

PILGRIMS OF HOPE ON THE PATH OF PEACE

Celebration of the Mandate

Sunday, February 4

HYMN: Pilgrims of Hope - Jubilee Hymn

**Refrain: Like a flame my hope is burning,
may my song arise to you:
Source of life that has no ending,
on life's path I trust in you.**

Ev'ry nation, tongue, and people
find a light within your Word.
Scattered fragile sons and daughters
find a home in your dear Son.

Refrain

God, so tender and so patient,
dawn of hope, you care for all.
Heav'n and earth are recreated
by the Spirit of Life set free.

Refrain

Raise your eyes, the wind is blowing,
for our God is born in time.
Son made man for you and many
who will find the way in him.

Refrain

Pref. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All Amen!

Pref. Dearly beloved,
Let us now let the richness of what we have experienced in
these days resonate in our prayer and continue to nourish it,

So that every day we may be reborn in joy
And the determination to be pilgrims on the paths of peace.

Listening to the Word

R1 From the book of the Prophet Isaiah

(Is 61:1-3)

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
He has sent me to bring good news to the afflicted,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives,
release to the prisoners,
To announce a year of favor from the LORD
and a day of vindication by our God;
To comfort all who mourn;
to place on those who mourn in Zion
a diadem instead of ashes,
To give them oil of gladness instead of mourning.

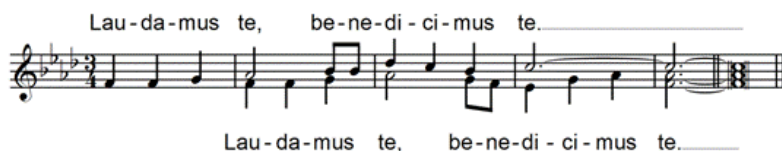
Brief silence

PART I

Pilgrims on the paths of praise, thanksgiving, worship

L. Praise arises from amazement at the wonders God continually works and puts us in tune with the gratuitousness of the Father's love, conforms us to the feelings of Jesus, allows the Spirit to pour out his consolation in us. Prayer of thanksgiving and adoration purifies the heart, restores harmony, restores unity. It is an antidote to sadness and to the temptation to let our inner meanness, misunderstandings and everything that hinders or slows down the path of peace disturb us.

Choir and then all



R2 Be blessed, Father, who gave us Jesus, your Son. On his face shines your infinite goodness, your mercy for every creature, your inexhaustible tenderness. He has given us the Spirit of holiness, of reconciliation, of peace. **R.**

R3 Be blessed, Lord Jesus, the beginning and fulfillment of creation. In the universe the seal of the covenant between God and humanity is imprinted: in you it was established before the world began, and it was fulfilled through your incarnation, passion, death and resurrection. **R.**

R2 Be blessed, O Holy Spirit! Your beauty is reflected in all the peoples of the earth. Love unceasingly pouring out from you over the world, you persuade us that in history there is room for divine action and that in every people, in every culture, a different face of the same humanity blessed by God is manifested. **R.**

R3 Be blessed, O Father, for children: they remind us that we are in need of help, of love, of tenderness. We bless you for teens: by their openness to new things, they challenge us to imagine a world free of prejudice, more supportive, more just. We thank you for young people: they spur us on to build a society in which everyone can express their talents, love, be loved, and generate life. *R.*

R2 Be blessed, O Christ, our Lord and our brother, for you do not cease to be present in the poor, in the suffering, in those who are humiliated and marginalized. You overthrow the worldly logic of success at all costs, challenge the arrogance of the powerful, encourage us to undertake the revolution of evangelical closeness and tenderness. *R.*

Pref. O Holy Spirit of the Lord,
You enrich the Church with the variety of vocations,
eliciting special graces and different charisms.
From you comes the gift of consecrated life,
In the plurality of its forms.
Please:
With your strength and gentleness,
keep lit in the heart of every consecrated person
The fire of love for God and his people.
Come, holy spirit!

All. Come, Holy Spirit!

