

RITE OF ELECTION OF CATECHUMENS
AND OF CALLING THE CANDIDATES TO
CONTINUING CONVERSION

RITO DE ELECCIÓN DE LOS CATECÚMENOS
Y DE LLAMADO DE LOS CANDIDATOS
A LA CONVERSIÓN CONTINUA



Bishop James V. Johnston Jr., D.D.

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
March 8, 2025, at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

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The Cathedral of St. Joseph
March 9, 2025, at 2 p.m.

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PRELUDE | PRELUDIO

The congregation is seated. | La asamblea se sienta.

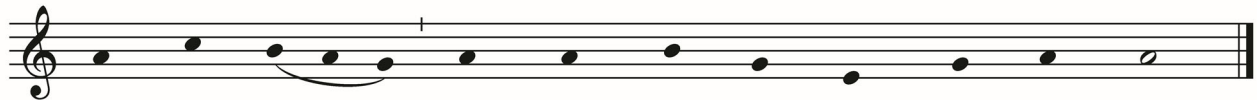
O Sun of Justice



1. O Sun of jus - tice, Je - sus Christ, Dis - pel the
2. In this our "time ac - cept - a - ble" Touch ev - 'ry
3. The day, your day, in beau - ty dawns When in your
4. O lov - ing Trin - i - ty, our God, To you we



dark - ness of our hearts, Till your blest light makes
heart with sor - row, Lord, That, turned from sin, re -
light earth blooms a - new; Led back a - gain to
bow through end - less days, And in your grace new -



night-time flee And brings the joys your day im - parts.
newed by grace, We may press on toward love's re - ward.
life's true way, May we, for-giv'n, re - joice in you.
born we sing New hymns of grat - i - tude and praise.

Text: *Jam Christe sol justitiae*: Latin, 6th C.; tr. by Peter J. Scagnelli, b.1949, © 1982
Tune: JESU DULCIS MEMORIA, LM; Mode I; acc. by Richard Proulx, 1937–2010, © 1975, GIA Publications, Inc.

Choir: Jesu Salvator Mundi (*Jesus, Savior of the World*) | Cordans

St. Joseph Cathedral: Organ Voluntary



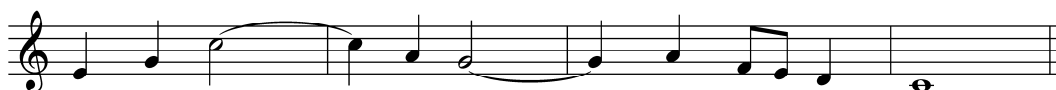
THE ORDER OF SERVICE | ORDEN DEL SERVICIO

Lift High the Cross / Alcen la Cruz

Refrain



Al - cen la cruz, em - ble - ma de su a - mor; que el



mun-do al fin co - noz - ca al Sal - va - dor.

Verses



Cantor
Men
Women
All

1. Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod, Our
2. Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign, The
3. Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied Bears
4. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree, Your

1. Va - mos, cris - tia - nos, tras nues - tro Se - ñor; El
2. Ba - jo es - te sig - no de su gran po - der El
3. Ca - da cre - yen - te del que en cruz mu - rió En
4. Cuan - do te al - za - ron glo - rio - so en la cruz, A -

D.C.



King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
on the brow the seal of him who died.
death has bought us life e - ter - nal - ly.

rey vic - to - rio - so, Cris - to, Hi - jo de Dios.
pue - blo de Dios a - van - za sin te - mer.
su fren - te lle - va el sig - no en que ven - ció.
llí pro - me - tis - te lle - var - nos a la luz.

5. So shall our song of triumph ever be: 5. *Himnos de gloria alcemos sin cesar;*
Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Al rey vencedor que en cruz supo triunfar.*

Text: 1 Corinthians 1:18; George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912, and Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956, alt.; tr. by Dimas Planas-Belfort, 1934–1992, and Ángel Mattos, alt.
Tune: CRUCIFER, 10 10 with refrain; Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947
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GREETING | SALUDO

Bishop: Peace be with you.
All: And with your spirit.

