

43rd Annual Red Mass

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Tuesday, October 14, 2025

5:30 P.M.

Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels

2025 RED MASS

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

Homilist: Rev. Barnaby Johns, O.S.A.
Prior Provincial, Province of St. Augustine in California

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Lector: Molly White

Choir: Cathedral Youth and Children Choir

Altar Servers: Villanova Preparatory School students

Universal Prayer: Loretta Martinez, SVP and General Counsel, LMU
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Gift Bearers: Nicole Gendusa, Catholic Lawyers Association, Pepperdine
Michael Barsella, Catholic Lawyers Association, Pepperdine

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

Introduction of Interreligious Faith Leaders: Rt. Rev. Alexei Smith

Introduction of Closing Speaker: Justice Gonzalo C. Martinez
Presiding Justice, Second District Court of Appeal, Division Seven

Closing Remarks: Associate Justice Martin J. Jenkins
Supreme Court of California

Comments: Michele B. Friend
President, St. Thomas More Society of Los Angeles

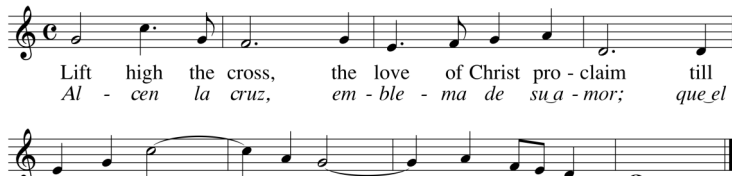
INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN

PLEASE STAND

Lift High the Cross / Alcen la Cruz


Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim till
Al - cen la cruz, em - ble - ma de su a - mor; que el

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.
mun-do al fin co - noz - ca al Sal - va - dor.


Verses



1. Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod, Our
 2. Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign, The
 3. Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied Bears
 4. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree, Your

1. *Va - mos, cris - tia - nos, tras nues - tro Se - ñor; El*
 2. *Ba - jo es - te sig - no de su gran po - der El*
 3. *Ca - da cre - yen - te del que en cruz mu - rió En*
 4. *Cuan - do te al - za - ron glo - rio - so en la cruz, A -*

D.C.



King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
 on the brow the seal of him who died.
 death has bought us life e - ter - nal - ly.

rey vic - to - rio - so, Cris - to, Hi - jo de Dios.
pue - blo de Dios a - van - za sin te - mer.
su fren - te lle - va el sig - no en que ven - ció.
llí pro - me - tis - te lle - var - nos a la luz.

5. So shall our song of triumph ever be: 5. *Himnos de gloria alcemos sin cesar;*
 Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Al rey vencedor que en cruz supo triunfar.*

Text: 1 Corinthians 1:18; George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912, and Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956, alt.; tr. by Dimas Plamas-Belfort, 1934–1992, and Angel Mattos, alt.
 Tune: CRUCIFER, 10 10 with refrain; Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947
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GREETING

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

All: 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.

All: And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Choir: Kyrie eleison
Choir: Christe eleison
Choir: Kyrie eleison

All: Kyrie eleison
All: Christe eleison
All: Kyrie eleison

COLLECT

All: Amen.

PLEASE BE SEATED

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1

Romans 1:16-25

Brothers and sisters:

I am not ashamed of the Gospel.

It is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes:
for Jew first, and then Greek.

For in it is revealed the righteousness of God from faith to faith;
as it is written, "The one who is righteous by faith will live."

The wrath of God is indeed being revealed from heaven
against every impiety and wickedness
of those who suppress the truth by their wickedness.
For what can be known about God is evident to them,
because God made it evident to them.
Ever since the creation of the world,
his invisible attributes of eternal power and divinity
have been able to be understood and perceived in what he has made.
As a result, they have no excuse;
for although they knew God
they did not accord him glory as God or give him thanks.
Instead, they became vain in their reasoning,
and their senseless minds were darkened.
While claiming to be wise, they became fools
and exchanged the glory of the immortal God
for the likeness of an image of mortal man
or of birds or of four-legged animals or of snakes.

