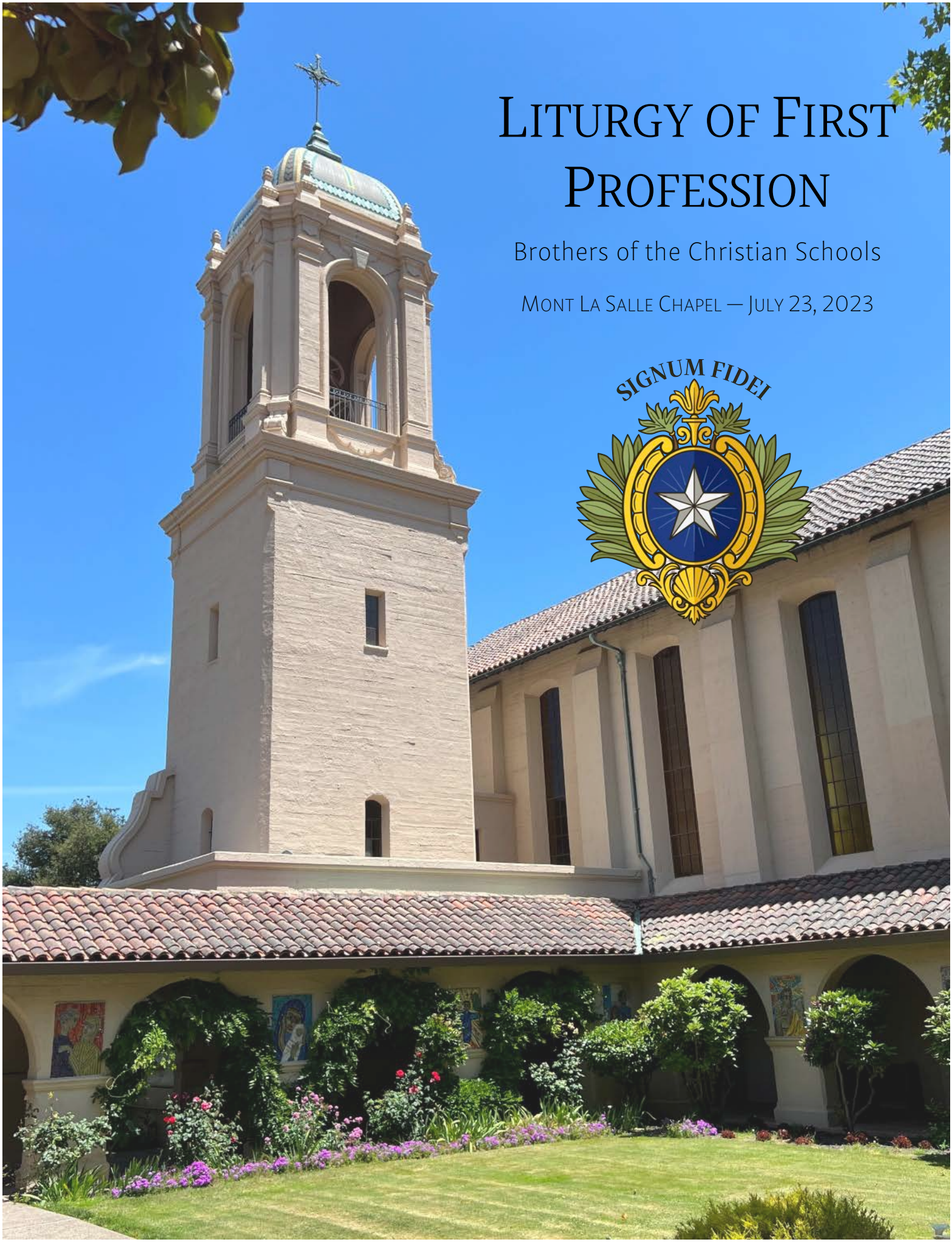

Liturgy of First Profession

Brothers of the Christian Schools

Mont La Salle Chapel — July 23, 2023

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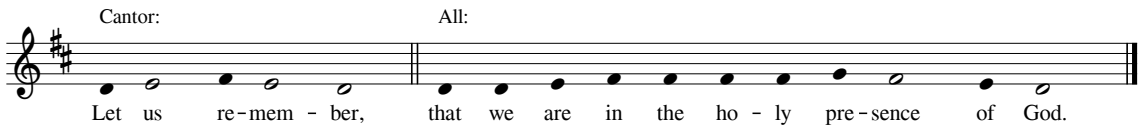
INTRODUCTORY RITE

