

*Catholic Diocese of Sale*

# **Chrism Mass**



*St Mary's Cathedral, Sale*

*11.00 am Tuesday 26 March 2024*

**The Mass of Chrism**, one of the most solemn and significant liturgies of our Church, is celebrated in our Diocesan Cathedral each year during Holy Week. Since the Church's early days, bishops have blessed oils for sacramental use. During this Mass, the Bishop will bless the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick, and consecrate the sacred Chrism. We use the first for adult catechumens and infants, the second for Anointing of the Sick, and the Chrism for Baptism, Confirmation, the Ordination of Priests, and the Consecration of Altars.

The Chrism Mass is "one of the principal expressions of the fullness of the Bishop's priesthood and signifies the closeness of the priests with him." <sup>1</sup> Each year, at the Chrism Mass, the priests and deacons renew their commitment to their ministry of God's people and in the service of the Bishop. This is a powerful sign of their unity with the bishop.

Pope Francis expresses the heart of priestly ministry:

"Dear lay faithful, be close to your priests with affection and with your prayers, that they may always be shepherds according to God's heart.

Dear priests, may God the Father renew in us the Spirit of holiness with whom we have been anointed. May he renew his Spirit in our hearts, that this anointing may spread to everyone, even to those "outskirts" where our faithful people most look for it and most appreciate it. May our people sense that we are the Lord's disciples; may they feel that their names are written upon our priestly vestments and that we seek no other identity; and may they receive through our words and deeds the oil of gladness which Jesus, the Anointed One, came to bring us. Amen." <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Introduction to the Rite for the Blessing of the Oils and the Consecration of Chrism: The Roman Pontifical. (Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments: Vatican City) 2012.

<sup>2</sup> Homily of Pope Francis, at the Chrism Mass in *Saint Peter's Basilica on Holy Thursday, 2013* [http://www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/francesco/homilies/2013/documents/papa-francesco\\_20130328\\_messa-crismale\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francesco/homilies/2013/documents/papa-francesco_20130328_messa-crismale_en.html) © 2013 - Libreria Editrice Vaticana

# *Chrism Mass 2024*



## **Principal Celebrant**

Most Rev. Bishop Gregory Bennet DD, Bishop of Sale

## **Concelebrants**

Rev. Francis Obo, Dean of St Mary's Cathedral

Rev. Bernard Buckley VG

Rev. Denis O'Bryan EV

Priests of the Diocese of Sale

## **Deacons assisting the Bishop**

Deacons Michael Manuel and Tony Aspinall

## **Servers**

Servers from St Mary's Primary School, Sale

## **Master of Ceremonies**

Rev. Jithin Anto

## **Readers**

Reader 1: Bev O'Brien

Reader 2: Br Tony Clark FMS

## **Oil Bearers**

Oil of the Sick: Les and Irene Robertson

Oil of Catechumens: Lauren Baker & Susan Humphry

Oil of Holy Chrism: Rev. Brendan Hogan

## **Procession of the Gifts**

Students from St Mary's Primary School, Sale

**Director of Music and Organist:** Sophy Morley

**Lavalla Catholic College Choir, Traralgon** directed by Shane Lebbe

**Lavalla Choir Accompanist:** Megan Schellekens

**Diocesan Choir:** Singers from Parishes across the Diocese

**Cantor:** Sophy Morley

# *The Introductory Rite*

## **Processional**

*Please stand*

*Bishop Gregory Bennet is preceded by the Deacon carrying the Book of the Gospels.*

## **Gathering Hymn      Here I Am, Lord**

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

**Refrain Here I am, Lord, is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.**

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have born my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them, whom shall I send?    *R.*
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them, whom shall I send?      *R.*

## **Greeting**

**Bishop**      In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**All**          **Amen.**  
**Bishop**      Peace be with you.  
**All**          **And with your spirit.**

## **Penitential Rite**

**Bishop**      Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,  
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

**All**          **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.

**Bishop** May almighty God have mercy on us,  
 forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**All:** Amen.

**Kyrie Eleison**

*(Mass of St Francis)*

*Cantor* Lord have mer - cy. *All* Lord have mer - cy.

*Cantor* Christ have mer - cy. *All* Christ have mer - cy.

*Cantor* Lord have mer - cy. *All* Lord have mer - cy. *rall.*

**Gloria**

*(Mass of St Francis)*

**All** Glory to God in the highest  
 and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,  
 we adore you, we glorify you,  
 we give you thanks for your great glory,  
 Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
 Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
 you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
 you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
 have mercy on us.



