Austin Preparatory School

Baccalaureate Liturgy & Commencement

Class of 2026



Thursday, May Fourteenth

Baccalaureate Mass

Celebrant

Most Reverend Cristiano Barbosa
Auxiliary Bishop of Boston

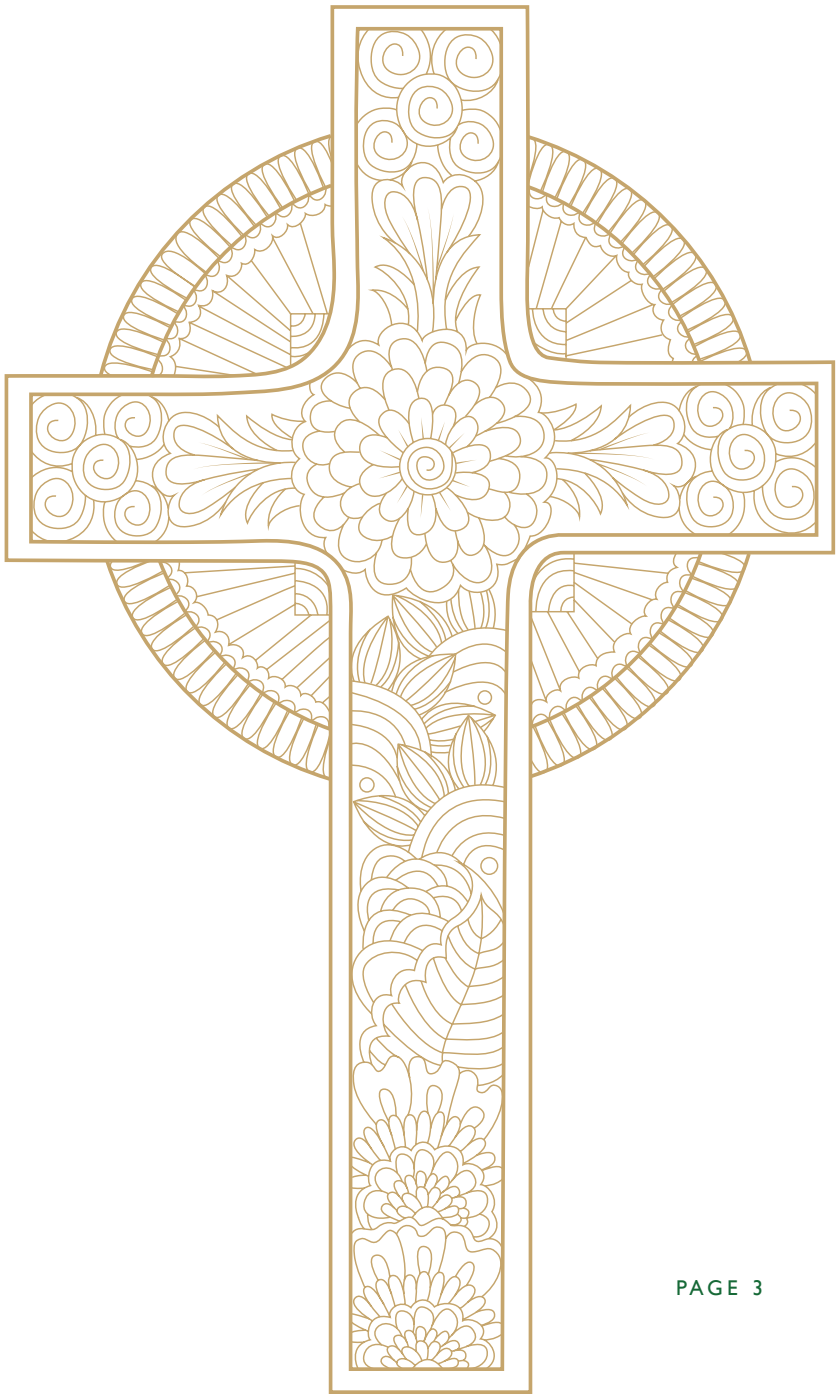
Concelebrants

Reverend Patrick Armano
School Chaplain

Reverend Arthur Johnson, O.S.A.
Founding Friar, Austin Prep

Reverend Peter Gori '70, O.S.A.
Pastor, St. Augustine Church
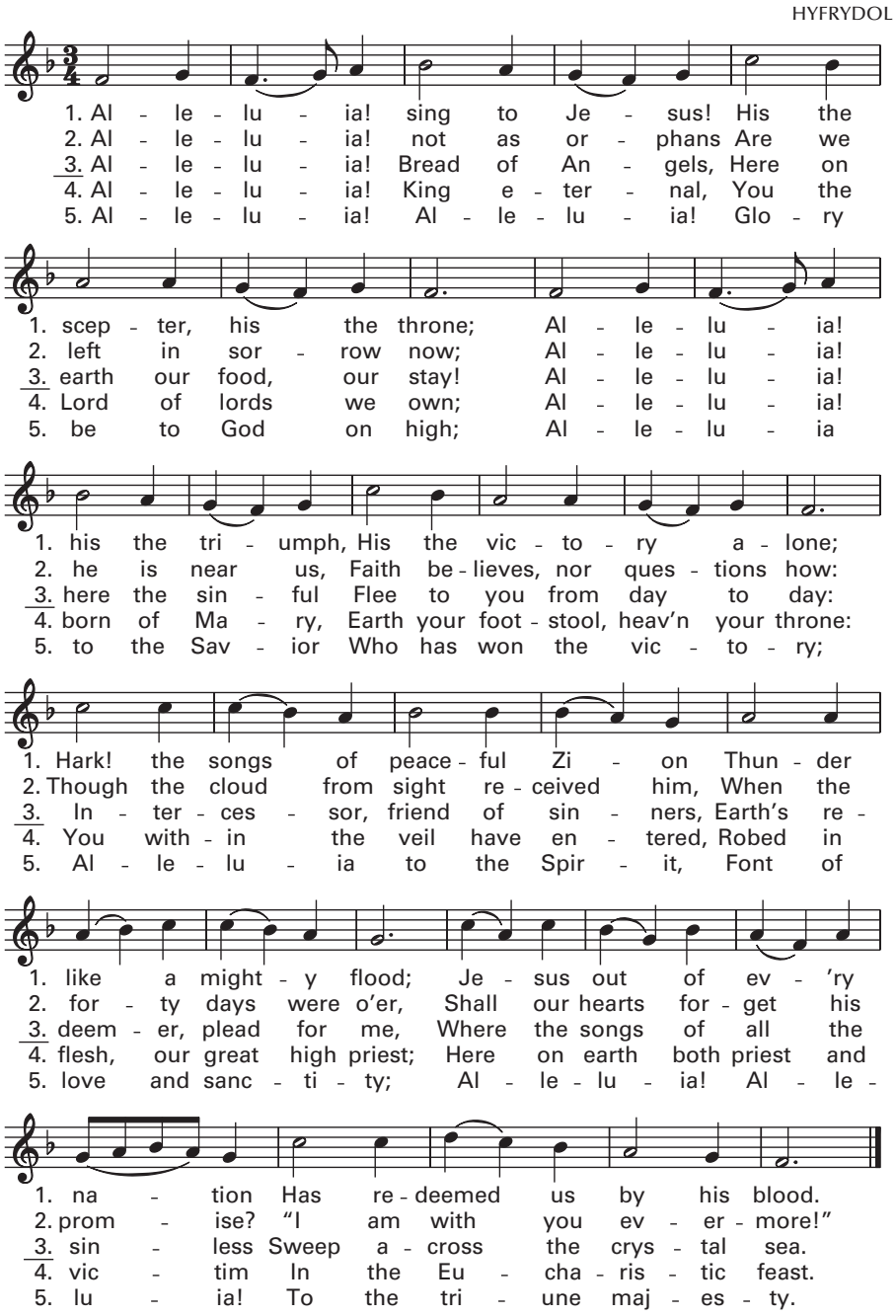
Reverend Rodel Cervantes, A.A.
Augustinian of the Assumption



Processional Hymn

