



A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF FR. GREG ROMANSKI

Saturday, June 27, 2020
St. Austin Catholic Church

*“What kind of people choose a religious vocation for their life’s work?
Are they uncommonly holy, unusually saint-like? No!
They are people who make mistakes, people who aren’t afraid to be human
while in God’s service. They are people with the courage to touch lives, hearts,
and souls of others in a world that seems full of discouragement.”*

OPENING RITE

OPENING SONG

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come
2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be -
3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I



un - to me and rest; Lay down, O wea - ry
hold, I free - ly give The liv - ing wa - ter;
am this dark world's light; Look un - to me, your



one, lay down Your head up - on my breast." I
thirst - y one, Stoop down, and drink, and live." I
morn shall rise, And all your day be bright." I



came to Je - sus as I was, So
came to Je - sus, and I drank Of
looked to Je - sus, and I found In



wea - ry, worn, and sad; I found in him a
that life - giv - ing stream; My thirst was quenched, my
him my star, my sun; And in that light of



rest - ing place, And he has made me glad.
soul re - vived, And now I live in him.
life I'll walk Till trav - 'ling days are done.

COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)

Please be seated after the prayer.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

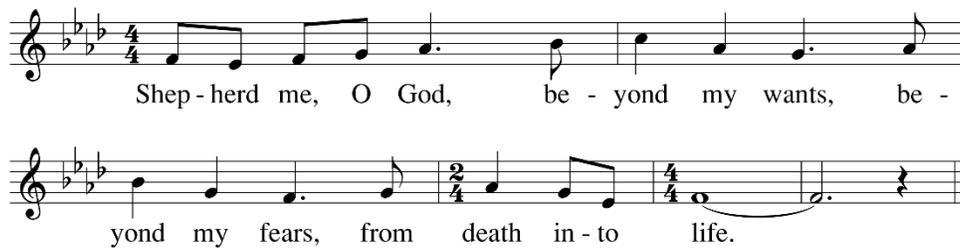
FIRST READING – WISDOM 3:1-6, 9

Read by James Romanski & Margaret Knott

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace. For if before men, indeed they be punished, yet is their hope full of immortality; Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of himself. As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself. Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love: Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with his elect.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 23

Refrain



Shep - herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -
yond my fears, from death in - to life.

SECOND READING – 1 PETER 1:3-9

Read by John D. Leavy

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time. In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Luke 17:7-10

Jesus said to the apostles: "If one of you had a servant plowing or herding sheep and he came in from the fields, would you say to him, 'Come and sit down at table'? Would you not rather say, 'Prepare my supper. Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink afterward'? Would he be grateful to the servant who was only carrying out his orders? It is quite the same with you who hear me. When you have done all you have been commanded to do, say, 'We are useless servants. We have done no more than our duty.'"

HOMILY

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

All respond "Lord, hear our prayer" after each petition.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

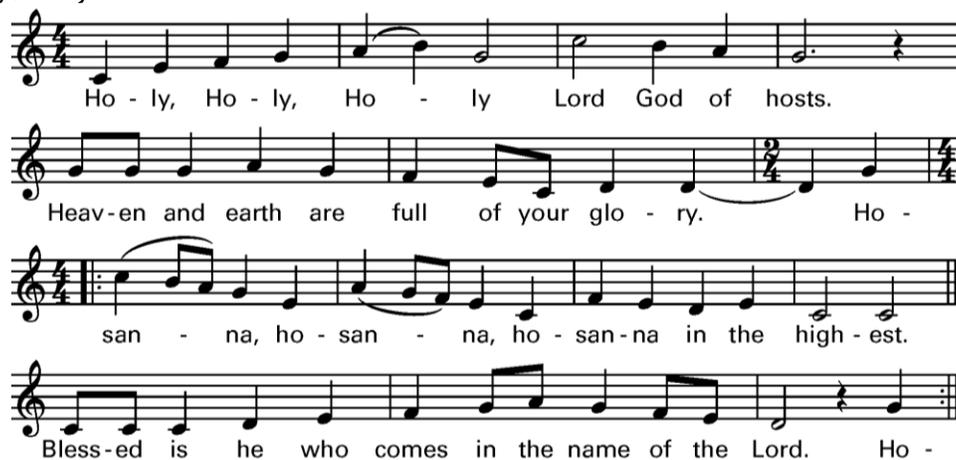
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Amazing Grace

1. Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.
3. The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
4. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
5. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS (Mass of the Resurrection)

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

Please kneel or be seated during the Eucharistic Prayer

Memorial Acclamation



We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res - ur -
rec-tion un - til you come a - gain, un - til you come a - gain.