Prelude

Call to Worship



Welcome

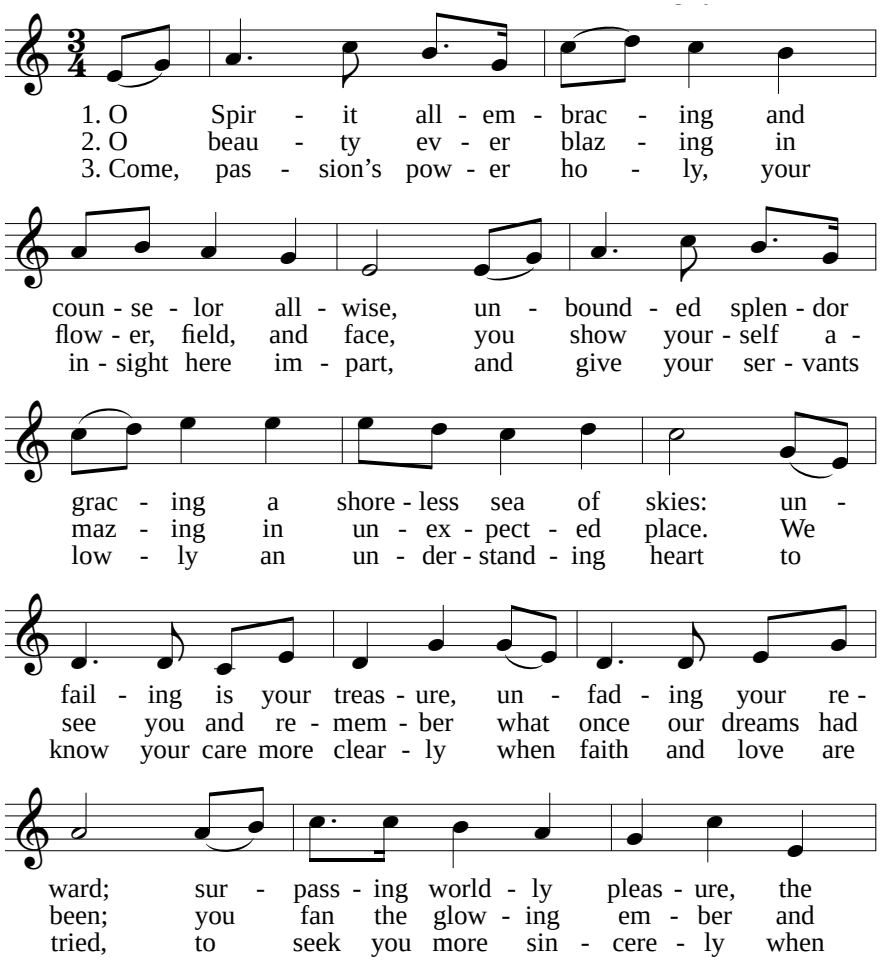
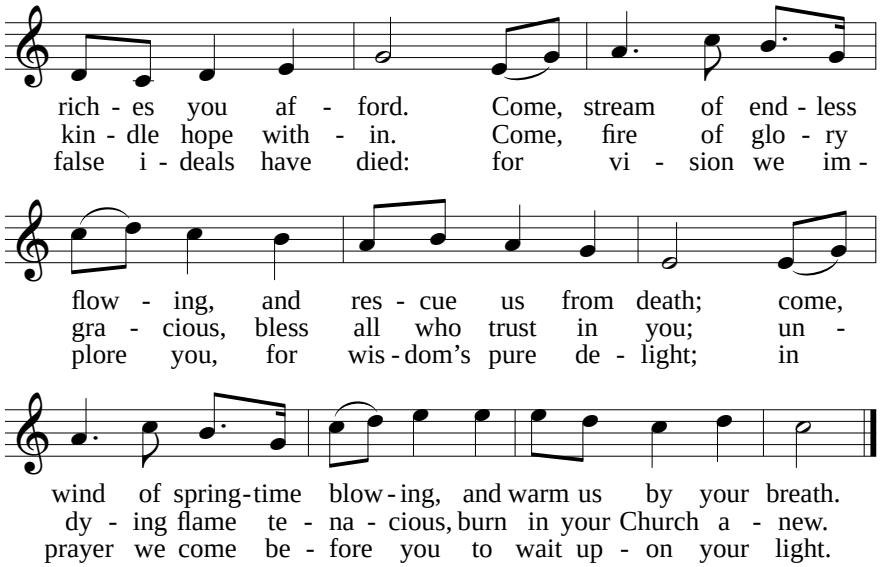
Brother Christopher Brady, FSC
Auxiliary Visitor