Please stand.

Alleluia! Sing To Jesus



Introductory Rite

Welcome

Daniel Bouchard P'10, '14, '15
Chair of the Board of Trustees

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done
and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault,
through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the angels and saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for
me to the Lord our God.
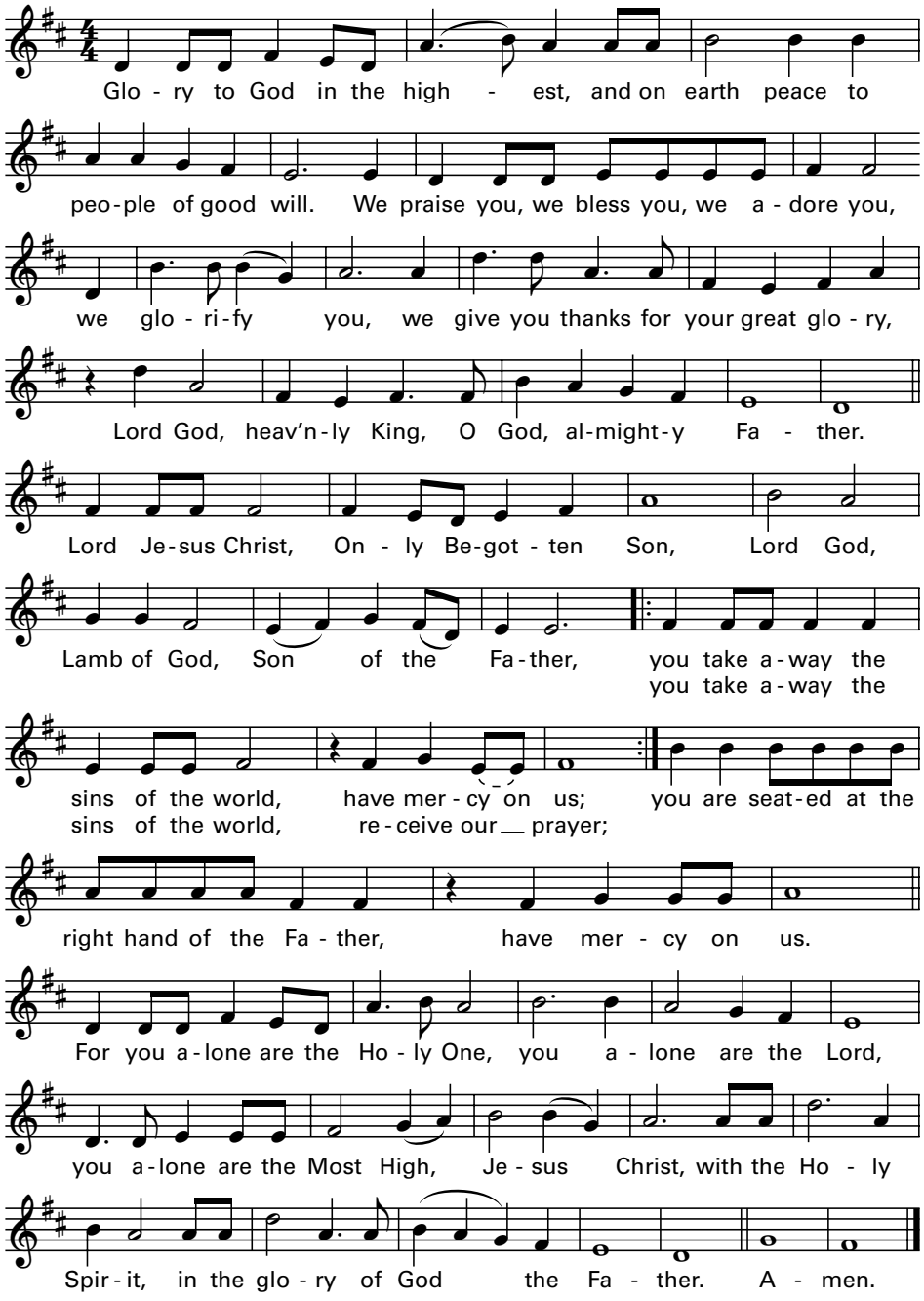
May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

Response: Amen.

