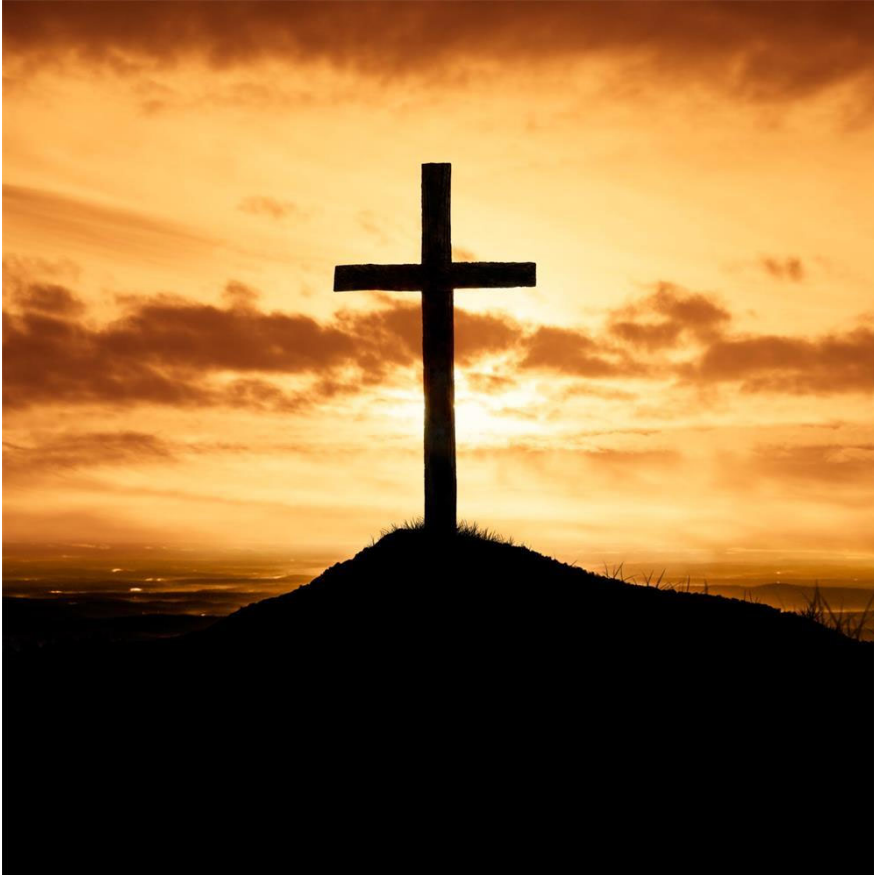


# ***Mass of Atonement***

***Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross***

**Most Reverend Robert D. Gruss,  
Principal Celebrant and Homilist**



**Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption**

**Monday, September 14, 2020**

**6:00 PM**

In his May 15, 2020 letter to the People of the Diocese of God in the Diocese of Saginaw, Bishop Gruss wrote:

The abuse of one child is a tragedy that cries out to heaven.

*“See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father.”* (Matthew 10:18)

Victims, their families, and all of the Faithful are especially aggrieved by child sexual abuse by clergy. Each report of clergy assaults our memories and our Faith. While we cannot change the past, we can commit ourselves to preemptively identify the warning signs of abuse...

A **Mass of Atonement** is based on Scripture: *“If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it.”* (1 Corinthians 12:26) Bishop Gruss unites himself with those who have suffered child abuse and neglect, in particular with those who have suffered child sexual abuse by clergy.

# Gathering Song:

# Hold Us in Your Mercy

Cantor: All:

Hold us in your mer - cy. Hold us in your mer - cy.

Cantor: All:

Hold us in your mer - cy. Hold us in your mer - cy.

Cantor: All:

(Invocation) Hold us in your mer - cy.

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Cantor: All:

Hold us in your mer - cy. Hold us in your mer - cy.

Cantor: All:

Hold us in your mer - cy. Hold us in your mer - cy.

Cantor: All:

Hold us in your mer - cy. Hold us in your mer - cy.

# THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

## Rito Introductorio

### *Greeting*

### *Penitential Act*

Bishop Gruss will remove or set aside the symbols of his office (his Episcopal ring, miter and crosier) and prostrate himself before the cross and altar. The prostration, similar to the prostration at the Good Friday Liturgy, signifies contrition, humility, reverence, and deep anguish for the suffering Christ, and the grief and sorrow of the Church.

**Cantor**



*Invocation*

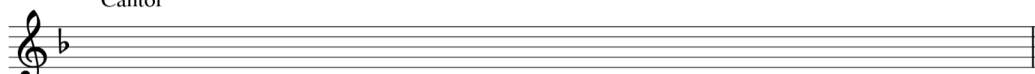
**Cantor** Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. **All** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.



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



**Cantor**



*Invocation*

**Cantor** **All**

Chri - ste, e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, e - le - i - son.

**Cantor** **All**

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

**Cantor**

*Invocation*

**Cantor** **All**

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

**Cantor** **All**

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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# Gloria

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple  
of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you,  
we glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry,  
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa-ther.  
Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us;  
you take a-way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer;  
you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us.  
For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,  
in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**  
**Liturgia de la Palabra**

*First Reading:*

*Numbers 21:4b-9*

*Responsorial Psalm 51:*

*Be Merciful, O Lord*

Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, we have sinned, we have sinned.

Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord for we have sinned.