Remarks

Brother Steven Vasoli, FSC
RELAN Novitiate, Director

Gathering Song

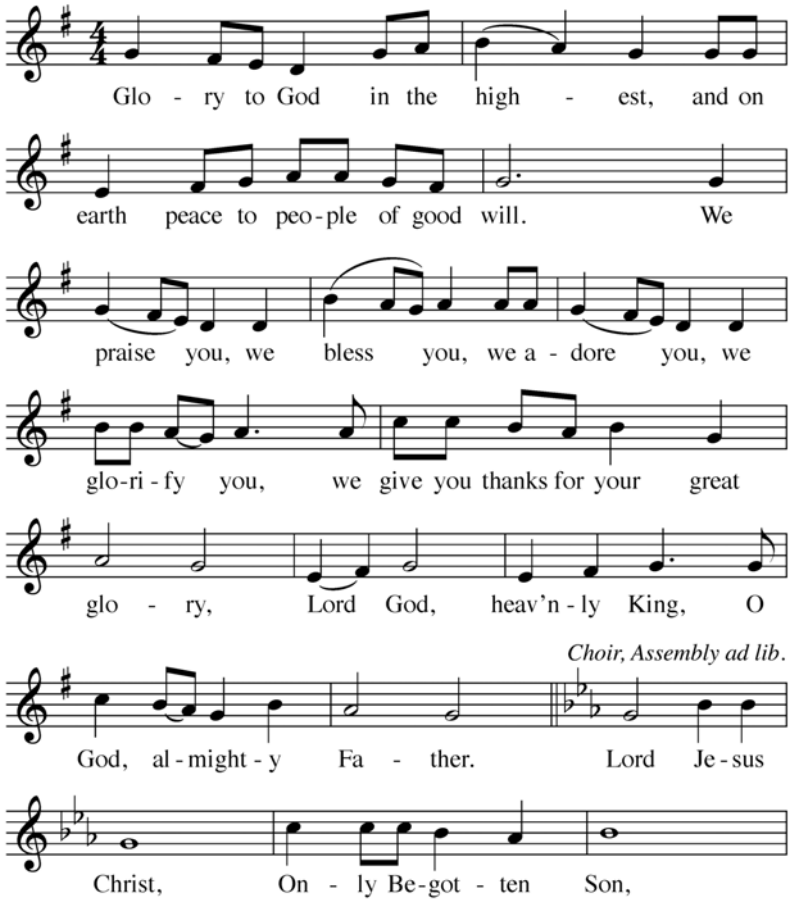
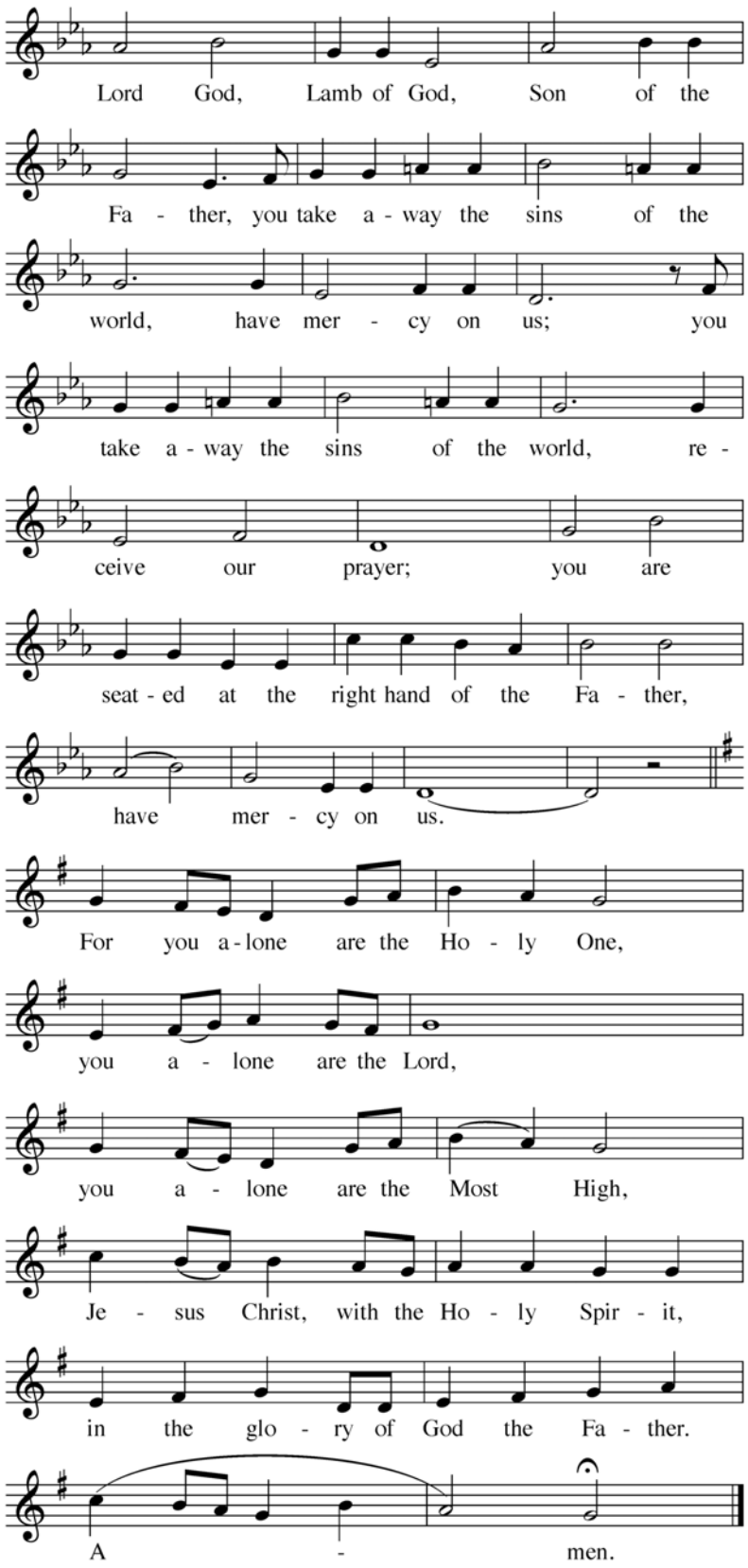
O Spirit All Embracing