Therefore, God handed them over to impurity
 through the lusts of their hearts
 for the mutual degradation of their bodies.
 They exchanged the truth of God for a lie
 and revered and worshiped the creature rather than the creator,
 who is blessed forever. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 104: Send Forth Your Spirit

Refrain*

1. Send forth your spir - it, O God, send

3. forth your spir - it, O God, and re - new the earth, re -

2. new the earth, send forth your spir - it, O God.

Verses

1. Bless the Lord, O my soul. O God, you are great indeed!
 You are clothed in majesty and splendor, and adorned in a robe of light.
2. You spread the heavens out like a tent, you set your palace on the waters above.
 You have fashioned the clouds as your chariot and you ride upon the wings of the wind.
3. You have fixed the earth on its foundation and the seas that clothe it like a garment.
 At the sound of your voice they rush and tumble; you have marked the bound'ries of their breadth.
4. You make springs break forth in the valleys, giving drink to the beasts of the field, birds that sing from the trees by living waters, rains from heaven's height that nourish the earth.
5. You give plants for the life of your creatures, food for strength, wine for joy, oil for gladness;
 mighty trees, the cedars of Lebanon, where the birds and storks shall make their home.
6. You have made the moon to mark the seasons, told the sun when to rise and when to set.
 You make night for the creatures of the forest, they seek food from the hand of their God.
7. O God, how countless are your works! By your wisdom you fashioned them all.
 All the earth is filled with your creatures, oceans teem with the life you made.

**May be sung in canon.*

Text: Psalm 104; Marty Haugen
 Music: Marty Haugen
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GOSPEL

LUKE 11:37-41

The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

After Jesus had spoken,
a Pharisee invited him to dine at his home.
He entered and reclined at table to eat.
The Pharisee was amazed to see
that he did not observe the prescribed washing before the meal.
The Lord said to him, "Oh you Pharisees!
Although you cleanse the outside of the cup and the dish,
inside you are filled with plunder and evil.
You fools!
Did not the maker of the outside also make the inside?
But as to what is within, give alms,
and behold, everything will be clean for you."

The Word of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

Rev. Barnaby Johns, O.S.A.

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PLEASE STAND

The Servant Song 861



1., 6. Will you let me be your ser - vant, Let me be as
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, We are trav - 'lers
3. I will hold the Christ - light for you In the night - time
4. I will weep when you are weep - ing; When you laugh I'll
5. When we sing to God in heav - en We shall find such



Christ to you; Pray that I may have the grace to
on the road; We are here to help each oth - er
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
har - mo - ny, Born of all we've known to - geth - er



Let you be my ser - vant, too.
Walk the mile and bear the load.
Speak the peace you long to hear.
'Til we've seen this jour - ney through.
Of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

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

All: **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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: It is right and just

SANCTUS

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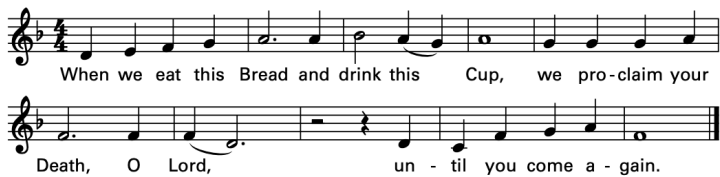


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MYSTERY OF FAITH

WHEN WE EAT THIS BREAD

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GREAT AMEN

AMEN

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COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER 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.

RITE OF PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
All: **And with your spirit.**

FRACTION OF THE BREAD

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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.

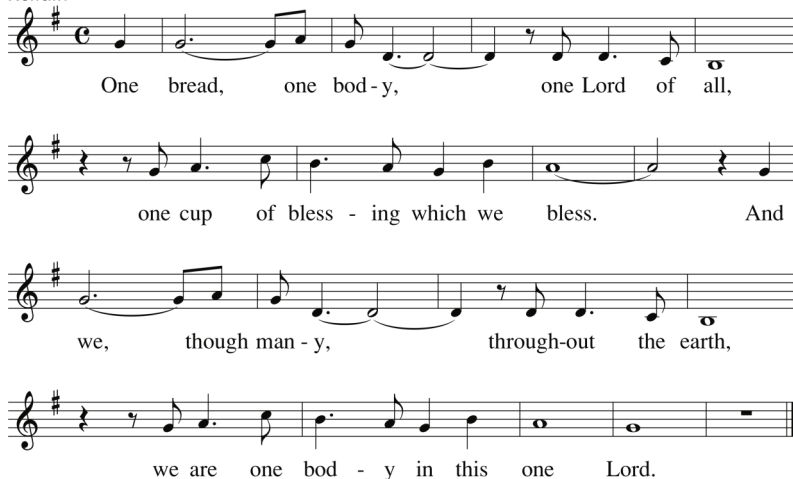
RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