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.

Gloria

Heritage Mass
Owen Alstott



Liturgy Of The Word

Please be seated.

First Reading

Read by: Brother Blair Paulus Nuyda, A.A., D.Min.
Art & Design Faculty | Theology Faculty | Campus Ministry

Acts 1:1-11

Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day He was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after He had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, He enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for "the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

When they had gathered together they asked Him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by His own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When He had said this, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as He was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen Him going into heaven."

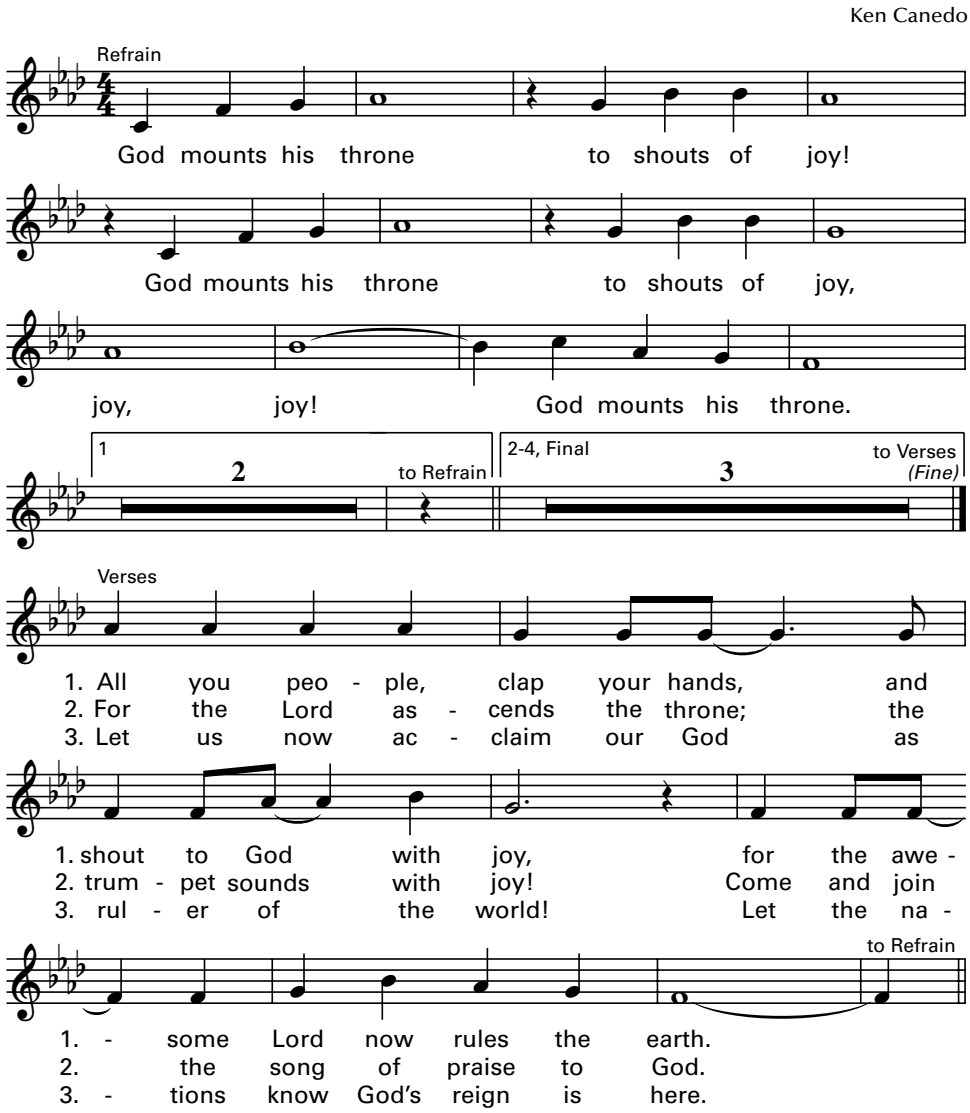
The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 47

Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy.



Second Reading

Read by: Sister Maria G. Nassali, D.M., Ed.D.
Assistant Head of School | Mission and Ministry

Ephesians 1:17-23

Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of Him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to His call, what are the riches of glory in His inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of His great might, which He worked in Christ, raising Him from the dead and seating Him at His right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And He put all things beneath His feet and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

The Word of the Lord.
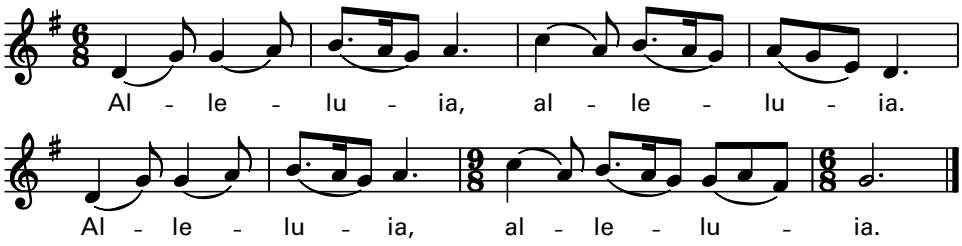
Response: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

Celtic Mass
Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker



Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Response: Glory to you, O Lord.