PART II

Pilgrims on the paths of dialogue, discernment, conversion

L. We are aware of our littleness, our inconsistency, our sin. With humility and confidence, we ask the Father to free us from the fear that his blessing is not enough to sustain the lives of all. We persevere in following the Lord Jesus, who introduces us to the logic of the beatitudes and teaches us to defuse the logic of competition,

exploitation, and conflict. Let us call upon the Spirit, who is the author of communion, to heal us of the virus of self-reference and indifference and make us capable of sharing, solidarity, collaboration.

Chorus and then all



R3 Lord, you have conquered us with your meekness: do not allow us to resign ourselves to living in a world torn apart by conflict and manipulated by the diabolical force of hatred, terrorism, and war. *R.*

R2 Lord, you have called us to be an anticipatory sign of the world to come, where the reality of this world will be healed and transfigured: do not let us remain inactive in the face of the devastation of the environment, and insensitive to the poverty they generate. Shake us from our superficiality and laziness, make us promoters of lifestyles in the sign of respect and care for every creature. *R.*

R3 Lord, we have followed you because in you is the fullness of life: let us persevere on this foundation in the ecumenical journey, in dialogue with those who profess a different religion, in facing those who do not believe in God. Deliver us from the temptation of religious intolerance and convert those who abuse the name of God to discriminate, persecute, oppress. Remind us that we were created to know one another, cooperate with one another and live as brothers and sisters who love one another. *R.*

R2 Lord, you have consecrated us in chastity for the sake of the Kingdom of heaven, to make us sharers in your love that reaches out to all, respects all, enslaves none. Heal our hearts from every retreat

into ourselves, keep us in humility and vigilance, do not allow us to be a cause of scandal. Cleanse your Church of any inconsistency or ambiguity that obscures this gift of yours. **R.**

R3 Lord, in calling us to consecrated life, you have given us bonds of sisterhood and fraternity in the Spirit. Help us not to close ourselves in individualism, not to fall into the traps of jealousy and careerism, teach us not to pollute mutual service with the pursuit of domination over others. When we are unmotivated and disillusioned, grant us perseverance. Shape our communities as prophetic signs of communion, where different cultures are mutually enriched and where the preciousness of each stage of life is recognized. **R.**

Pref. O Holy Spirit of the Lord,
You know the depths of our heart
And continue to pour out mercy and forgiveness on us.
We invoke you:
Loosen the knots of envy, selfishness and fear.
In all consecrated persons infuse pure love,
ardent, joyful and generous.
Make fruitful the gift they give of themselves,
Make them magnanimous and strong in trials.
Come, Holy spirit!

All. **Come, Holy Spirit!**

PART III

Pilgrims on the paths of mission

L. To be pilgrims of peace we want to repeat our “yes” to the Lord daily in the form of life to which you have called us.

R4 Here we are, Lord, ready to begin again. To make room for you, we ask you to renew our love for silence, the womb of adoration and listening to your Word, the place where the infinitely great meets the infinitely small. Silence that welcomes our anxieties,

in which the balm of consolation descends, in which fraternity germinates and is regenerated. In this silence we await you, Divine Guest of our days!

All. Here we are, Lord!

R5 Here we are, Lord, ready to begin again. To witness your love to all, we ask you to keep alive in us a passion for the gospel. Make us joyful disciples and missionaries courageous in proclamation, creative in service to our neighbor, sensitive and solicitous toward those who suffer most. Make our lives become living memories of You!

All. Here we are, Lord!

R6 Here we are, Lord, ready to begin again. To responsibly embrace the challenges that current events propose to us, we ask you for the wisdom needed to discern the signs of the times and the perseverance to share with our contemporaries the search for the meaning of existence, the struggle for justice, the love of beauty. At the crossroads of history, grant us to be incarnations of the Gospel!

All. Here we are, Lord!

R7 Here we are, Lord, ready to begin again. So that our lives may be a reflection of the eschatological tension that animates your bride the Church, embodied in the history of peoples and a pilgrim towards the Kingdom, we ask you to draw us again to you, true God and true man. You are necessary to us, to learn true love and to walk in the joy and strength of your charity!

All. Here we are, Lord!

R8 Here we are, Lord, ready to begin again. To live missionary communion, we ask for docility to your Spirit. The Spirit who arouses harmony from plurality, who does not erase diversity but enhances it, who reconciles and builds in unity, without making all equal. Make us faithful interpreters of the symphony of your Spirit!