**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen, Amen.**

## **Opening Prayer**

**Bishop** Let us pray:  
O God, who anointed your Only Begotten Son with the Holy Spirit  
and made him Christ and Lord,  
graciously grant that,  
being made sharers in his consecration,  
we may bear witness to your Redemption in the world.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one  
God, for ever and ever.

**All** Amen.

## *Liturgy of The Word*

**First Reading** (Is 61:1-3,6. 8-9)

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

*The Lord has anointed me and he has sent me to bring Good News to the poor, to give them  
the oil of gladness.*

The Word of the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm** (Psalm 89)



I will sing for ev-er of the good-ness of the Lord.

**Cantor** I will sing forever of the goodness of the Lord.

**All** I will sing forever of the goodness of the Lord.

**Cantor** I have found David my servant  
And with my holy oil anointed him.  
My hand shall be with him always,  
And my arm shall make him strong.

**All**            **I will sing forever of the goodness of the Lord.**

**Cantor**      My truth and love shall be with him;  
By my name shall his might be exalted.  
He will say to me: 'You are my Father,  
My God, the rock who saves me.'

**All**            **I will sing forever of the goodness of the Lord.**

**Second Reading** (Rev 1:5-8)

A reading from the Book of the Apocalypse

*Christ has made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father.*

The Word of the Lord.

**All**            **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel*

**Incensing of the Holy Gospel**



**Gospel Acclamation**

*Cantor, then all*



**Cantor**      The Spirit of the Lord is upon me:  
He sent me to bring Good News to the poor,  
To proclaim liberty to captives,  
To proclaim the year of the Lord.

**All**            **Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus Christ!**  
**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**Gospel** (Luke 4:16-21)

**Deacon** The Lord be with you  
**All** **And with your spirit.**

**Deacon** A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.  
**All** **Glory to you, O Lord!**

*The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All** **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!**



*Please remain standing for the blessing with the Book of Gospels.*

**Homily** Bishop Gregory Bennet *please sit*

## *Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service*

*The priests stand.*

**Bishop** Beloved sons, on the anniversary of that day when Christ our Lord conferred his priesthood on his Apostles and on us, are you resolved to renew in the presence of your Bishop and God's holy people, the promises you once made?

**Priests** **I am.**

**Bishop:** Are you resolved to be more united with the Lord Jesus and more closely conformed to him, denying yourselves and confirming those promises about sacred duties towards Christ's Church which, prompted by love of him, you willingly and joyfully pledged on the day of your priestly ordination?

**Priests** **I am.**

**Bishop** Are you resolved to be faithful stewards of the mysteries of God in the Holy Eucharist and the other liturgical rites and to



discharge faithfully the sacred office of teaching, following Christ the Head and Shepherd, not seeking any gain, but moved only by zeal for souls?

**Priests**     **I am.**

*Priests remain standing and Deacons come forward.*

**Bishop**     *(To Deacons)* Are you resolved to be faithful ministers of the Word and of pastoral service to your Bishop and to the people of the Diocese of Sale?

**Deacons**     **I am.**

*Priests and Deacons remain standing  
and the Bishop addresses the people, who now stand.*

**Bishop**     As for you, dearest sons and daughters,  
pray for your Priests,  
that the Lord may pour out his gifts abundantly upon them,  
and keep them faithful as ministers of Christ, the High Priest,  
so that they may lead you to him,  
who is the source of salvation.

**People**     **Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.**

**Bishop**     And pray also for me,  
that I may be faithful to the apostolic office  
entrusted to me in my lowliness  
and that in your midst I may be made day by day  
a living and more perfect image of Christ,  
the Priest, the Good Shepherd,  
the Teacher and the Servant of all.