We invite everyone here today to come forward during communion. If you are not Catholic, or are not prepared to receive the Holy Eucharist, please cross your hands over your heart to receive a blessing. Thank you for joining us in this part of the celebration.

COMMUNION HYMN

One Bread, One Body

Refrain



One bread, one bod - y, one Lord of all,
 one cup of bless - ing which we bless. And
 we, though man - y, through-out the earth,
 we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

Verses



1. Gen - tile or Jew, Ser - vant or free,
 2. Man - y the gifts, Man - y the works,
 3. Grain for the fields, Scat-tered and grown,
 D.C.
 Wom - an or man no more.
 One in the Lord of all.
 Gath-ered to one for all.

Text: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, 12:4, 12-13, 20; Galatians 3:28; Ephesians 4:4-6; the *Didache* 9; John Foley, SJ, b.1939
 Tune: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, 4 4 6 with refrain; John Foley, SJ, b.1939
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INTRODUCTION OF CLOSING SPEAKER Justice Gonzalo C. Martinez

CLOSING REMARKS

Justice Martin J. Jenkins

COMMENTS

Michele B. Friend

CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

PLEASE STAND

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.


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

All: Amen.


Celebrant: Go forth, the Mass is ended.

All: Thanks be to God.


Come, Holy Ghost



1. Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And in our
2. O Com - fort - er, to thee we cry, Thou heav'n-ly
3. O Ho - ly Ghost, through thee a - lone Know we the
4. Praise we the Lord, Fa - ther and Son, And Ho - ly



hearts take up thy rest; Come with thy grace
gift of God most high, Thou fount of life,
Fa - ther and the Son; Be this our firm
Spir - it with them one; And may the Son



and heav'n-ly aid To fill the hearts which thou hast
and fire of love, And sweet a - noint - ing from a -
un - chang - ing creed, That thou dost from them both pro -
on us be - stow All gifts that from the Spir - it



made, To fill the hearts which thou hast made.
bove, And sweet a - noint - ing from a - bove.
ceed, That thou dost from them both pro - ceed.
flow, All gifts that from the Spir - it flow.

Text: *Veni Creator Spiritus*; attr. to Rabanus Maurus, 776-856; tr. by Edward Caswall, 1814-1878, alt.
Tune: LAMBILLOTTE, LM with repeat; Louis Lambillotte, SJ, 1796-1855

ABOUT ST. THOMAS MORE

Excerpts from Pope St. John Paul II's Apostolic Letter Issued Motu Proprio Proclaiming St. Thomas More Patron of Statesmen and Politicians; October 31, 2000.

Thomas More had a remarkable political career in his native land. Born in London in 1478 of a respectable family, as a young boy he was placed in the service of the Archbishop of Canterbury, John Morton, Lord Chancellor of the Realm. He then studied law at Oxford and London.

Throughout his life he was an affectionate and faithful husband and father, deeply involved in his children's religious, moral and intellectual education. His house offered a welcome to his children's spouses and his grandchildren, and was always open to his many young friends in search of the truth or of their own calling in life.

