



Our Lady of Sorrows

Traditional Catholic Mission Central Texas

Upcoming Mass Details:

TBA in November

Mass – 6:00pm, Confession – 5:30pm

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Note From Father

Dear Faithful,

I returned home to St. Gertrude's this past Tuesday evening. I was supposed to make it home on Monday evening but had my Monday flights canceled and my Tuesday morning flights delayed. American Airlines told me that this was because of the storms that had rolled through the area on Monday (not particularly bad storms). However, it was only after the fact that I heard about the air travel walk-outs. While the big news was the pilots of Southwest Airlines, I found out that a few cities had Air Traffic Control agents walk out too... including in Milwaukee. And thus, the actual cause of my canceled flights was discovered!

I have never been so happy to have flights canceled and travel delayed! It's these types of Mass demonstrations which must take place for there to be any hope of stopping the mass seizure of the rights and liberties of people. And they are effective. People I know in the airlines industry told me that with just one day's walk-out, Southwest went from talking of an absolute mandate to reaching out to their employees to let them know that they can apply for exemptions. Not perfect, but far better than before the strike.

Speaking of fighting against the tyranny, which is threatening us all, we had the last of Our Fatima Rosary Processions for the year on Wednesday, the 13th. As the sun is set so much earlier these days, our October Rosary Procession is always a candlelit procession through the main town square. Despite wet humid air and occasional soft rain showers, we had over 125 people come and join us in the procession. How magnificent and powerful it was to see such a long line of blue candle lights stretch out behind us, slowly walking along as one... And what is even more magnificent and powerful is the reality that all those prayers rose-up as one voice before the throne of Almighty God and the Blessed Virgin Mary! While strikes and demonstrations are great and necessary, our prayers are truly the greatest action we take in these troubled times... Be sure to continue to unite your voice with ours every day with the recitation of the Most Holy Rosary.

In Christ,

Fr. McKenna



To Live the Present Moment

"We who run in the way of love, must never worry about anything. If I did not accept my suffering from one minute to another, it would be impossible for me to remain patient. But I see only present moment, forget the past and take good care not to visualize the future. When we become discouraged and sometimes despair, it is because we think of the past and the future... To think of the painful things that might happen in the future means that we are lacking in confidence." (*St. Therese of Lisieux*)

God offers us his grace in this very moment and so it is little to be wondered at if we should lose our peace when we leave the present moment. In this light, Therese said, "For tomorrow, I cannot pray, Cover me with Thy shadow, just for today."

Sometimes in our difficulties and trials, we strain to understand and direct things according to our own views. We worry about the past and are apprehensive about the future. Therese gives us an example of this absolute confidence in God and echoes the teachings of her Lord: "Sufficient for the day is the evil thereof; tomorrow will have worries of its own. That is what Jesus taught and that alone should be our guide."