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw Him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Most Reverend Cristiano Barbosa
Auxiliary Bishop of Boston

Please be seated.

Prayers Of The Faithful

Please stand.

We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.
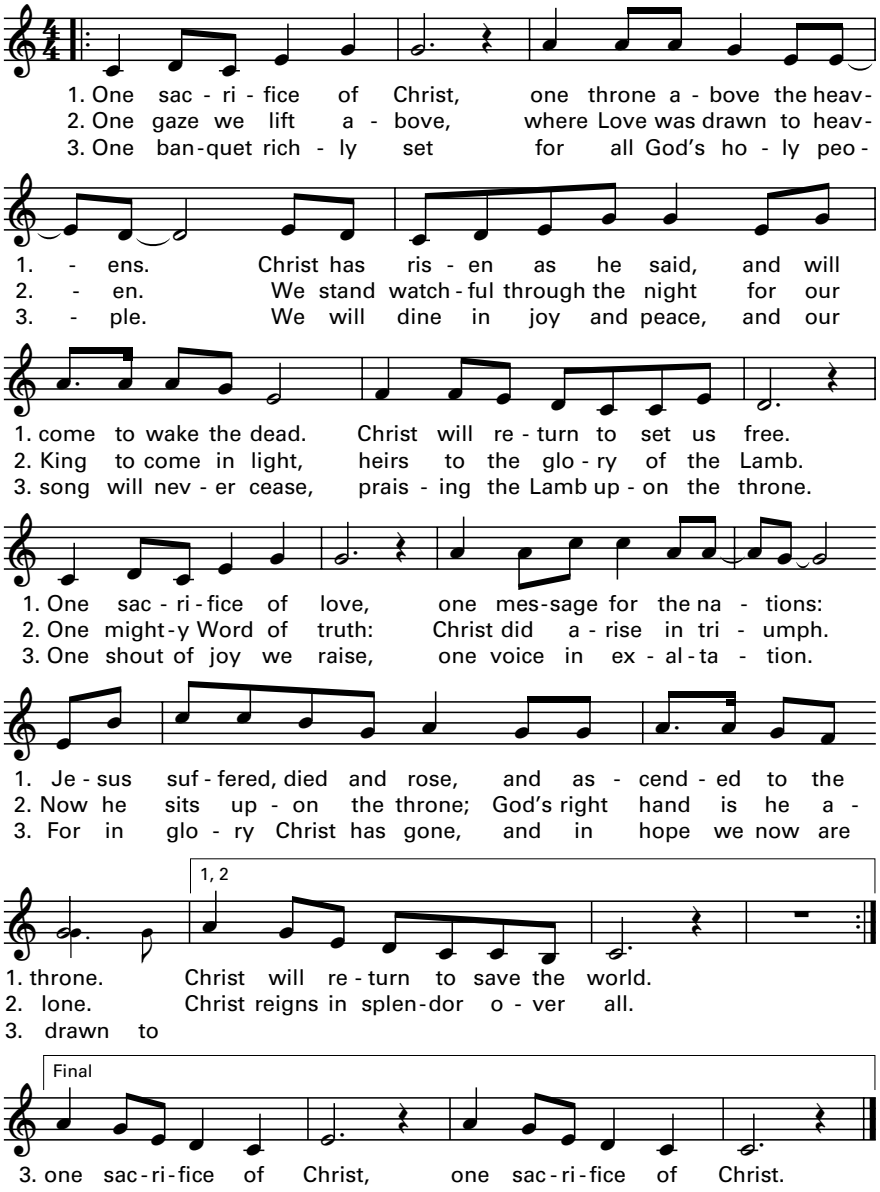
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Liturgy Of The Eucharist

Preparation Hymn

One Sacrifice of Christ

Rick Modlin and Robert Feduccia
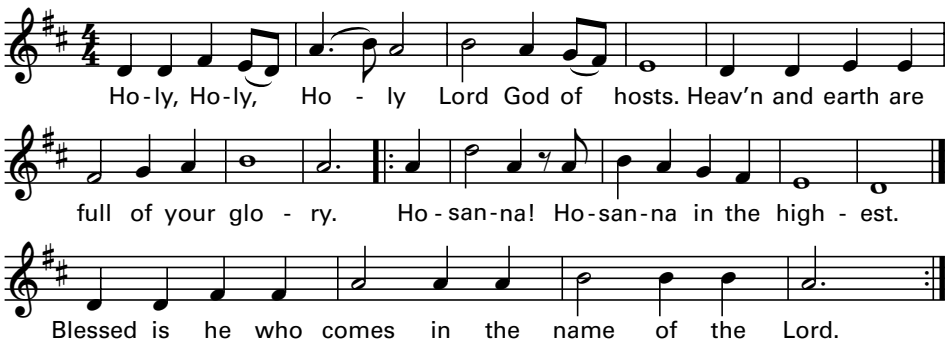


Eucharistic Prayer

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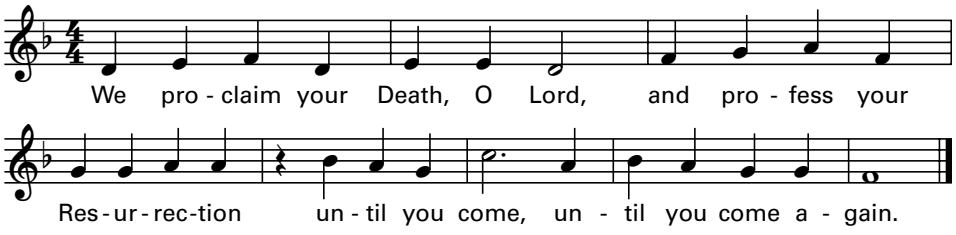
Eucharistic Acclamation

Heritage Mass
Owen Alstott
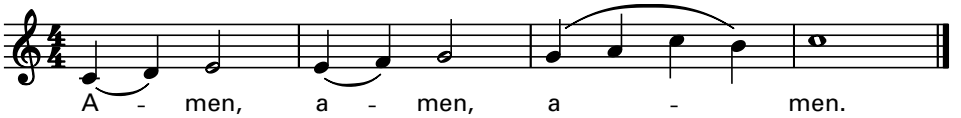


Memorial Acclamation

Heritage Mass
Owen Alstott



Great Amen

Heritage Mass
Owen Alstott



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. Amen.