**People**     **Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.**

**Bishop**     May the Lord keep us all in his charity and lead all of us,  
shepherds and flock, to eternal life.

**All**         **Amen.**

# *Procession, Presentation and Blessing of Oils*

## **The Oil of the Sick**

*The Oil of the Sick is brought forward. During the procession all sing:*

**Choir** We are a blest and anointed people:

**All** **Signed for the Kingdom of God!**

**Choir** Oil for healing to soothe our suffering:

**All** **Shine for the Kingdom of God!**

**Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,  
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;  
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,  
Bring forth the City of God!**



*When those carrying the oil reach the Bishop,  
the oil bearer shows it to the Bishop and says for all to hear:  
“The Oil of the Sick”*

*The oil bearer hands the oil to the Bishop.*

**Bishop** O God, Father of all consolation,  
Who willed to heal the infirmities of the weak  
through your Son,  
listen favourably to the prayer of faith:  
send forth from the heavens, we pray,  
your Holy Spirit, the Paraclete,  
upon this oil in all its richness,  
which you have graciously brought forth  
from the verdant tree to restore the body,  
so that by your holy blessing ✠  
everyone anointed with this oil  
as a safeguard for body, soul and spirit,  
may be freed from all pain, all infirmity, and all sickness.  
May your holy oil, O Lord,  
be blessed by you for our sake  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord  
Who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever.

**All** **Amen.**

## The Oil of Catechumens

*The Oil of Catechumens is brought forward while the following is sung:*

**Choir** We are a blest and anointed people:  
**All:** **Signed for the Kingdom of God!**

**Choir** Oil to strengthen us on our journey:  
**All** **Shine for the Kingdom of God!**

**Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,  
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;  
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,  
Bring forth the City of God!**

*When those carrying the oil reach the Bishop,  
the oil bearer shows it to the Bishop and says for all to hear:  
“The Oil of Catechumens”*

*The oil bearer hands the oil to the Bishop.*

**Bishop** O God, strength and protection of your people,  
who have made the oil you created a sign of strength,  
graciously bless ✠ this oil,  
and grant courage to the catechumens  
who will be anointed with it,  
so that, receiving divine wisdom and power,  
they may understand more deeply  
the Gospel of your Christ,  
they may undertake with a generous heart  
the labours of the Christian life,  
and, made worthy of adoption as your sons and daughters,  
they may rejoice to be born anew and to live in your Church.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All** **Amen.**



## The Oil of the Holy Chrism

*All the clergy now stand.*

*The Oil of the Holy Chrism & the perfume are brought forward:*

**Choir** We are a blest and anointed people:  
**All** **Signed for the Kingdom of God!**

**Choir** Oil of holiness, pure and fragrant:  
**All** **Shine for the Kingdom of God!**

**Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,  
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;  
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,  
Bring forth the City of God!**

*When those carrying the oil reach the Bishop, the oil bearer shows  
it to the Bishop and says for all to hear:*

**“Oil of the Holy Chrism”**

*The oil bearer hands the oil to the Bishop for the consecration and  
the Bishop adds the eucalyptus to the Oil of the Holy Chrism.*

**Bishop** Let us pray, dear brothers and sisters,  
to God the almighty Father,  
that he bless and sanctify this oil;  
may those who are signed with it outwardly  
be inwardly anointed  
and made worthy of divine redemption.

*Then the Bishop breathes upon the opening of the vessel of the Chrism. With  
hands extended, he says:*

**Bishop (alone)**

O God, author of the Sacraments and bestower of life,  
we give thanks for your ineffable goodness,  
for in the ancient covenant  
you foreshadowed the mystery of sanctifying oil  
and in the fullness of time  
you willed that it might shine forth uniquely in your beloved Son.

And when your Son, our Lord,  
had saved the human race through the Paschal Mystery,  
he filled your Church with the Holy Spirit,

and wonderfully endowed her with heavenly gifts,  
so that through her the work of salvation in the world  
might be brought to completion.

From that time onward,  
through the sacred mystery of Chrism  
you have so bestowed the riches of your grace upon all humanity,  
that your sons and daughters,  
born again in the cleansing waters of Baptism,  
are strengthened by the anointing of the Spirit  
and, conformed to your Christ,  
they share in his prophetic, priestly and kingly office.

*All the concelebrants extend their right hand toward the Chrism until the  
end of the prayer, without saying anything.*

Therefore we beseech you, O Lord,  
that by the power of your grace  
this mingling of fragrance and oil  
may become for us a sacrament of your ✠ blessing.  
Pour out in abundance the gifts of the Holy Spirit  
on our brothers and sisters anointed with this oil;  
adorn with the splendour of holiness  
the places and things signed by sacred oils;  
but above all, by the mystery of this oil,  
bring to completion the growth of your Church,  
until she reaches that measure of fullness  
in which you, resplendent with eternal light,  
will be all in all with Christ in the Holy Spirit,  
for ever and ever.

