

**Pulpit Announcements  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  
November 28, 2021**

**Welcome to all who are here to worship with us.**

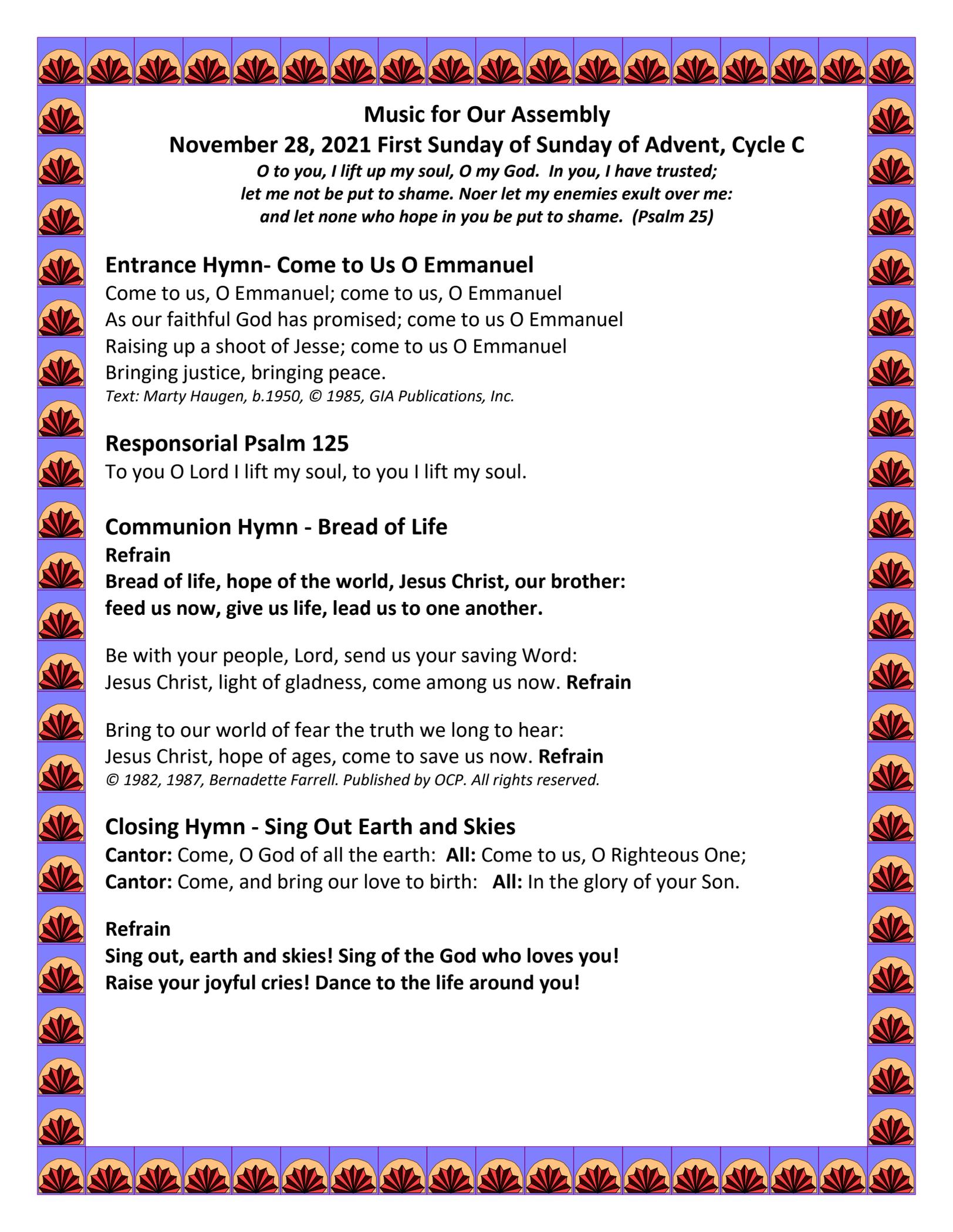
**Today, the first Sunday of Advent**

**and the first Sunday of our new liturgical year**

**Whoever you may be, or wherever you find yourself on the journey, know that here at St. Matthias, All Are Welcome.**

- You won't want to miss the Christmas Tree lighting next Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> after the 5pm Mass. Join us outside near the manger for this spectacular event.
- The Liturgy Committee at St. Matthias wants you to be a Christmas Angel. See the bulletin on page 8 for information on help needed for our Christmas liturgies. If you are a Eucharistic Minister or Hospitality Minister who has not returned to the ministry, we'd love to have you back this Christmas.
- It's back...The St. Matthias Christmas Craft Fair is next Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 9am until 2pm in the cafeteria. All are welcome to drop by to do some Christmas shopping.
- On Saturday and Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, SMYLE is collecting items to prepare Blessings Bags for the homeless served by Unity Square in New Brunswick. Items needed include socks, gloves, hats, scarves, toothbrushes and toothpaste, toilet paper, Dunkin Donut gift cards and Chapstick. And if you are aged 12-18, SMYLE needs YOU to help prepare the bags Sunday, Dec 12<sup>th</sup> from 4-5:30pm in the school cafeteria. No sign-up is needed. Just show up. Whomever you are – adult or youth, ALL ARE WELCOME to support these efforts to help those in need.
- Skip the weekend store and online sales, but don't forget Giving Tuesday at St. Matthias. This year's campaign is featured on the bulletin cover. No donation is too big or too small.