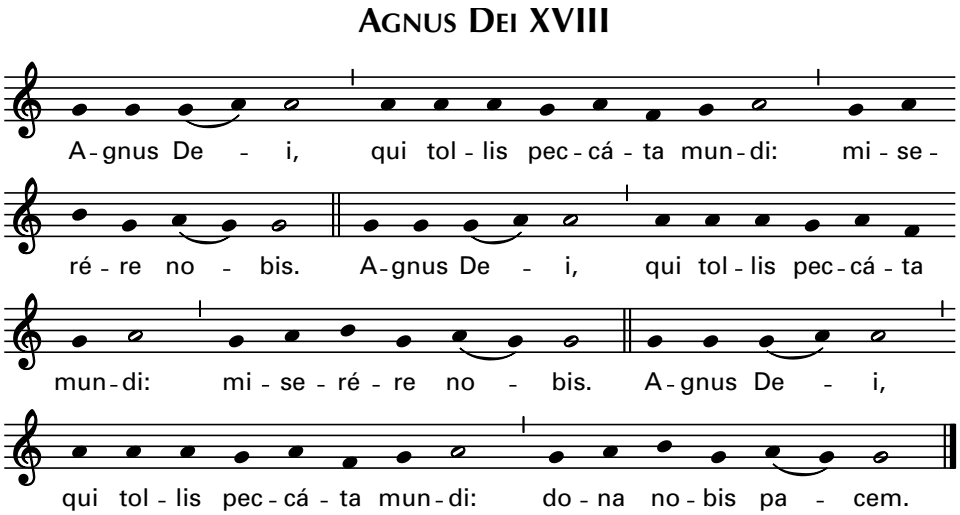
Sign Of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Response: And with your spirit.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Agnus Dei