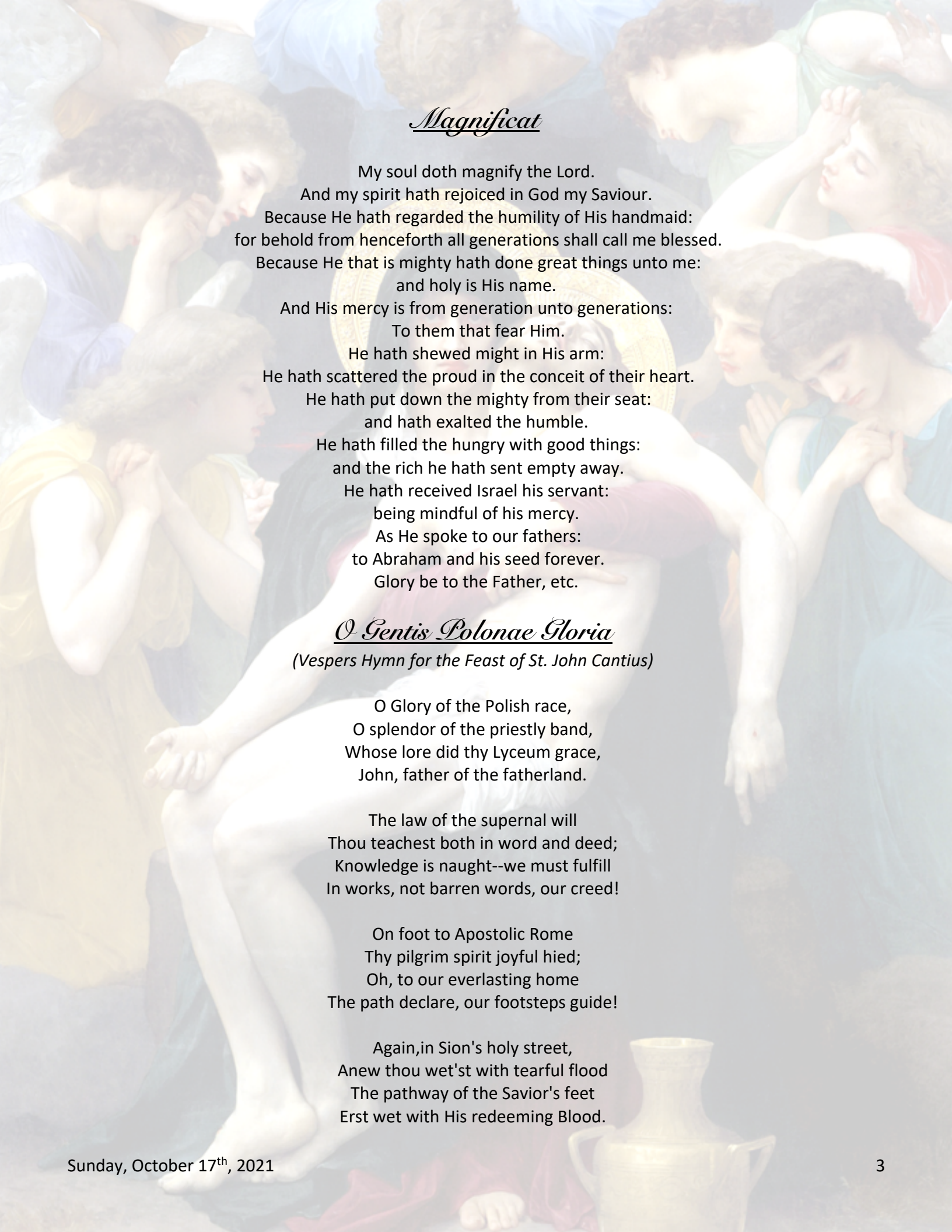
This is a sure help in the very stressful days in which we live. – Bp. Dolan

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

Margaret Mary came from the Burgundy region of France. Her childhood was filled with suffering. For four years, she was stricken with a mysterious paralysis. Her father's death meant she and her mother had to live with unkind relations. Yet, from an early age, Margaret Mary felt Mary's maternal presence when she recited her rosary. When at last she went to the Visitation convent at Paray-le-Monial, she was comforted by an interior voice: "This is where I want you."

Three years later, Margaret Mary received the first of four visions in which Christ revealed to her His Heart, "unable to contain within itself any longer the furnace of its burning charity." He took her heart, placed it within His, and then returned it to her on fire with love. He asked her to become the "beloved disciple of the Sacred Heart," giving her the First Friday devotion that was then promoted by the Jesuit priest Bl. Claude la Colombiere.

Yet, Margaret Mary's relations with the other nuns were strained, especially when she revealed that she was to do penance for their sins. Through their harsh treatment, she remained patient. Shortly before her death, Margaret Mary wrote, "His Sacred Heart will do everything for me if I let Him. He shall will, He shall love, He shall desire for me, and make up for all my faults."



Magnificat

My soul doth magnify the Lord.
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
Because He hath regarded the humility of His handmaid:
for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
Because He that is mighty hath done great things unto me:
and holy is His name.
And His mercy is from generation unto generations:
To them that fear Him.
He hath shewed might in His arm:
He hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
and hath exalted the humble.
He hath filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He hath received Israel his servant:
being mindful of his mercy.
As He spoke to our fathers:
to Abraham and his seed forever.
Glory be to the Father, etc.