Rite for the Blessing and Sprinkling of Water

Invitation to Prayer

As the Presider sprinkles the community, the Gloria is sung.

Gloria

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Fa - ther, you take a - way the sins of the
world, have mer - cy on us; you
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For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High,
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
A - men.

Collect

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Brother Chris Patiño, FSC
General Councilor

Jeremiah 1.4-10

The word of the LORD came to me—
Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
before you were born I dedicated you,
a prophet to the nations I appointed you.

"Ah, Lord GOD!" I said, "I do not know how to speak. I am too young!"

But the LORD answered me, 'Do not say, "I am too young." To whomever I send you, you shall go; whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you—oracle of the LORD.'

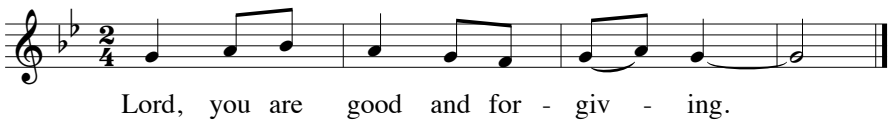
Then the LORD extended his hand and touched my mouth, saying to me,
'See, I place my words in your mouth! Today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to uproot and to tear down, to destroy and to demolish, to build and to plant.'

The Word of the Lord.

All— Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Brother David Caretti, FSC
Cantor

Psalm 86

Second Reading

Brother Edmond Larouche, FSC

Romans 8.26-27

Brothers and sisters —
The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit, himself, intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.

The Word of the Lord.

All— Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Jeremiah 1.4-10

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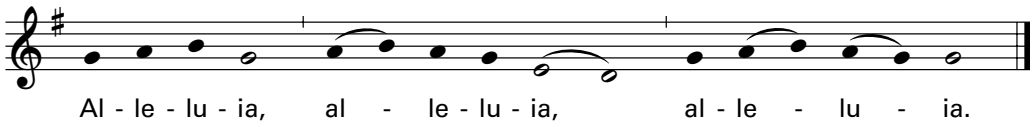

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Gospel

Matthew 13.31-34

Jesus said to his Disciples,
"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field.
It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants.
It becomes a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.'"

He spoke to them another parable.
"The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All— Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

RITE OF PROFESSION

Calling

Brother Steven Vasoli, FSC
RELAN Novitiate, Director

The profession of the vows of religious consecration are a response to the call of the Gospel.

Brother Steven — Brother Halen and Brother Matthew, having heard in Scripture the word of God, which has called you to a special way of life as a religious Brother, what do you ask of God and the Church?

Novices — I ask for God's merciful love and for the grace of serving God in this religious community of the Brothers of the Christian Schools.

All Brothers — Thanks be to God.

Homily

Fr. Rico Hernandez, IVDei

Examination

Brother Nick Gonzalez, FSC
Visitor

'The consecration of the Brothers expresses the richness of baptism in a distinctive way which complements other forms of Christian life.' (Rule 24) Before profession, the Brother Novices are questioned by the Brother Visitor to express in ritual and in public, their readiness to profess their vows.

Brother Visitor — Brothers, at baptism, by water and the Holy Spirit, you have already been consecrated to God's service. are you resolved to unite yourself more closely to Him by the bonds of religious profession?

Novices — I am.

Brother Visitor — In your desire to follow Christ wholeheartedly, are you resolved to live in chastity for the sake of the kingdom of heaven, to choose a life of poverty, and the offering of obedience?

Novices — I am.

Brother Visitor — Are you resolved to live with our Brothers in Association for the Service of the Poor through Education, and to maintain Stability in the Institute?

Novices — I am.

Brother Visitor — May Almighty God grant you the grace to fulfill what you resolve. We who are gathered here pray for this, through Christ our Lord.

All — Amen.