- Our Giving Tree is once again virtual this year. The tree in the church is a visible reminder that we are committed to serving the community through your generosity. Gifts purchased online should be shipped directly to the organizations. Gift cards purchased in stores can be placed in the collection baskets until December 12<sup>th</sup>. For more information see page 10 of the bulletin.

**Today, a single flame burning on our Advent Wreath candles may seem small and insignificant against a background of world events and even our own lives. But let us all gaze on this one little flickering flame with the great hope that this season offers to us through the promises God makes to us all.**



## Music for Our Assembly

November 28, 2021 First Sunday of Sunday of Advent, Cycle C

*O to you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted;  
let me not be put to shame. Noer let my enemies exult over me:  
and let none who hope in you be put to shame. (Psalm 25)*

### Entrance Hymn- Come to Us O Emmanuel

Come to us, O Emmanuel; come to us, O Emmanuel  
As our faithful God has promised; come to us O Emmanuel  
Raising up a shoot of Jesse; come to us O Emmanuel  
Bringing justice, bringing peace.

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### Responsorial Psalm 125

To you O Lord I lift my soul, to you I lift my soul.

### Communion Hymn - Bread of Life

#### Refrain

**Bread of life, hope of the world, Jesus Christ, our brother:  
feed us now, give us life, lead us to one another.**

Be with your people, Lord, send us your saving Word:  
Jesus Christ, light of gladness, come among us now. **Refrain**

Bring to our world of fear the truth we long to hear:  
Jesus Christ, hope of ages, come to save us now. **Refrain**