PRAYER | ORACIÓN

LITURGY OF THE WORD | LITURGIA DE LA PALABRA

Sit | Siéntense

FIRST READING | PRIMERA LECTURA

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Proclaimed in Spanish ✕ Proclamada en Español

Moses spoke to the people, saying:
“The priest shall receive the basket from you
and shall set it in front of the altar of the LORD, your God.
Then you shall declare before the Lord, your God,
‘My father was a wandering Aramean
who went down to Egypt with a small household and lived there as an alien.
But there he became a nation great, strong, and numerous.
When the Egyptians maltreated and oppressed us,
imposing hard labor upon us,
we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and he heard our cry
and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.
He brought us out of Egypt with his strong hand and outstretched arm,
with terrifying power, with signs and wonders;
and bringing us into this country, he gave us this land flowing with milk and honey.
Therefore, I have now brought you the firstfruits of the products of the soil
which you, O LORD, have given me.’
And having set them before the LORD, your God,
you shall bow down in his presence.”

(Palabra de Dios) The word of the Lord

(Te alabamos, Señor) Thanks be to God



SALMO 90: ACOMPÁÑAME, SEÑOR / PSALM 91: BE WITH ME, O LORD

Bob Hurd

Español A - com - pá - ña - me, Se - ñor. A - com -
Biling. A - com - pá - ña - me, Se - ñor. A - com -
English ♯ ♯ Be with me, O Lord. ♯ ♯

pá - ña - me, Se - ñor. En la tri - bu - la -
pá - ña - me, Se - ñor. In my time of dis -
Be with me, O Lord. In my time of dis -

ción, a - com - pá - ña - me, Se - ñor.
tress, a - com - pá - ña - me, Se - ñor.
tress, ♯ ♯ be with me, O Lord.

GOOD NEWS ACCLAMATION

James J. Chepponis

Cantor: Praise and honor to you. Praise and honor to you.
Praise and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

All

Praise and hon - or to you.

Praise and hon-or to you. Praise and hon-or to

you, Lord Je - sus Christ!



GOSPEL | EVANGELIO

Lucas 4, 1-13

Proclaimed in English ✦ Proclamada en Inglés

En aquel tiempo, Jesús, lleno del Espíritu Santo, regresó del Jordán y conducido por el mismo Espíritu, se internó en el desierto, donde permaneció durante cuarenta días y fue tentado por el demonio.

No comió nada en aquellos días, y cuando se completaron, sintió hambre. Entonces el diablo le dijo: “Si eres el Hijo de Dios, dile a esta piedra que se convierta en pan”. Jesús le contestó: “Está escrito: *No sólo de pan vive el hombre*”.

Después lo llevó el diablo a un monte elevado y en un instante le hizo ver todos los reinos de la tierra y le dijo: “A mí me ha sido entregado todo el poder y la gloria de estos reinos, y yo los doy a quien quiero. Todo esto será tuyo, si te arrodillas y me adoras”. Jesús le respondió: “Está escrito: *Adorarás al Señor, tu Dios, y a él sólo servirás*”.

Entonces lo llevó a Jerusalén, lo puso en la parte más alta del templo y le dijo: “Si eres el Hijo de Dios, arrójate desde aquí, porque está escrito: *Los ángeles del Señor tienen órdenes de cuidarte y de sostenerte en sus manos, para que tus pies no tropiecen con las piedras*”. Pero Jesús le respondió: “También está escrito: *No tentarás al Señor, tu Dios*”.

Concluidas las tentaciones, el diablo se retiró de él, hasta que llegara la hora.

Palabra del Señor (The Gospel of the Lord)

Gloria a ti, Señor Jesús (Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ)

Please remain standing until the Deacon presents the Book of the Gospels to the Bishop.
Favor de permanecer de pie, hasta que el Diácono presente el Evangeliario al Obispo.

HOMILY | HOMILÍA



PRESENTATION OF THE CATECHUMENS PRESENTACIÓN DE LOS CATECÚMENOS

Deacon: Bishop Johnston,
as the solemn paschal celebrations approach once more,
the catechumens present here,
relying on divine grace
and supported by the prayers and example of the community,
humbly request that, after due preparation and celebration of the Scrutinies,
they be admitted to participate
in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist.

The bishop replies: Let those who are to be chosen as the elect
stand together with their godparents as their names are called.

(El obispo responde: Aquellos que van a ser elegidos, ponerse de pie junto con sus padrinos cuando se llame su nombre.)

