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Diamond Jubilee Liturgy

Entered the BVM Congregation on February 2, 1954

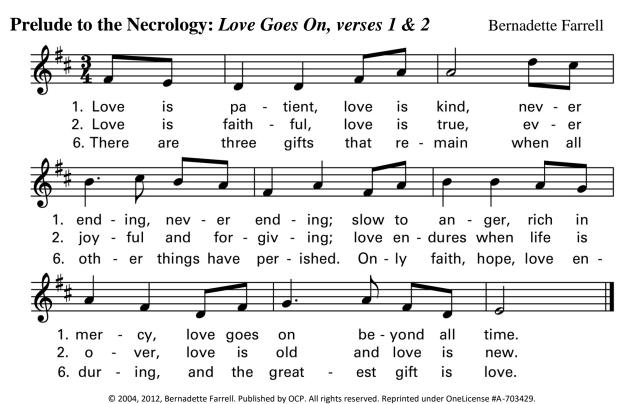
Alice Kerker

Entered the BVM Congregation on September 8, 1954

Marie Corr
Lois Dolphin
Joan Fitzgerald
Bertha Fox
Edna Mae Knudsen
Louise Levandowski
Mary Martens
Eileen Powell
Jane Rogers
Mary Sattgast

September 8, 2024
Mary Frances Clarke Chapel
Mount Carmel Bluffs
Dubuque, Iowa

As a residence for seniors, it is our custom to remain seated during the liturgy.

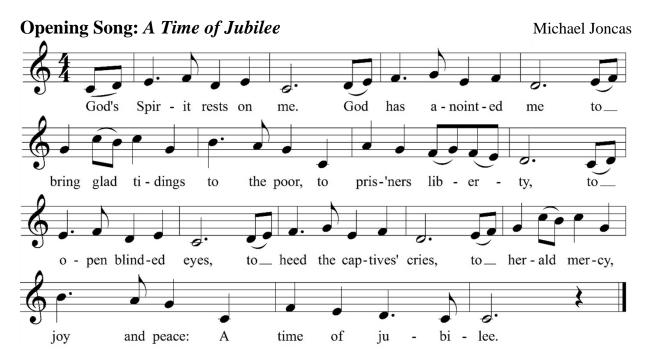


Necrology of the Diamond Jubilee Sets

Response to each name: BE WITH US.

Joan Buckett Patricia Mahoney Patricia Ann Perko
Nicholas Catrambone Mary Murphy Berta Sailer
Viviana Harman Maureen O'Brien Otilie Sana
Mary Jamesita Keller Mary Margaret O'Shea Elizabeth Ann Wilbers

Conclusion to the Necrology: Love Goes On, verse 6

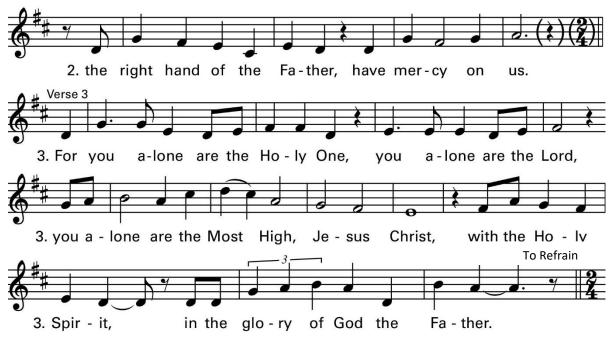


Welcome: Kathy Kandefer, BVM

Presider: Rev. Kevin Dilworth, SJ, chaplain at Xavier Convent in Phoenix, AZ

Introductory Rites





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Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: from Isaiah 43:1-5

Thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, and formed you, O Israel:

Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name: you are mine.

When you pass through the water, I will be with you;

in the rivers you shall not drown.

When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned;

the flames shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your savior...

You are precious in my eyes and glorious and I love you...

Fear not, for I am with you.



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Second Reading: from BVM Constitutions 1 & 2

God, who is love, has called us to follow Jesus Christ as Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary....
Throughout our history, we believe that God has called us to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ in community.
A spirit of inner freedom, characteristic of Mary, Mother of the Church, and of Mary Frances Clarke, our foundress, continues to animate us in our mission of freedom expressed in ministries of education, justice and peace.

A word from our BVM Constitutions. Thanks be to God.







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Gospel Reading: Luke 1: 39-47

The Visitation of Mary and Elizabeth

Reflection: Mary Martens, BVM

Devotional Renewal of Vows

All BVM Sisters join the Jubilarians in renewal of vows.

As Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we are women who have been touched by God's steadfast love. In response to that love, we are moved to commit ourselves to a vowed life of faithfulness to the Lord, faithfulness to one another in community, faithfulness to God's people, especially the poor.

Loving God, in union with Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we dedicate our lives to you as Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

We renew our vows of consecrated celibacy, poverty and obedience lived in community with our sisters according to our Constitutions. Aware of our individual and corporate limitations, we trust that you who have begun this work in us will bring it to completion.

Universal Prayer

Presider: Trusting in God's steadfast love, let us offer our prayers.