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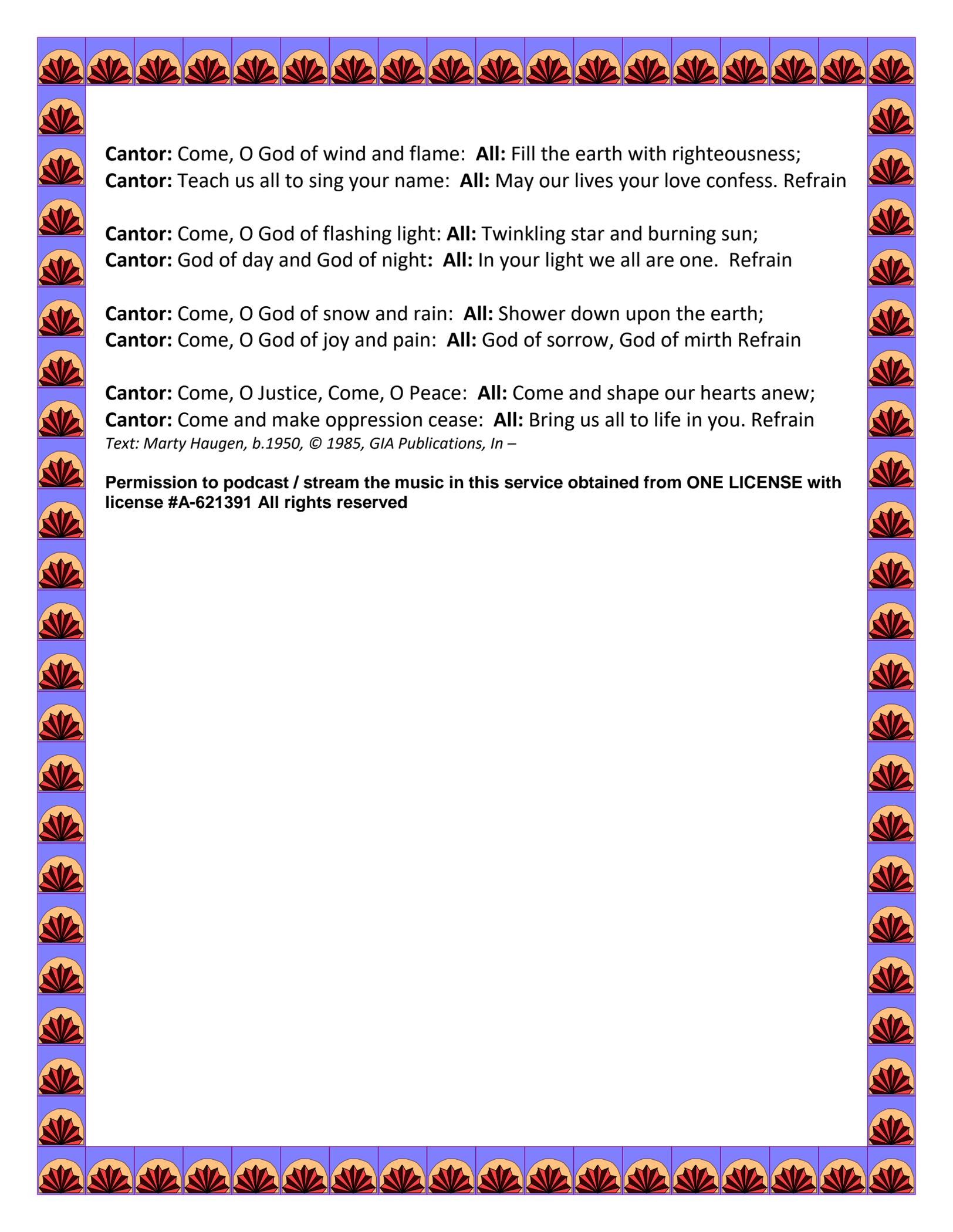
### Closing Hymn - Sing Out Earth and Skies

**Cantor:** Come, O God of all the earth: **All:** Come to us, O Righteous One;

**Cantor:** Come, and bring our love to birth: **All:** In the glory of your Son.

#### Refrain

**Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who loves you!  
Raise your joyful cries! Dance to the life around you!**



**Cantor:** Come, O God of wind and flame: **All:** Fill the earth with righteousness;  
**Cantor:** Teach us all to sing your name: **All:** May our lives your love confess. Refrain

**Cantor:** Come, O God of flashing light: **All:** Twinkling star and burning sun;  
**Cantor:** God of day and God of night: **All:** In your light we all are one. Refrain

**Cantor:** Come, O God of snow and rain: **All:** Shower down upon the earth;  
**Cantor:** Come, O God of joy and pain: **All:** God of sorrow, God of mirth Refrain

**Cantor:** Come, O Justice, Come, O Peace: **All:** Come and shape our hearts anew;  
**Cantor:** Come and make oppression cease: **All:** Bring us all to life in you. Refrain