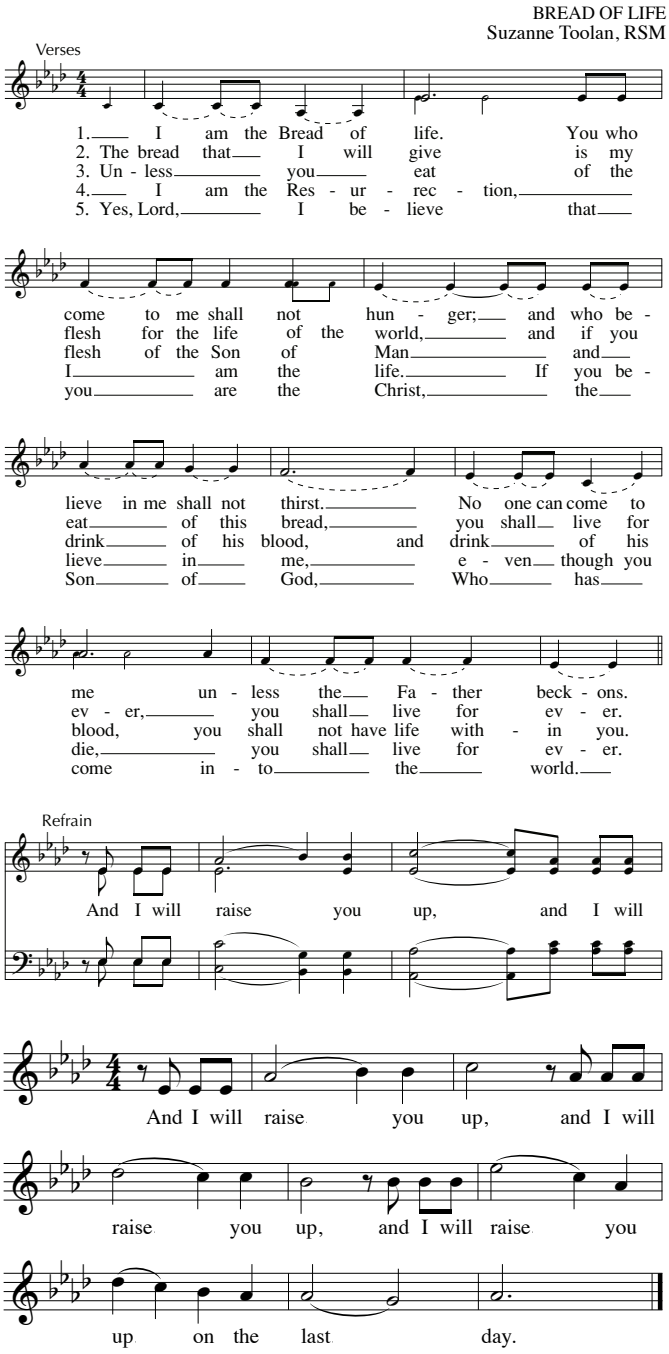


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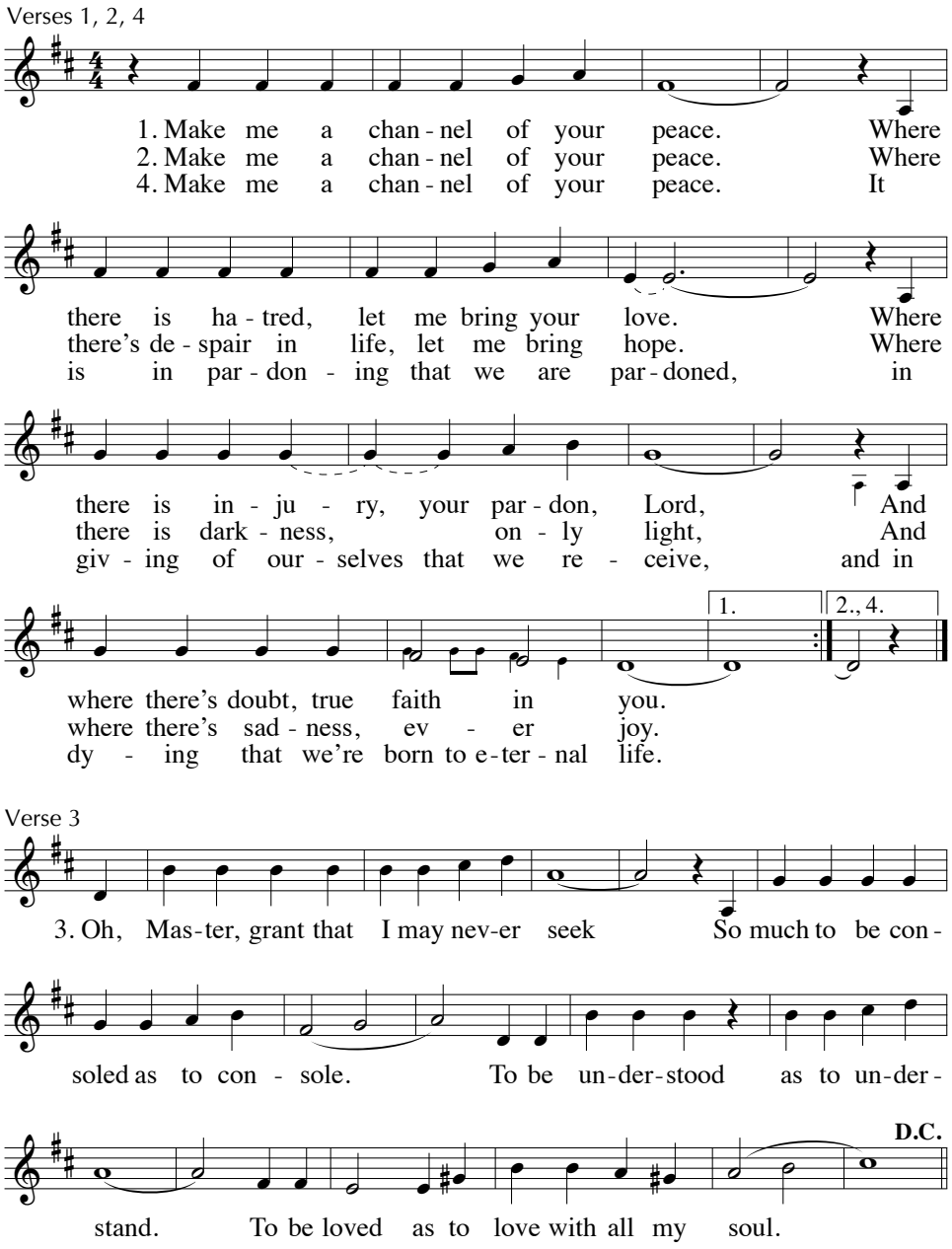
After receiving Holy Communion, please be seated.

Communion Anthems

I Am the Bread of Life



Make Me a Channel of Your Peace



Meditation Hymn

Goin' Up A Yonder

If anybody asks you
Where I'm goin'
Where I'm goin' … soon
So if you wanna know
Where I'm goin'
Where I'm goin' … real soon

I'm goin' up a yonder
I'm goin' up a yonder
I'm goin' up a yonder
To be with my Lord

If I can take the pain
The heartache that it brings
There's comfort that in
knowing
I'll soon be home

If God gives me grace
To run this race
And soon I'll see my Savior
face to face

I'm goin' up a yonder
I'm goin' up a yonder
To be with my Lord

Please stand.

Prayer After Communion

Please be seated.

Commencement

Head Of School Remarks

James Hickey, Ph.D. P'22, '23, '24, '27

Salutatory Address

Steven Elias Reyes '26

Valedictory Address

Jaden Joseph Cruz '26

Presentation Of Senior Awards

Daniel Bouchard P'10, '14, '15
Chair of the Board of Trustees

Thomas Flynn '83
Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees

James Hickey, Ph.D. P'22, '23, '24, '27
Head of School

Jonathan Pollard '97, P'32
Associate Head of School

Presentation Of Academic Awards

Jonathan Pollard '97, P'32
Associate Head of School



Class Of 2026 Senior Awards

Charles & Helen McLaughlin P'67 Award

The Charles & Helen McLaughlin Award for Leadership and Determination to Excel recognizes a student who has demonstrated strong academic achievement while embracing leadership responsibilities. The recipient also exemplifies a determination to excel in every endeavor undertaken.

Catherine Amelia Antonelli '26

Rev. Dr. Joseph W. Wilkes, III '71, P'08, '10 Award

Awarded by the Board of Trustees, the Rev. Dr. Joseph W. Wilkes, III '71, P'08, '10 Award recognizes a graduating senior who demonstrates unwavering commitment to Austin Prep and extraordinary determination in supporting the continued success of the school community.

The award is named in honor of Rev. Dr. Joseph W. Wilkes, III, a member of Austin Prep's Class of 1971 and the school's longest-serving trustee. Dr. Wilkes served on the Board of Trustees for 37 years, from 1977 to 2014, and was a source of strength and stability during Austin Prep's early years. His children, Caroline '08 and David '10, are graduates of Austin Prep.

Brady Christopher McClellan McLaren '26

Dr. James Hickey Leadership Award

Presented by the Board of Trustees, the Dr. James Hickey Leadership Award recognizes a graduating senior who exemplifies integrity, service before self, and an unwavering commitment to the mission of Austin Prep. The recipient demonstrates exceptional leadership, a spirit of service, and has made a lasting impact on the Austin Prep community.