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*Second Reading:*

*Philippians 2:6-11*

*Gospel Acclamation*

*Cantor, then all:*

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

Music: Chant Mode VI; acc. by Richard Proulx

Gospel:

John 3:13-17

Homily:

Bishop Gruss

**THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**  
**Liturgia de la Eucaristia**

*Preparation of the Altar and Gifts*

*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 in the high - est, ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



## *The Mystery of Faith*

Save us, Sav-ior of the world for by your  
Cross and Res-ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

The musical notation is in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The first line is in 4/4 time and contains the lyrics 'Save us, Sav-ior of the world for by your'. The second line starts in 4/4 time, changes to 2/4 time for 'Cross and Res-ur - rec - tion', and returns to 4/4 time for 'you have set us free.' The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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## *The Great Amen*

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

The musical notation is in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The first line is in 4/4 time and contains the lyrics 'A - men, a - men, a - men, a -'. The second line continues with 'men. A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.' The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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## *Communion Rite*

*The Lord's Prayer*

*Sign of Peace*



## Lamb of God

*Cantor:* Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the

*Assembly:* world, have mer-cy on us. world, grant us peace.

*Repeat as desired* | *Last time*

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## Communion Song:

## Pan de Vida

Pan de Vi - da, cuer-po del Se - ñor,

cup of bless - ing, blood of Christ the Lord.

At this ta - ble the last shall be first, po -

der es ser - vir, por-que Dios es a - mor.

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## Prayer After Communion

# THE CONCLUDING RITES

## Ritos Finales

### *Blessing*

### *Closing Song:*


### *Glory in the Cross*



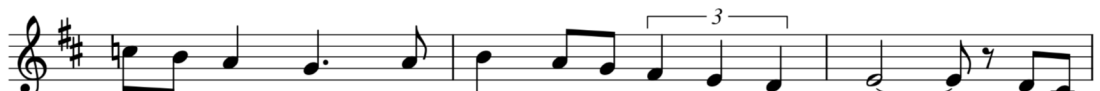
Let us bring our bur-dens to the cross of Christ who has known our sor-rows and




tears. In the great com - pas-sion of the heart of Christ, God has



walked in our hopes and fears. He was mocked and be-trayed, de -



sert - ed by friends, and ban - ished to die a - mong thieves. Let us



ev - er glo-ry in the cross of Christ and the tri-umph of God's great love.

# A PRAYER FOR HEALING VICTIMS OF ABUSE

God of endless love,  
ever caring, ever strong,  
always present, always just:  
You gave your only Son  
to save us by his blood on the cross.



Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,  
join to your own suffering  
the pain of all who have been hurt  
in body, mind, and spirit  
by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.



Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters  
who have been gravely harmed,  
and the cries of those who love them.  
Soothe their restless hearts with hope,  
steady their shaken spirits with faith.  
Grant them justice for their cause,  
enlightened by your truth.



Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,  
heal your people's wounds  
and transform brokenness into wholeness.  
Grant us the courage and wisdom,  
humility and grace, to act with justice.  
Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.  
Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

# UNA ORACIÓN DE SANACIÓN VÍCTIMAS DE ABUSO

Dios del amor infinito,  
Siempre presente, siempre justo;  
Tú nos cuidas y nos proteges  
Y nos diste a tu único Hijo  
Para salvarnos con su sangre en la cruz.



Jesús manso, pastor de la paz,  
Dígnate unir a tu propio sufrimiento  
El dolor de todos los que han sido heridos  
De cuerpo, mente y espíritu  
Por parte de aquellos que traicionaron la confianza puesta en ellos.

Escucha el clamor de nuestros hermanos y hermanas  
Que han sido lastimados gravemente,  
Así como el clamor de aquellos que los aman.  
Dales la esperanza que mitigue el desosiego de  
sus corazones,  
Dales la fe que calme sus espíritus perturbados.  
Concédeles justicia para su causa,  
Ilumínelos con tu verdad.



Espíritu Santo, consolador de corazones,  
Cura las heridas de tus hijos e hijas  
Y devuelve la integridad a lo que ha sido quebrantado.  
Concédenos el valor y la sabiduría,  
La humildad y la gracia, para actuar con justicia.  
Sopla tu sabiduría en nuestras oraciones y empeños.  
Que todos los que han sido heridos por el abuso  
encuentren paz y justicia.  
Te lo pedimos por Cristo, nuestro Señor. Amén.

The Diocese of Saginaw is concerned for all victims of abuse and their families. If at any time, now or in the past, a priest or deacon has abused you, please contact law enforcement and then contact the **Victim Assistance Coordinator**:

**Catholic Family Service:** [victim.assistance@dioceseofsaginaw.org](mailto:victim.assistance@dioceseofsaginaw.org)

**989-797-6682**

**If you suspect a child or vulnerable adult is in immediate danger, call 911.**

If you are a victim of clergy abuse or know of someone who is, you are urged to make direct contact with local law enforcement and the Michigan Attorney General's investigation hotline at 844-324-3374 or by emailing [aginvestigations@mi.gov](mailto:aginvestigations@mi.gov).

If you have cause to suspect a child, young person, or vulnerable adult is being neglected or abused by anyone, immediately contact the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services at its 24/7 hotline number: 855.444.3911.

The Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service (CBAR) has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. To make a report, visit [ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://ReportBishopAbuse.org) or phone (800) 276-1562. When a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential.



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