Prayer for God's Grace

Profession

'In response to the personal call of the Holy Spirit, the Brothers consecrate themselves entirely to the Most Holy Trinity. … By this total gift of their lives they manifest their confidene in the love of God for them and for those who will be entrusted to them. (Rule 23)

MOST HOLY TRINITY, FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT,
prostrate with the most profound respect
before your infinite and adorable majesty,
I consecrate myself entirely to you
to procure your glory as far as I shall be able
and as you will require of me.

For this purpose, I …
promise and vow to unite myself,
and to remain in society,
with the Brothers of the Christian Schools
who are associated to conduct,
together and by association,
schools for the service of the poor,
to go wherever I may be sent,
and to do whatever I shall be assigned,
either by the Body of the Society, or by its Superiors.

Wherefore, I promise and vow
association for the service of the poor through education,
stability in the Institute,
obedience, chastity, and poverty,
in accordance with the Bull of Approbation and the Rule of the Institute.

I promise to keep these vows faithfully for a period of one year.

In testimony thereof, I have signed. Done at Mont La Salle, Napa, California, on July 23 in the year of Our Lord 2023.

Following the professions, the newly vowed sign their names in the vow register of the Brothers, and they are welcomed by Brother Visitor.

Prayer of the Faithful

Brother Jonathan Cord, FSC
Brother Mariano Lopez, FSC

After each petition, the response is —

All— Lord, hear our prayer.

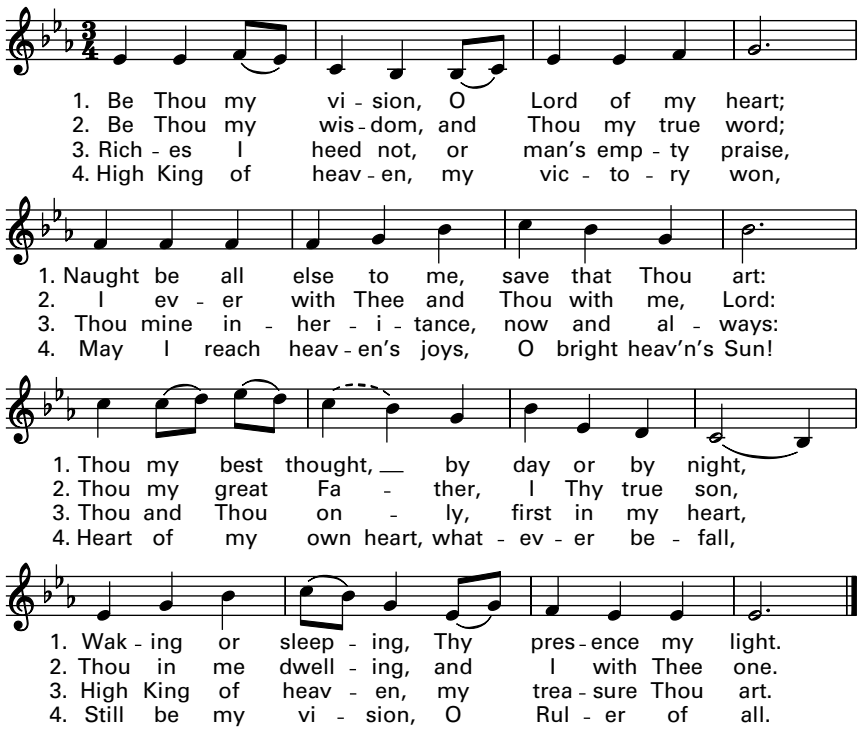
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts

The gifts will be processed by the family members of our newly professed Brothers—Joyce & Michael Chiantella and Angie Gamino.

Preparation Song

Be Thou My Vision



Eucharistic Prayer

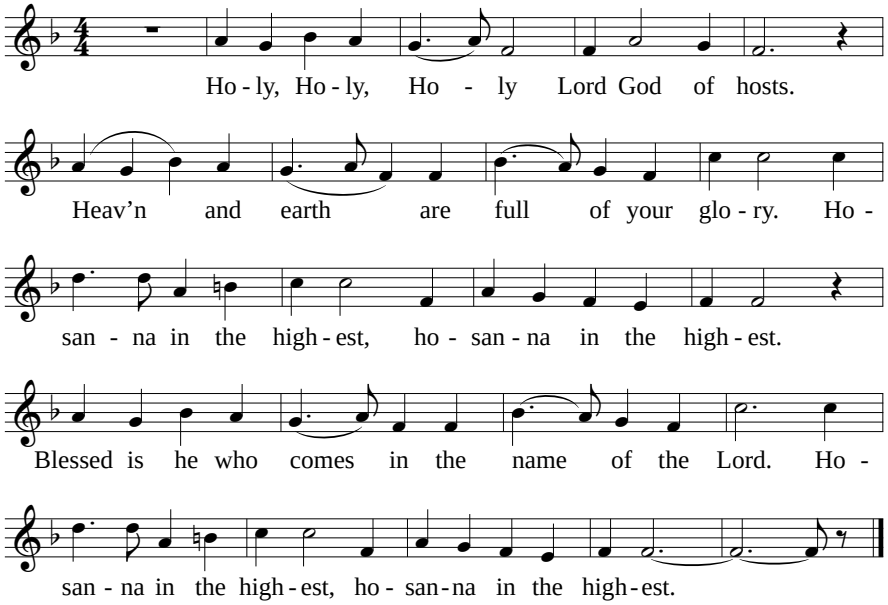
What Jesus Christ expects of you in the Holy Eucharist
is for your soul to forget itself completely in his presence
at the thought of this God of love.