Established in 2022, the award honors Head of School Dr. James Hickey. Through more than a decade of dedicated leadership, Dr. Hickey has guided Austin Prep through transformation, innovation, and growth, strengthening the school community and advancing its mission.

Michael Strachan Brosnan '26

Class Of 2026 Senior Awards

William J. Hickey Jr. Memorial Good Sportsmanship Award

The William J. Hickey Jr. Memorial Good Sportsmanship Awards are presented to two graduating seniors, one male and one female, whose character reflects leadership, respect for opponents, courtesy, and a positive, constructive attitude toward both school and the Austin Prep community.

Mofopefoluwa Sarah-Grace Ayo '26

Michael Strachan Brosnan '26

Charles L. Luciano Memorial Unsung Student Loyalty Award

This award is presented to a graduating senior who has made significant contributions to the school community throughout their years at Austin Prep, often without receiving recognition for their efforts and dedication.

Cecilia Lauren Goldsmith '26

Scholar-Athlete Award

The Scholar-Athlete Award is presented to one male and one female graduating senior who have achieved exceptional success both in the classroom and in athletics.

Landon Robert Bentley '26

Maeve Catherine Lomasney '26

Academic Awards

The Medal For Theology

Cecilia Lauren Goldsmith ’26

The Medal For English

Jaden Joseph Cruz ’26

The Medal For History

Elena Klimashova ’26

The Medal For Social Studies

Josephine Palermo ’26

The Medal For Mathematics

Danielle Zaza ’26

The Medal For Biological Science

Chaewon Hwang ’26

The Medal For Physical Science

Danielle Zaza ’26

Academic Awards

The Medal For Latin

In Memory of James C. Stone

Madeleine Anne Fisher ’26

The Medal For French

Gianna Elisabeth Buscemi ’26

The Medal For Spanish

Cecilia Lauren Goldsmith ’26

The Medal For Mandarin

Steven Elias Reyes ’26

The Medal For Visual Arts

Sara Elizabeth Fabrizio ’26

The Medal For Performing Arts

Steven Elias Reyes ’26

The Medal For Technical Arts

Brady Christopher McClellan McLaren ’26

Presentation Of Candidates For Diplomas

Michael McLaughlin
Head of Middle School

Conferring Of Diplomas

James Hickey, Ph.D. P'22, '23, '24, '27

Lowering Of Class Of 2026 Banner

Concluding Rite

Please stand.

Final Blessing

Most Reverend Cristiano Barbosa
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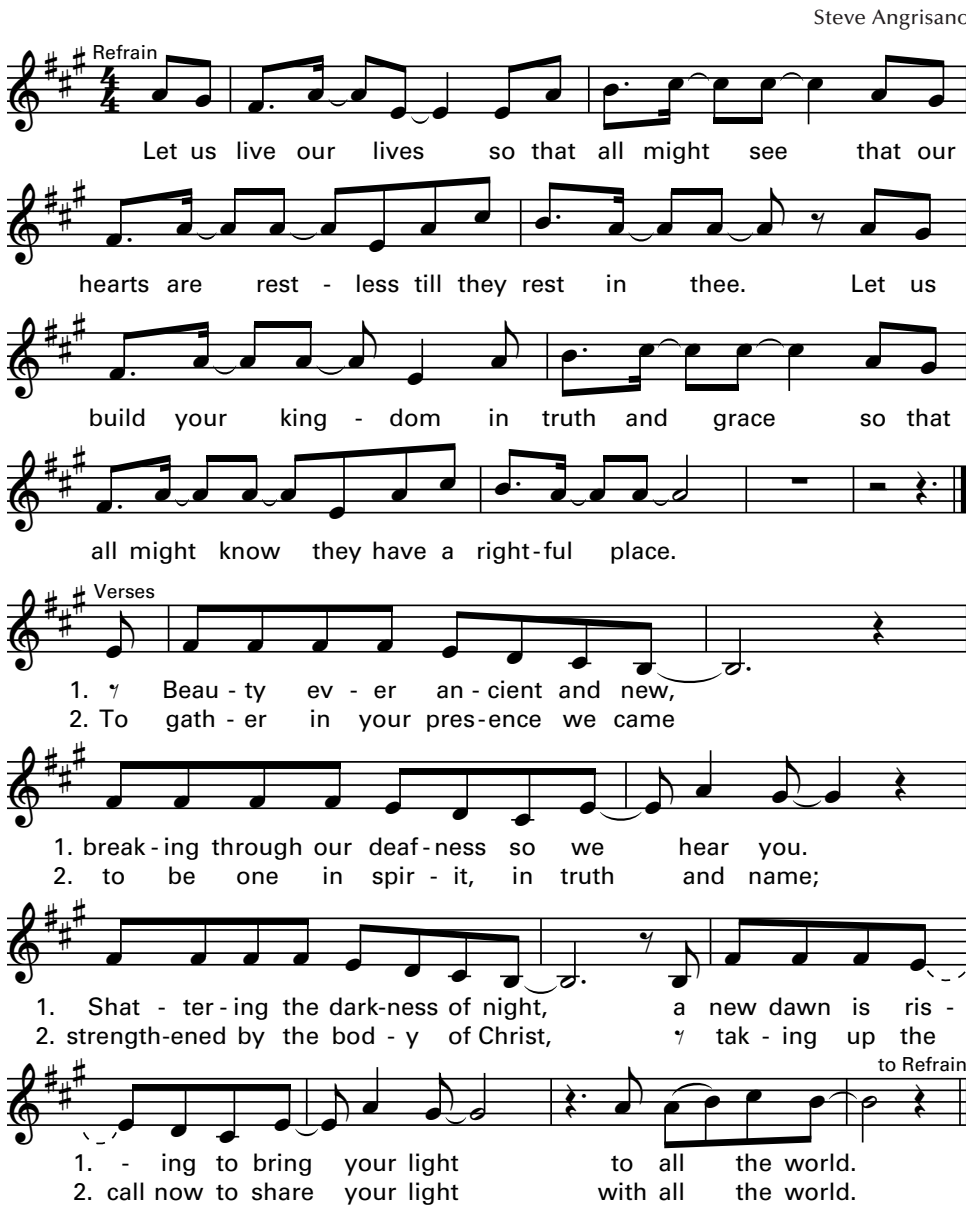
Liturgical Recessional