**All            Amen.**

*The Creed & General Intercessions are omitted.*



# Liturgy of The Eucharist

## Preparation of the Gifts

### Taizé Chant      Bless the Lord, My Soul



Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

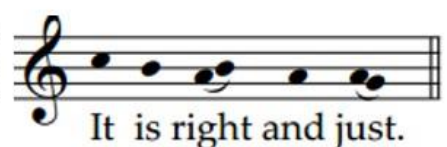
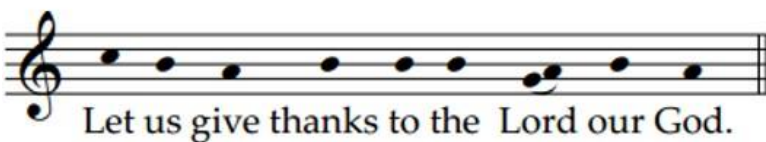
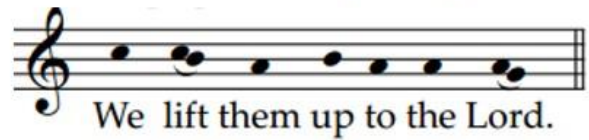
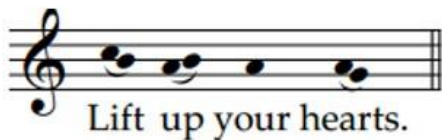
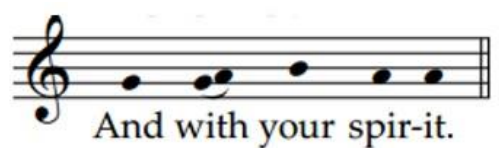
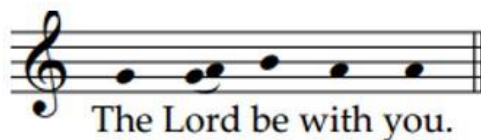
## Prayer over the Offerings

**Bishop**      May the power of this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray,  
mercifully wipe away what is old in us  
and increase in us grace of salvation and newness of life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All**      Amen.

## Eucharistic Prayer 3

## Preface Dialogue



## Holy, Holy

(Mass of St Francis)

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

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## Memorial Acclamation

(Mass of St Francis)

PC The mystery of faith.

Memorial Acclamation 1

The my - ste-ry of faith. We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro -  
fess your Re - sur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

## Amen

(Mass of St Francis)

Through him..... A - - - men, A - - -  
men, A - - - men.

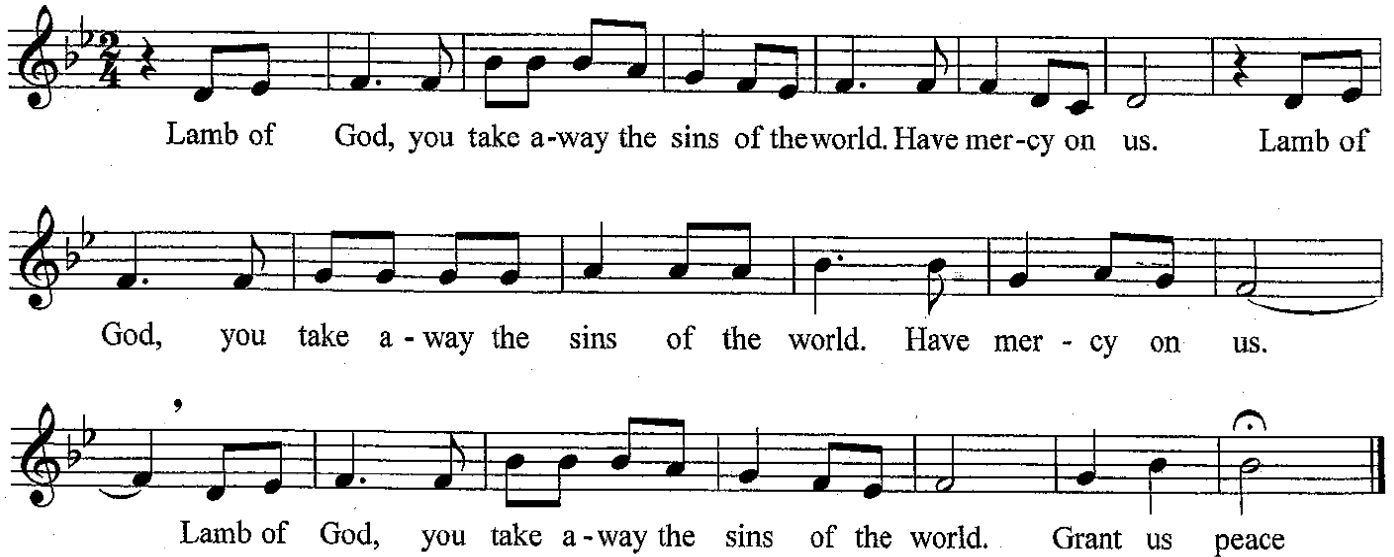
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# Communion Rite