De La Salle — Med 47.3

Preface for Religious Profession

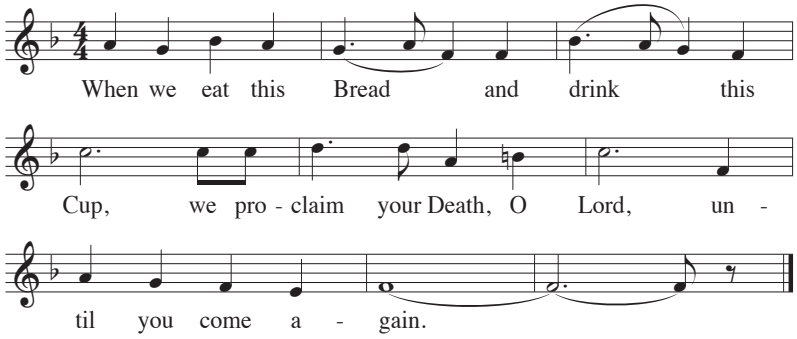
Sanctus

Community Mass



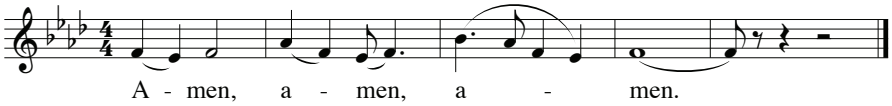
Memorial Acclamation

Community Mass



Doxology and the Great Amen

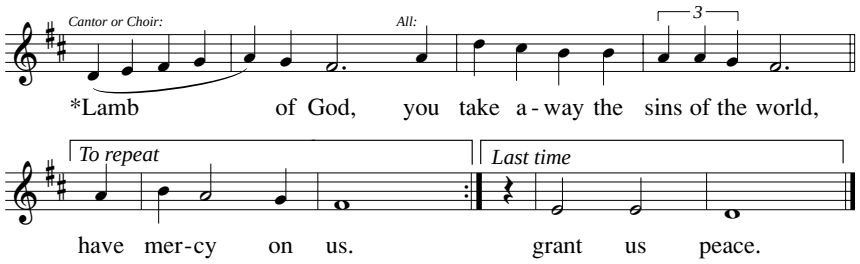
Community Mass

Presider— Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.

COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer & The Sign of Peace

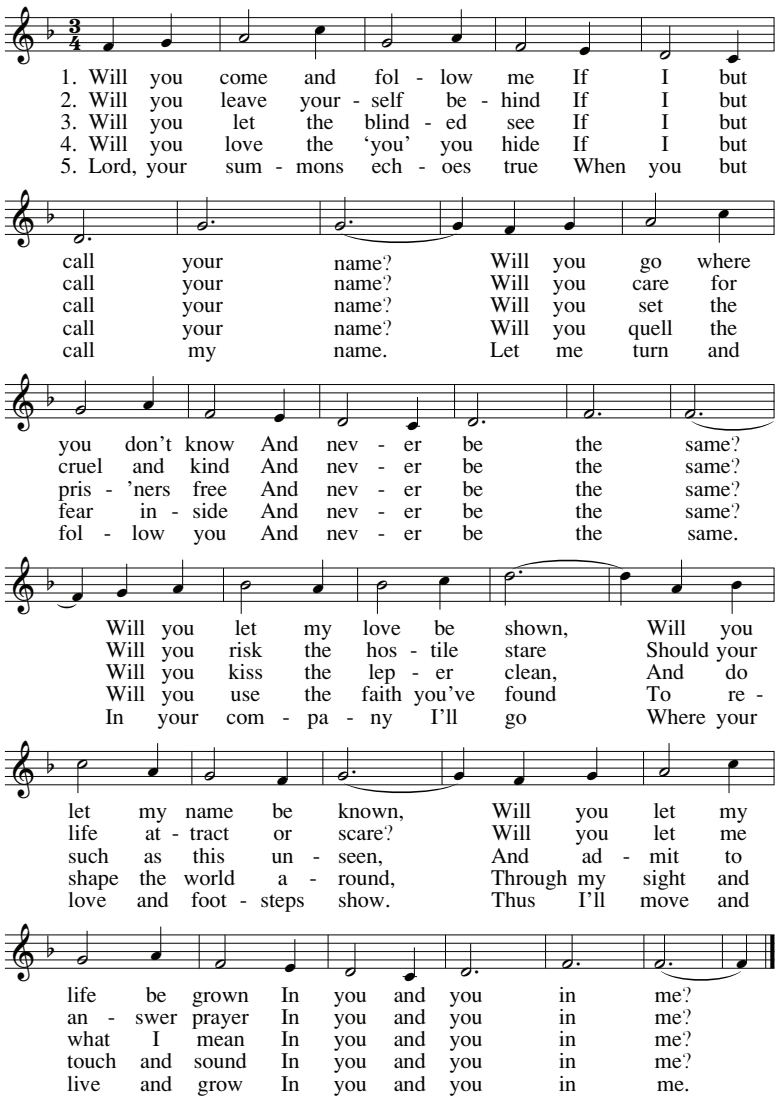
The Lamb of God

Holy Cross Mass



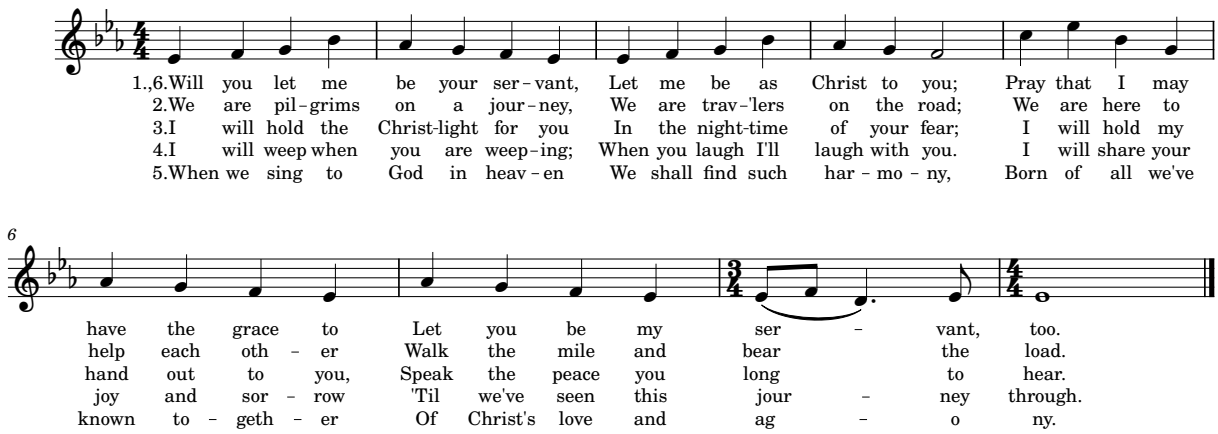
Communion Song

The Summons



Post-Communion Reflection Song

The Servant Song



Prayer after Communion

CONCLUDING RITE

Presider— The Lord be with you.

All— And with your spirit.

Presider— The hearts of your faithful submitted to your name,
entreat your help, O Lord, and since without you they can do nothing
that is just, grant by your abundant mercy that they may both know
what is right and receive all that they need for their good.

All— Amen.