Faculty Recessional

Class Of 2026 Recessional

Recessional Hymn

A Rightful Place



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Amelia Ivie Amadin
Brady Andrews
Ivan Anton Andrews
Catherine Amelia Antonelli *
Mofopefoluwa Sarah-Grace Ayo + *
Matthew V. Babigian
Myles Alexander Phoenix Baker
Mason Michael Barbieri
Julia Marie Beaumier + *
Landon Robert Bentley
Nicholas Sean Bianco
Alexa Bonilla +
Douglas Holmes Brindle II +
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John R. Burke
Liam Michael Burke
Gianna Elisabeth Buscemi + *
Grace Lillian Buser + *
Allison Riga Byrnes + *
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Thomas Ford
Andrew Chase Formica *
Kylie Lauren Marie Gagné
Keira Melissa Marie Gagné
Cecilia Lauren Goldsmith + *
Margaret Jordan Gove +
James Michael Graham +
Aiden James Green + *
Elise Gardner Gunther *
Christina Rose Haggis
Arno Hajjar *
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Claire Elizabeth Harrington + *
Alexandra Marian Herbert
Isadora Kate Herrick +
Guy Read Hoose
Chaewon Hwang + *
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Cameron James Jaena
Matthew Gregory Janian
Evan Luis Jimenez +
Alison Patricia Jill Joyner + *
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George Mamakos + *
Madison Elizabeth Mangino + *
Tyler Mathew + *
Bradley Patrick McCafferty
Brady Christopher McClellan McLaren
Olivia McSorley
Elisabeth E. Megaloudis *
Keaton Erico Mello
Olivia Elizabeth Mersch + *
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Aidan James O'Neill *
Kyla Sandra Oostman
Lucas Ortiz
Josephine Palermo + *
Ava Jacklene Pazzia
Buddhini Piyumi Perera
Kathy Pham *
Ella Valentina Piro + *
Salvatore Prezioso +
William David Putney *
Sofiya Nikaletta Radochia
Nicholas William Ranaldi +
Jack Conor Redmond +
Steven Elias Reyes + *
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Academic Dress

American academic costume originated in medieval European universities where clerical-like gowns were everyday dress, providing for their wearers not only distinctions, but warmth during long hours of study in poorly heated buildings. On American campuses today, academic attire is seen only at such formal affairs as commencements, convocations, dedications, and other ceremonies.

It is possible to identify which degree the wearer holds, the university that awarded it, and the course of study that it represents. The distinguishing features are three — the cut of the gown, the length and colors of the hood, and the color of the tassel on the cap.

The bachelor's and master's gowns are generally made of plain black cotton without trimming, while the gown for the doctorate is made of rayon or silk and is faced down the front with black or colored velvet and has three bars of the same material across bell-shaped sleeves. Members of the governing body of a college, university, or other academic institution are entitled to wear doctoral gowns, although hoods represent the actual degree held by the wearer. The chief faculty marshal may wear a specially designed costume approved by the institution. Military uniforms and religious habits are also appropriate apparel at academic convocations. Chief officers of many universities wear colored gowns, and several institutions have authorized optional doctoral gowns which embody the institution.

The hood is the most distinctive feature of academic attire in the United States. Originally used as a cowl, as a shoulder cape, and as a container in which to collect alms, it is now worn at the back, suspended from the shoulders. The hoods can be distinguished by length and color. The bachelor's hood measures three feet, the master's three and one-half, and the doctor's four. The color of the velvet edging which is two inches wide for the bachelor's hood, three inches wide for the master's, and five inches wide for the doctor's, indicates the subject area of the degree. The lining of the hood symbolizes the official colors of the institution which awarded the degree, and the hood is worn in such a way that a large part of the lining is visible.

The black mortarboard cap with tassel may be worn with each type of gown. Those holding a doctorate wear gold tassels, while holders of bachelor's and master's degrees generally have black tassels. With the exception of the graduates who wear the tassel over the right temple, all others wear the tassel over the left temple. Some institutions have the graduating class move their tassels to the left during the commencement ceremony to officially symbolize the conferring of a degree. The following colors are associated with each faculty:

Arts, Letters, and Humanities — white; Business Administration — drab; Economics — copper; Education — light blue; Engineering — orange; Fine Arts — brown; Journalism — crimson; Law — purple; Library — lemon; Medicine — green; Music — pink; Philosophy — dark blue; Physical Education — sage green; Science — golden yellow; Social Science — cream; and Theology — scarlet.

A final thought to the Class of 2026 from St. Augustine...

"My soul found all sorts of joy, when I was in the company of friends – talking and laughing and being kind to each other – reading engaging books together, going from the lightest joking to talking of the deepest things and back again – differing without discord, as I might differ with myself, and when on the rarest occasion disagreement arose, finding it highlighted the delight of our normal agreement – teaching or learning from each other – being impatient when some were absent and welcoming them with joy when they returned – these and similar things, emanating from our hearts as we gave and received affection, shown in our faces, our voices, our eyes, and many other gratifying ways, ignited a flame which fused us deeply together and made the many of us one."

~ Confessions, 4.8.13

"You have made us
for yourself, O Lord,
and our hearts are restless
until they rest in You."
~St. Augustine

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