## Lord's Prayer

## Lamb of God

(Mass of St Francis)



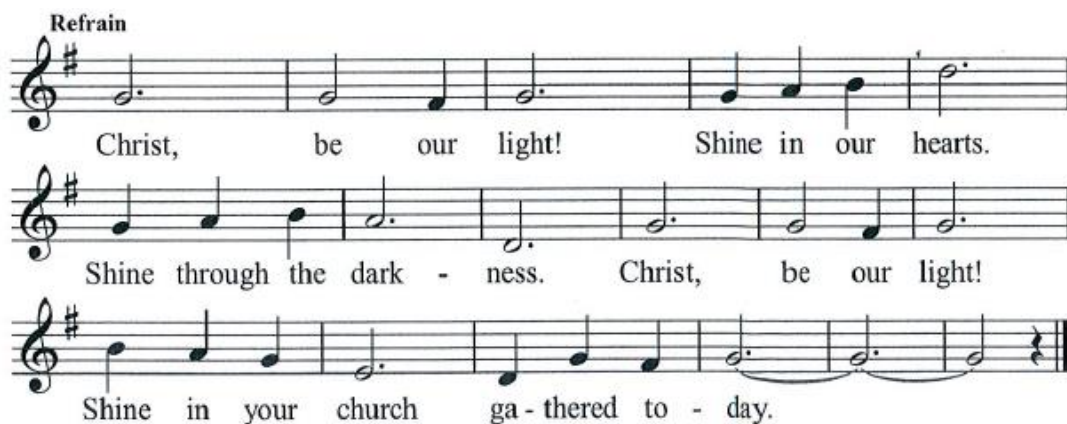
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world. Have mer-cy on us. Lamb of  
God, you take a - way the sins of the world. Have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world. Grant us peace

**Bishop** Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All** **Lord, I am not worthy**  
**that you should enter under my roof,**  
**but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

## Communion Christ, Be Our Light

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
Light for the world to see.



**Refrain**  
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church ga - thered to - day.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled;  
longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us:  
make us your living voice. *R.*
3. Longing for food, our world is hungry;  
longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed. *R.*
4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless;  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone. *R.*
5. Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come. *R.*

### Taizé Chant      Laudate Omnes Gentes

Lau - da - te om - nes    gen - tes,    lau - da - te do - mi - num.    Lau -

da - te om - nes    gen - tes,    lau - da - te do - mi - num.

Laudate omnes gentes, laudate Dominum!  
Laudate omnes gentes, laudate Dominum!

*(English translation      Sing praise, all you peoples, praise the Lord!)*

### Motet      Ave Verum Corpus

## Prayer after Communion

**Bishop** Let us pray,  
We beseech you, almighty God,  
that those you renew by your Sacraments  
may merit to become  
the pleasing fragrance of Christ.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**All** **Amen.**

## *Solemn Blessing*

**Bishop** The Lord be with you.

**All** **And with your spirit.**

**Deacon** Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

**Bishop** Blessed be the name of the Lord

**All** **Now and forever.**

**Bishop** Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**All** **Who made heaven and earth.**

**Bishop** May Almighty God bless you,  
the Father +, and the Son +, and the Holy Spirit +.

**All** **Amen**

**Deacon** Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

**All** **Thanks be to God.**



## Sending Forth Shine, Jesus, Shine

1. Lord the light of your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness shining.  
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me.



Shine, Je - sus, shine; fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry.



Blaze, Spir - it, blaze; set our hearts on fire.



Flow, riv - er, flow; flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy.



Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence  
From the shadows into your radiance.  
By your blood I may enter your brightness,  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me, shine on me. R.

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
So our faces display your likeness.  
Ever changing from glory to glory  
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me. R.

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