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## PRAYERS FOR THE MASS

### **GLORIA**

***Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.***

**We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father.**

***Glory to God...***

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**

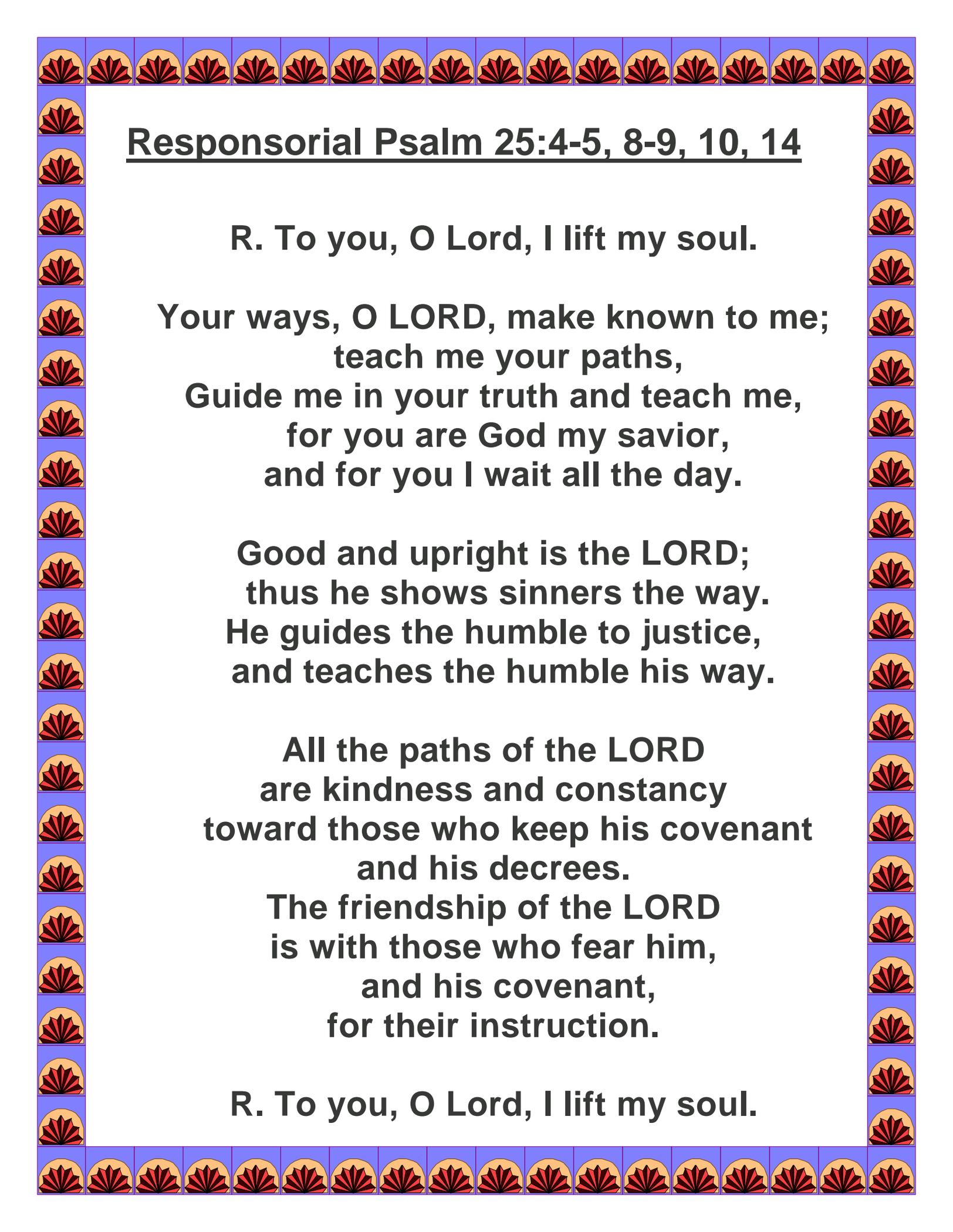
***Glory to God...***

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

***Glory to God...***

### **CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**



**Responsorial Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14**

**R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

**Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;  
teach me your paths,  
Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my savior,  
and for you I wait all the day.**

**Good and upright is the LORD;  
thus he shows sinners the way.  
He guides the humble to justice,  
and teaches the humble his way.**