Highly esteemed by everyone for his unfailing moral integrity, sharpness of mind, his open and humorous character, and his extraordinary learning, in 1529 at a time of political and economic crisis in the country he was appointed by the King to the post of Lord Chancellor. The first layman to occupy this position, Thomas faced an extremely difficult period, as he sought to serve King and country. In fidelity to his principles, he concentrated on promoting justice and restraining the harmful influence of those who advanced their own interests at the expense of the weak. In 1532, not wishing to support Henry VIII's intention to take control of the Church in England, he resigned. He withdrew from public life, resigning himself to suffering poverty with his family and being deserted by many people who, in the moment of trial, proved to be false friends. Given his inflexible firmness in rejecting any compromise with his own conscience, in 1534 the King had him imprisoned in the Tower of London. At his trial, he made an impassioned defense of the freedom of the Church in her relations with the State. Condemned by the Court, he was beheaded.

The harmony between the natural and the supernatural is perhaps the element which more than any other defines the personality of this great English statesman: he lived his intense public life with a simple humility marked by good humor, even at the moment of his execution. His profound detachment from honors and wealth, his serene and joyful humility, his balanced knowledge of human nature and of the vanity of success, his certainty of judgment rooted in faith: these all gave him that confident inner strength that sustained him in adversity and in the face of death. His sanctity shone forth in his martyrdom, but it had been prepared by an entire life of work devoted to God and neighbor.

2025 RED MASS SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

His Excellency Archbishop José H. Gomez

Most Reverend José H. Gomez is the Archbishop of Los Angeles, the nation's largest Catholic community. In his ministry, Archbishop Gomez encourages people to follow Jesus Christ with joy and simplicity of life, seeking to serve God and their neighbors in their ordinary daily activities. Archbishop Gomez has been a voice of compassion and reason on moral and spiritual issues in American public life and culture.

Fr. Barnaby Johns O.S.A.

A convert at sixteen, Fr. Barnaby Johns attended The Oratory, a school founded by St. John Henry Newman. As an Augustinian Friar, he was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Robert Barron in October 2020 on the campus of Villanova Preparatory School in Ojai. Originally from Great Britain, Fr. Barnaby's extensive academic journey includes studies in Rome, London, St. Andrews, and San Francisco, where he earned master's degrees in both Biblical Studies and Catholic School Education. In the education field, he taught in the classroom and worked in administration for ten years before being elected as Prior Provincial of the Province of St. Augustine in California in 2024.

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The Honorable Martin J. Jenkins

Justice Martin J. Jenkins was confirmed as an Associate Justice of the California Supreme Court on November 10, 2020, following his appointment by Governor Gavin Newsom. Previously, he served as Senior Judicial Appointments Advisor to Governor Newsom. Preceding his work for Governor Newsom, he served as an Associate Justice of the California Court of Appeal. Justice Jenkins' judicial experience includes service as a federal district judge for the Northern District of California; he was appointed by President William Clinton in May 1997 and confirmed by the United States Senate in November 1997. Earlier, he served as a trial judge on the Municipal and Superior Courts in Alameda County.

After graduating from Santa Clara University and before entering the University of San Francisco (USF) School of Law, Justice Jenkins was briefly employed as a player by the NFL's Seattle Seahawks. He obtained his law degree from USF in May 1980, when he received the Judge Harold J. Haley Award for "exceptional distinction in scholarship, character, and activities." After graduation, Justice Jenkins worked as a prosecutor for the Alameda County District Attorney's Office. He subsequently served as a trial attorney for the United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division-Criminal Section in Washington D.C., and later was an attorney in Pacific Bell's Legal Department where he handled a wide variety of litigation matters.

Justice Jenkins has been the recipient of numerous awards, including The St. Thomas More Award, presented annually by the St. Thomas More Society of San Francisco, "In Recognition of His Distinguished Record of Service and Dedication to His Church, His Community, and His Family," and the Children's Advocacy Award, presented by Legal Services for Children, San Francisco, for "Outstanding leadership in public policy that protects children and youth from abuse and exploitation." In 2018, the USF Board of Trustees conferred upon Justice Jenkins an honorary degree, "The Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters Honoris Causa." The American Inns of Courts named Justice Jenkins its 2022 recipient of the Lewis F. Powell Jr. Award for Professionalism and Ethics.

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ABOUT THE RED MASS

The Red Mass is traditionally held at the opening of the judicial year and is attended by judges, lawyers, 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. In Washington D.C., the Red Mass opens the new term of the U.S. Supreme Court at the Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle.

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