+ In thanksgiving for our Diamond Jubilarians: for God's blessings to them throughout these 70 years, and for their faithfulness to God's call, we pray:

LOVING GOD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

- + For the women who entered with us on February 2 and September 8, 1954, and subsequently chose another path in life, may they always know our love and gratitude for their presence in our lives, we pray:
- + For all who have surrounded us with love, support and care in difficult and challenging times, and for all the people who have graced and enriched our lives, we pray:

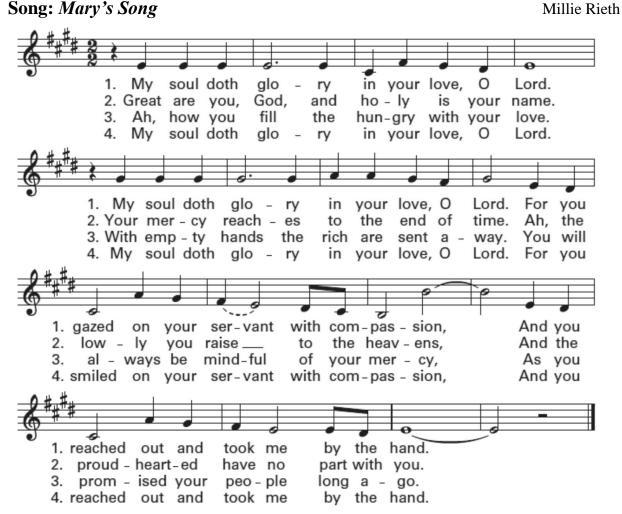
- + For the women of wisdom and courage who have led the BVM Congregation throughout our history, especially during these past 70 years, and for those in leadership today who are guiding us into our ever-changing future, we pray:
- + For people everywhere suffering from floods, fires and other disasters, for those displaced by war, famine and persecution, and for all who reach out to help those in need, we pray:
- + For the leaders and people of all nations, and especially for the leaders who will be elected this year in our country: may they all work unitedly to promote true justice, mitigate the destructive effects of climate change, and bring an end to fear and violence, we pray:
- + For all who support our BVM life and mission, and for all those who have asked us to pray for them, we pray:

Presider: Loving God, hear the prayers of your people, and free our hearts to bring your compassion to all in need.

We ask this in the name of Jesus and in the power of your Holy Spirit, who are one with you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Eucharist

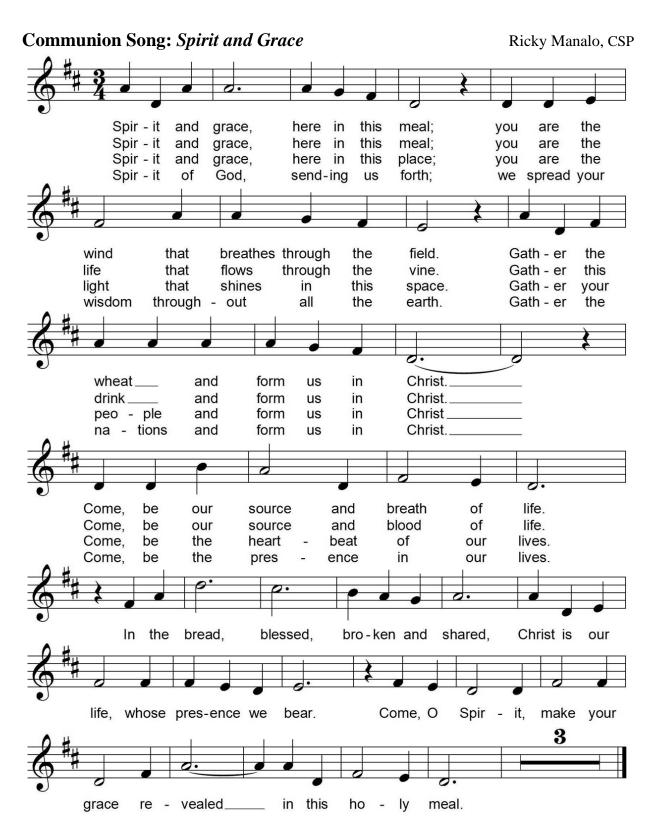
Presentation of Gifts by Jubilarians



Eucharistic Acclamations & Lamb of God:



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Community Blessing: May God Bless and Keep You

Christopher Walker

Please extend your hands in blessing over the Jubilarians as we sing.





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Closing Song: Praise Be to Thee, O Lord

Sister Mary Rafael Bird, BVM

Praise be to Thee, O Lord, King of glory everlasting.

The Lord doth reign, let the earth rejoice.

Sing joyfully unto the Lord our King,

Let the sea be moved and the fullness thereof!

The mountains shall rejoice at the presence of the Lord.

Sing joyfully to God, all the earth; sing, rejoice, and give praise.

Sing and rejoice, sing and give praise, sing ye, rejoice and give praise!

The King of Kings sits upon His starry throne,

Praise ye Him, Praise ye Him!

The King of Kings sits upon His starry throne, praise ye Him!

Praise be to Thee, O Lord, King of glory everlasting. Amen. Amen.

Trumpet Postlude

The Jubilarians will process out during the Postlude, pausing to acknowledge our broadcast and livestream congregation.

Those who will be joining the Jubilarians for dinner in St. Joseph Hall, take the Vista elevator to the 2^{nd} floor and turn right to get to St. Joseph Hall.

Ringing of the Prairie Bell

You will hear the bell faintly as you exit the chapel. For a fuller sound, walk straight out towards the Motherhouse hallway. For the full experience, turn left and walk to the center stairwell.