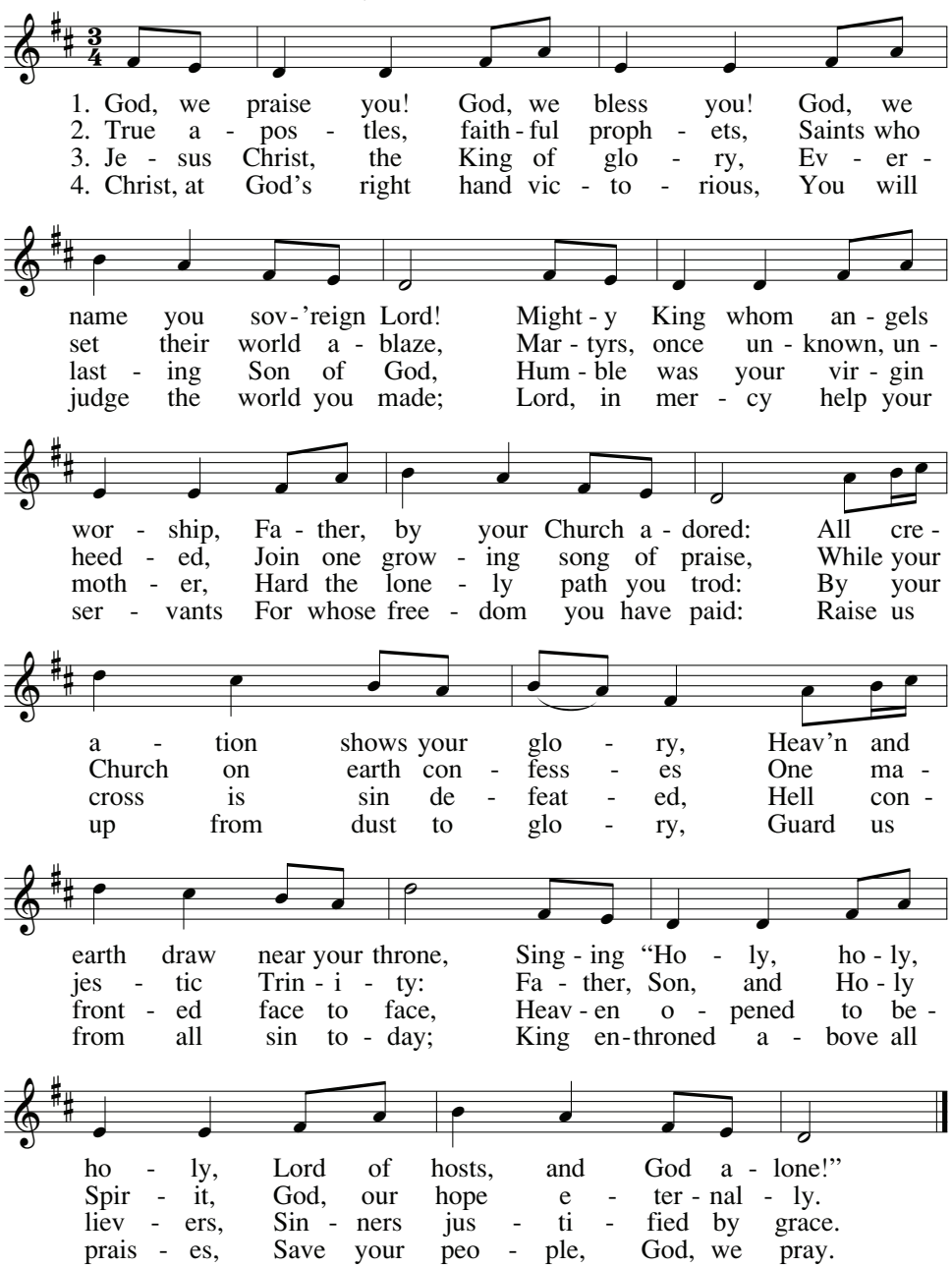
Presider— And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

All— Amen.

Presider— Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

All— Thanks be to God.

Concluding Song



The consecration of the Brothers…gives meaning to the specific activities which it inspires, and gives unity to all the moments of their life. It is for all a constant sign that the work to which they are committee is the work of God. (Rule 24)

With Gratitude

Presider & Homilist	Father Rico Hernandez, IVDei
Reception of Vows	Brother Nick Gonzalez, FSC
Welcome	Brother Christopher Brady, FSC
Remarks & Questioning	Brother Steven Vasoli, FSC
Cantor	Brother David Caretti, FSC
Crucifer	Brother Rafael Rodriguez, FSC
Acolyte	Brother Emmet Sinitiere, FSC
Lector 1	Brother Chris Patiño, FSC
Lector 2	Brother Edmond Larouche, FSC
Petitioners	Brother Jonathan Cord, FSC Brother Mariano Lopez, FSC
Gift Bearers	Angie Gamino, Joyce Chiantella, and Michael Chiantella
Eucharistic Ministers	Brother Mark Murphy, FSC Brother Tim Coldwell, FSC Brother V. Kenneth, FSC
Sacristan	Brother Stanislaus Campbell, FSC
Worship Aid	Brother David Caretti, FSC
Organist	Gregory Bietz

Do not forget to thank God for his many blessings.

De La Salle — Letter 76

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The Spirit of this Institute is, then, first, a spirit of faith, which should induce those who compose it not to look upon anything but with the eyes of faith, not to do anything but in view of God, and to attribute all to God. (De La Salle — 1705 Rule)

RELAN Novitiate Community 2022—2023

Brother Michael French, FSC, sub-director; Brother Matthew Chiantella, FSC; Brother Halen Gamino, FSC; and Brother Steven Vasoli, FSC, director.

Brother Matthew Chiantella, FSC — Brother Matthew grew up in New Orleans, Louisiana and previously taught at De La Salle High School, New Orleans and Saint Mary's College High School, Berkeley. He lived in the Saint Mary's College High School community for Aspirancy and Postulancy. He will be the Director of Student Life at San Miguel High School, Tucson.

Brother Halen Gamino, FSC — Brother Halen grew up in Fresno, California, graduated from Saint Mary's College of California and lived in the community at Cathedral High School, El Paso during his Aspirancy and Postulancy. Brother Halen will teach at Cathedral High School, Los Angeles as a math teacher.

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