O Gentis Polonae Gloria

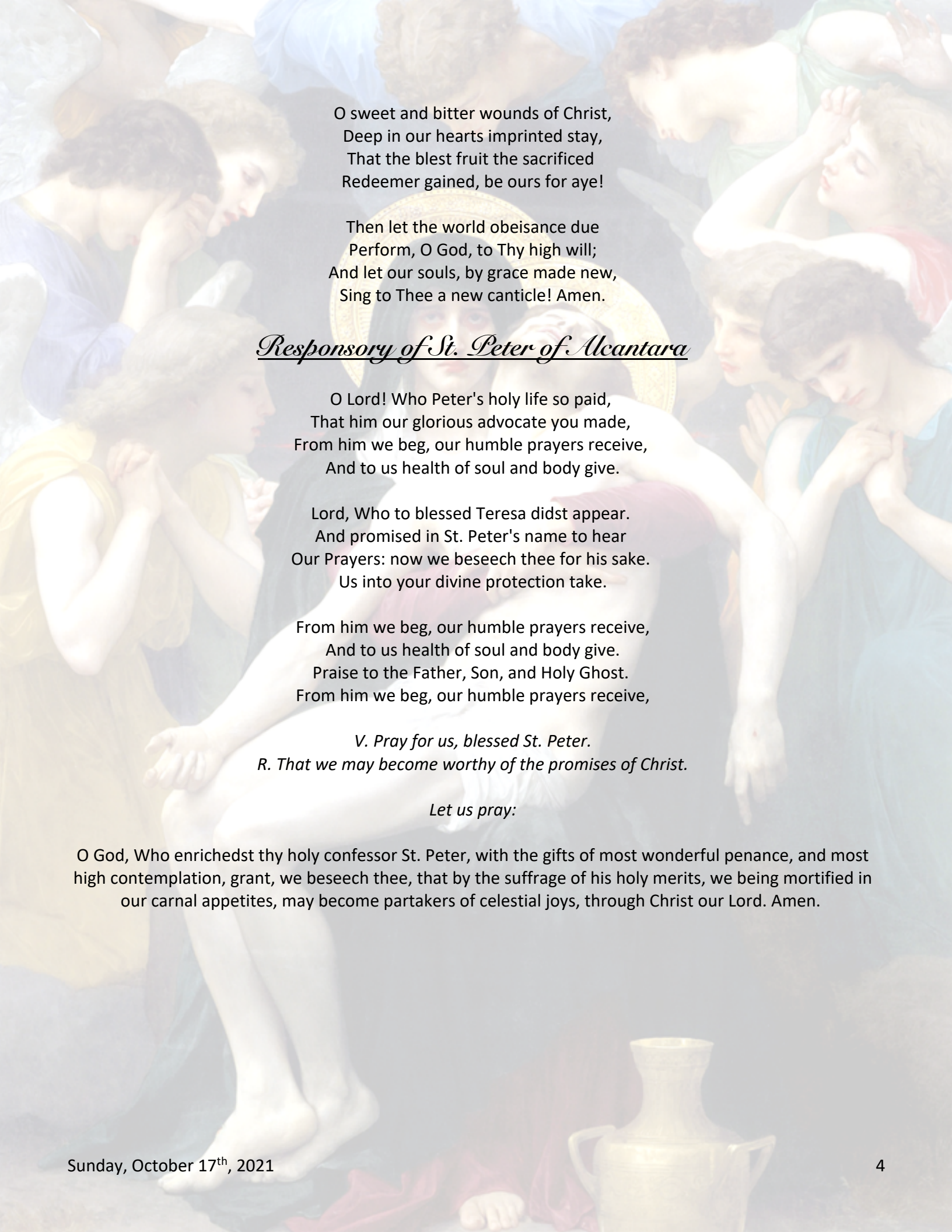
(Vespers Hymn for the Feast of St. John Cantius)

O Glory of the Polish race,
O splendor of the priestly band,
Whose lore did thy Lyceum grace,
John, father of the fatherland.

The law of the supernal will
Thou teachest both in word and deed;
Knowledge is naught--we must fulfill
In works, not barren words, our creed!

On foot to Apostolic Rome
Thy pilgrim spirit joyful hied;
Oh, to our everlasting home
The path declare, our footsteps guide!

Again, in Sion's holy street,
Anew thou wet'st with tearful flood
The pathway of the Savior's feet
Erst wet with His redeeming Blood.



O sweet and bitter wounds of Christ,
Deep in our hearts imprinted stay,
That the blest fruit the sacrificed
Redeemer gained, be ours for aye!

Then let the world obeisance due
Perform, O God, to Thy high will;
And let our souls, by grace made new,
Sing to Thee a new canticle! Amen.

Responsory of St. Peter of Alcantara

O Lord! Who Peter's holy life so paid,
That him our glorious advocate you made,
From him we beg, our humble prayers receive,
And to us health of soul and body give.

Lord, Who to blessed Teresa didst appear.
And promised in St. Peter's name to hear
Our Prayers: now we beseech thee for his sake.
Us into your divine protection take.

From him we beg, our humble prayers receive,
And to us health of soul and body give.
Praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
From him we beg, our humble prayers receive,

V. Pray for us, blessed St. Peter.

R. That we may become worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

O God, Who enrichedst thy holy confessor St. Peter, with the gifts of most wonderful penance, and most high contemplation, grant, we beseech thee, that by the suffrage of his holy merits, we being mortified in our carnal appetites, may become partakers of celestial joys, through Christ our Lord. Amen.