All. Here we are, Lord!

Mandate

Pref. Dearly beloved, as you return to your countries, enliven and sustain the Jubilee journey of your communities, of your Churches, of all God's holy people. Be bearers of the proclamation of peace: let yourselves be reconciled with God! Proclaim with your lives that no one is excluded from his mercy.

The calendar that will now be given to each one is meant to be a small sign to accompany us on the Jubilee journey, keeping alive in us the memory of the experience of fraternity and synodality lived during these days.

May the witness we have offered each other, the research we have shared, and the reflections we have matured together nourish hope in us and sustain our commitment to promoting the culture of peace, solidarity, and mutual care.

As the jubilee sign is distributed, we sing in a responsorial manner:

The musical score is written for two parts: voice (treble clef) and piano (bass clef). The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

System 1:
Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus, tu - i a - mo - ris

System 2:
i - gnem ac - cen - de. Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus,

System 3:
ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.

C. How beautiful on the mountains are
The feet of the messenger who announces peace,
Of the messenger of good news who announces salvation,
Who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." *(Is 52:7)*

C. For God so loved the world
That he gave his only Son,
So that everyone believes in him might not perish,
But might have eternal life.
For God did not send the Son into the world
To condemn the world,
But that the world might be saved through him. *(Jn 3:16-17)*

C. Jesus said to them, "Peace be with you!
As the Father has sent me,
so I send you."
And when he had said this, he breathed on them
and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.
Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them;
And whose sins you retain, are retained." *(Jn 20:21-23)*

C. But how can they call on him
in whom they have not believed?
And how can they believe in him
of whom they have not heard?
And how can they hear without someone to preach?
And how can people preach unless they are sent?
(Rm 10:14-15)

C. So we are ambassadors for Christ:
As if God were appealing through us.
We implore you on behalf of Christ:
Be reconciled to God. *(2 Cor 5:20)*

Conclusion to the presentation

L. We express our adherence to the mandate received:

All. Father in heaven,
the faith you gave us

In your son Jesus Christ, our brother,
the flame of charity
Poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
Rekindle in us the blessed hope
For the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
Into industrious cultivators of the seeds of the gospel
That will leaven humanity and the cosmos,
In the confident expectation
Of the new heavens and the new earth,
When, having overcome the powers of Evil,
Your glory will be manifested forever.

The grace of Jubilee
Rekindle in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
The yearning for heavenly goods
And pour over the whole world
The joy and peace
Of our Redeemer.
To you, God blessed forever,
Be praise and glory for ever and ever. Amen!

Final blessing

Pref. Receive now the blessing of the Lord.
Let your faith not be reduced to an intellectual adherence
Or to a set of practices in which to take refuge
Out of fear of the world:
may the Gospel set your heart afire,
Enlighten your minds, make your hands industrious!

All. Amen!

Pref. May your charity be alien to all opportunism,
From all self-interest, from all hypocrisy:
God himself, who loves the joyful giver,
Will fill you with grace and perfect gladness!

All. Amen!

Pref. The whole of creation groans and
suffers the pains of childbirth,
And we are participants in this struggle:
May your life consecrated to God become for all a
Sign of hope, prophecy of the Kingdom, gift of peace!

All. Amen!

Pref. In the journey that begins again from here,
May she who is the Star of Hope
be your guide and companion,
The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Living Gospel,
Queen of Peace.

All. Amen!

Pref. And on all of you descend the blessing of Almighty God,
Father Son and Holy Spirit.

All. Amen!

ALMA REDEMPTORIS MATER (TONO SIMPLEX)

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A L- ma * Re-demptó-ris Ma-ter, quæ pèrvi-a cæ-li porta ma-nes, Et stel-la ma-ris,
succúrre ca-dénti súrge-re qui cu-rat pópu-lo : Tu quæ genu- í-sti, na-tú-ra mi-ránte, tu-um
sanctum Ge-ni-tó-rem : Virgo pri- us ac posté-ri- us, Gabri- é-lis ab o-re sumens il-lud Ave,
pecca-tó-rum mi-se-ré-re.