Amen



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

THE COMMUNION RITE

The Our Father & Sign of Peace Lamb of God (Holy Cross Mass)



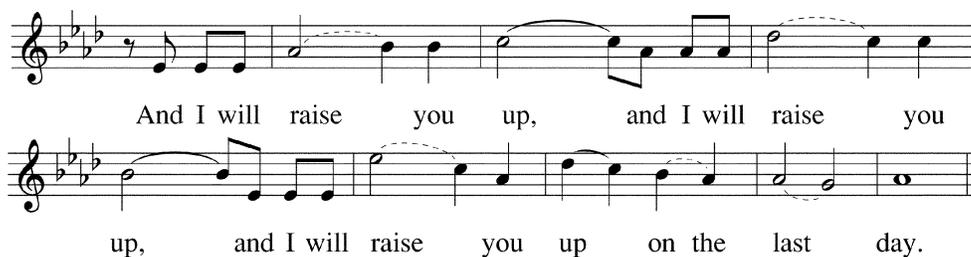
Cantor or Choir: *Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,
All: have mer-cy on us. *To repeat* grant us peace. *Last time*

****For the distribution of Holy Communion, those who are not Catholic, or for another reason, unable to receive communion, are invited to come forward with their arms crossed to receive a blessing****

COMMUNION SONG

I Am the Bread of Life

1. I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; and who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.



And I will raise you up, and I will raise you
up, and I will raise you up on the last day.

2. The bread that I will give is the flesh of the life of the world, and if you eat this bread, you shall live forever. *R.*
3. Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you. *R.*

4. I am the Resurrection, I am the life. If you believe in me, even though you die, you shall live for ever. *R.*
5. Yes, Lord, I believe, that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who has come into the world. *R.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

EULOGIES

Dr. Mike O'Brien & Philip O'Neill

CONCLUDING RITE

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION & SONG OF FAREWELL

CLOSING SONG

Sing with All the Saints in Glory



1. Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, Sing the res - ur -
 2. O what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing All that eye has
 3. Life e - ter - nal! heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives who
 4. Life e - ter - nal! O what won - ders Crowd on faith; what



rec - tion song! Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry,
 yet per - ceived! Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead - ing,
 once was dead; Shout with joy, O death - less voic - es!
 joy un - known, When, a - midst earth's clos - ing thun - ders,



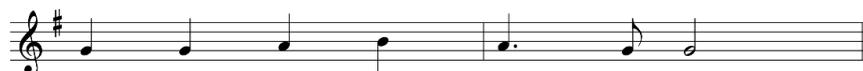
To the for - mer days be - long. All a - round the
 Nev - er that full joy con - ceived. God has prom - ised,
 Child of God, lift up your head! Pa - tri - archs from
 Saints shall stand be - fore the throne! O to en - ter



clouds are break - ing, Soon the storms of time shall cease;
 Christ pre - pares it, There on high our wel - come waits;
 dis - tant a - ges, Saints all long - ing for their heav'n,
 that bright por - tal, See that glow - ing fir - ma - ment,



In God's like - ness, we a - wak - en,
 Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it shares it,
 Proph - ets, psalm - ists, seers, and sag - es,
 Know, with you, O God im - mor - tal,



Know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.
 Christ has passed the e - ter - nal gates.
 All a - wait the glo - ry giv'n.
 Je - sus Christ whom you have sent!



Rev. Gregory Romanski, a Catholic priest for 43 years, died on April 10, 2020 in Austin at the age of 71. He was born on February 10, 1949 in Alma, Michigan to Alex J. and Helen L. Romanski. Rev. Romanski attended Villanova University and Washington Theology University.

Rev. Romanski was ordained for the Paulist Fathers on May 14, 1977 and served in parishes in New York City and Greensboro, North Carolina before coming to Austin in 1989. Rev. Romanski was incardinated in the Diocese of Austin on May 20, 1999. His first assignment in the Diocese of Austin was as Administrator at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Austin. A year later, he was appointed as Pastor there. He also served as Chaplain for the Catholic Physicians Guild of Central Texas and Pastor at St. Martin de Porres parish in Dripping Springs. He retired in August of 2009.

In addition to his priestly ministry, Rev. Romanski served as a Staff Specialist for the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation (TXMHMR). He was the director of the HIV Prevention Program, the director of the Communicable Disease Program, and the director and Discipline Head for infection control for TXMHMR. He also held a number of certifications with national organizations involved in infectious disease prevention.

Rev. Romanski was preceded in death by his parents and is survived by his brother, James Romanski of Elgin.

