearly two decades, Archbishop Gomez has been a voice of compassion and reason on moral and spiritual issues in American public life and culture. He has played a leading role in the Catholic Church's efforts to promote immigration reform and is author of the 2013 book, *Immigration and the Next America: Renewing the Soul of Our Nation*. He served a three-year term as President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, a post that concluded on November 2022. He was papal appointed to the 2012 Synod of Bishops on the New Evangelization and in 2015 was selected to represent the U.S. Catholic Bishops at the Synod on the Family. He holds a doctorate degree in theology (S.T.D.), as well as undergraduate degrees in accounting, philosophy and theology. He speaks and writes often on issues in the Church and American society. His writings have been published in the Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *CNN.com*, *Huffington Post*, *Vital Speeches of the Day*, *Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics & Public Policy*, *La Opinion*, *First Things*, *The New York Post*, *National Catholic Register* and elsewhere

Chief Justice Patricia Guerrero

Chief Justice Guerrero joined the California Supreme Court as an associate justice in March 2022 and was sworn in as California's 29th Chief Justice on January 2, 2023, making history as the first Latina to serve as California's Chief Justice.

Prior to being elevated to the Supreme Court, Guerrero was an associate justice at the Fourth District Court of Appeal, Division One since December 2017, and in San Diego Superior Court from 2013 to 2017, where she served as Supervising Judge of the Family Law Division in 2017. Before her appointment to the bench, Guerrero worked as an associate at Latham & Watkins LLP starting in 1997 and was elevated to partner in 2006. She served as an assistant U.S. attorney at the U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of California from 2002 to 2003.

Chief Justice Guerrero is the daughter of Mexican immigrants and was born and raised in California's Imperial Valley. She graduated as co-valedictorian in high school and attended University of California, Berkeley. She earned a Juris Doctor degree from Stanford Law School where she received an award for excellence in legal writing.

During her legal career, Chief Justice Guerrero has contributed many hours of volunteer work, including as a member of the Advisory Board of the Immigration Justice Project, which promotes due process and access to justice at all levels of the immigration and appellate court system. She has also assisted clients on a pro bono basis in immigration matters, including asylum applications and protecting vulnerable families by litigating compliance with fair housing laws. Chief Justice Guerrero also adopted the Power of Democracy Civic Learning Initiative and has been active in the "Judges in the Classroom" civics program, which engages schools and encourages students to learn about the role of the judiciary.

Homilist: Rev. Edward J. Siebert, S.J.

Fr. Edward (Eddie) Siebert, S.J. is the Rector of the Jesuit Community at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. He is also the Founder and President of Loyola Productions, Inc. (LPI). LPI has built a reputation over 20+ years for telling stories around the globe that inform, inspire, and entertain. Siebert's extensive experience both in secular and Catholic circles includes everything from newsroom stints at WDIV-TV NBC Detroit, WWL-TV CBS New Orleans, to exclusively chronicling Pope Francis in Rome, Philadelphia, and Washington, DC. He started in Los Angeles working on the provocative and critically acclaimed ABC/20th Century Fox television show *Nothing Sacred*, which won the Peabody Award for excellence in broadcasting. Known to New York Times readers as "The Jesuit in Hollywood," Siebert completed the documentary film *Blood of the Martyrs* which tells the story of the Jesuits and women murdered in El Salvador in 1989 at the UCA. After lengthy negotiations, he secured the life rights of renowned Vatican exorcist Fr. Gabriele Amorth and executive produced, along with Sony Screen Gems, the 2023 blockbuster feature film *The Pope's Exorcist*, with Russell Crowe in the starring role. Siebert received an MFA in Film Production from Loyola Marymount University's School of Film and Television, and he also holds master's degrees from the University of San Francisco and the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley. He is a member of the Producers Guild of America (PGA), the International Documentary Association (IDA), Catholics in Media Associates (CIMA), and is a delegate for the World Catholic Association for Communication (SIGNIS North America). Siebert is a Senior Lecturer for the School of Film and Television at LMU and enjoys helping out at local parishes, especially St. Mark's in Venice and St. Jerome's in Los Angeles. In his spare time, Fr. Eddie takes care of Buster, LMU's therapy dog.

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