**All the paths of the LORD  
are kindness and constancy  
toward those who keep his covenant  
and his decrees.**

**The friendship of the LORD  
is with those who fear him,  
and his covenant,  
for their instruction.**

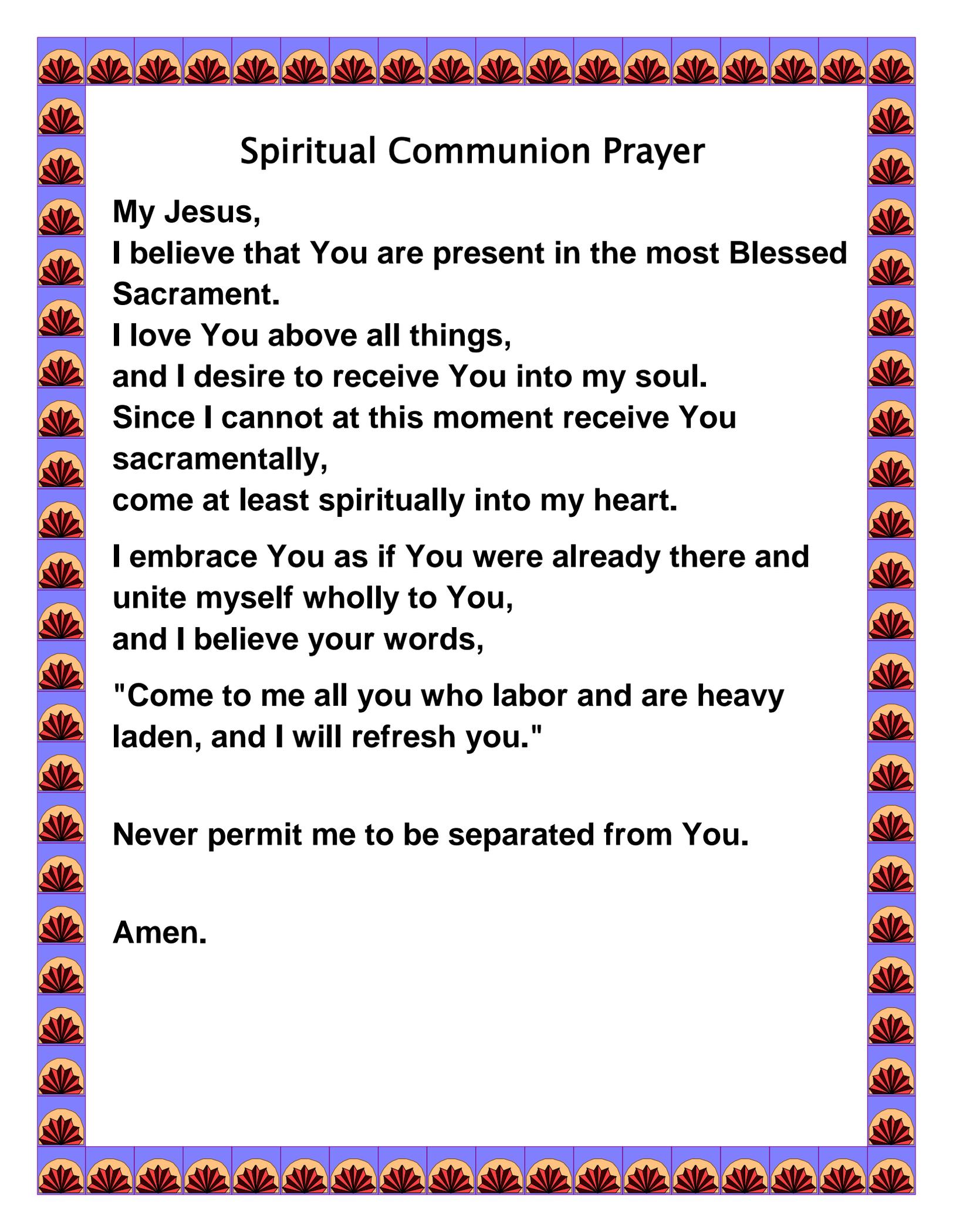
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**Prayer of the Faithful  
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**Our response: Lord of longing, hear our prayer**

- 1. For the holy shepherds of our church and for each of us assembled here...Help us to be untiring examples to others of how we should conduct ourselves in order to please God, we pray...**
- 2. For the leaders of all nations...That they turn to you for their teaching of what is right and just so we may dwell in societies that are not only safe, secure but also reflective of Your love and Your peace, we pray...**
- 3. For those who are experiencing trials and tribulations, of sickness, poverty, grief, addiction, imprisonment or abuse...Show them Your paths of compassion, healing and peace and love, we pray...**
- 4. For the faithfully departed, especially Barbara Coan, Alma Garcia, and Dolores Pasquerelli...Let them now draw water with joy at Your fountain of salvation and remove every judgement against them as You welcome them into Your Kingdom of Joy, we pray...**
- 5. For the intentions in the hearts of all those in this assembly (LONG PAUSE)..., we pray...**

**PRIEST: THIS MASS IS BEING SAID FOR \_\_\_\_\_**



## **Spiritual Communion Prayer**

**My Jesus,**

**I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.**

**I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.**

**Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.**

**I embrace You as if You were already there and  
unite myself wholly to You,  
and I believe your words,**

**"Come to me all you who labor and are heavy laden,  
and I will refresh you."**

**Never permit me to be separated from You.**

**Amen.**