One by one, all representatives announce their parish and the names of all their catechumens.
Uno por uno, todos los representantes anuncian su parroquia y los nombres de todos sus catecúmenos.

Bishop: The holy Church of God now wishes to ascertain
whether these catechumens are sufficiently prepared
to be received into the order of the elect
for the solemn paschal celebrations to come.

He, then, turns toward the godparents:

And so, first I ask you their godparents to testify.
Have they faithfully listened to God's word proclaimed by the Church?

Godparents: **They have. (Sí, lo han hecho.)**

Bishop: Have they begun to walk in God's presence,
treasuring the word they have received

Godparents: **They have. (Sí, lo han hecho.)**

Bishop: Have they persevered in fraternal communion and in the prayers?

Godparents: **They have. (Sí, lo han hecho.)**

Bishop: Now I ask you, the members of this community:
Are you willing to affirm the testimony expressed about these catechumens
and include them in your prayer and affection as we move toward Easter?

All: **We are. (Sí, lo estamos.)**



Estrofas

1. El Señor es el lote de mi heredad y mi copa,
mi suerte está en tu mano.
Tengo siempre presente al Señor,
con él a mi derecha no vacilaré.
2. Por eso se me alegra el corazón,
se gozan mis entrañas,
y mi carne descansa serena:
porque no me entregarás a la muerte
ni dejarás a tu fiel conocer la corrupción.
3. Me enseñarás el sendero de la vida,
me saciarás de gozo en tu presencia,
de alegría perpetua a tu derecha,
de alegría perpetua a tu derecha.

Verses

1. *O Lord, my allotted portion and my cup,
you hold fast my destiny.
I keep the Lord ever before me;
with the Lord at my right hand
I shall stand firm.*
2. *So my heart is glad and my soul rejoices,
so my body abides in safety;
for to Sheol you will not abandon me,
nor let your faithful one see corruption.*
3. *You will show me the path of life,
in your presence the fullness of joy,
at your right hand delights forever,
at your right hand delights forever.*

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CHOSEN BY GOD

Paul Inwood

Refrain

Cho-sen by God, blessed by the Lord, led to this day by
God's ten-der hand: o - pen your heart, rise up and sing,
lift up your voice, cry out with joy! Give thanks for
grace and mer - cy and love with - out end.



Deacon: Would those who signed the book and their godparents please stand?
The Deacons raise the Book of the Elect.
Los diáconos levantan el Libro de los Elegidos.

Bishop: My brothers and sisters, you have been chosen for Initiation
into the sacred mysteries at the forthcoming Easter Vigil.

Elect: Thanks be to God.

The Bishop continues:
Now, with divine help,
your duty, like ours, is to be faithful to God,
who is faithful to his call,
and to strive with generous spirit
to reach the full truth of your Election.

Then, turning toward the godparents, the bishop addresses them in these or similar words:
Godparents, please place a hand on the shoulder of your elect.
Godparents, you have spoken in favor of these elect;
receive them now as chosen in the Lord
and accompany them with your help and example,
until they come to share in the Sacraments of divine life.

Blessed be God!

Mario Pearson

Bless ed be God! who calls you by
name! Ho ly and cho sen,
ho ly_ and cho sen!

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CELEBRATION OF THE CALLING TO CONTINUING CONVERSION CELEBRACIÓN DE LLAMADO A LA CONVERSIÓN CONTINUA

Deacon: Bishop Johnston,
as the solemn paschal celebrations approach once more,
the candidates present here,
relying on divine grace
and supported by the prayers and example of the community,
humbly request that, after due preparation,
they be admitted to the full communion of the Catholic Church,
and to the Sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist.

Bishop: Let those who desire
to participate fully in the sacramental life of the Church
stand together with their sponsors as their names are called.

One by one, all representatives announce their parish and the names of all their candidates.
Uno por uno, todos los representantes anuncian su parroquia y los nombres de todos sus candidatos.

Bishop: The Christian life and the demands
that flow from the Sacraments cannot be taken lightly.
Therefore, before granting these candidates their request
to share fully in the Church's Sacraments,
it is important that the Church hear the testimony
of their sponsors about their readiness.

He, then, turns toward the sponsors:
Have they faithfully listened to God's word proclaimed by the Church?

Sponsors: They have.

Bishop: Have they come to a deeper appreciation of their Baptism,
in which they were joined to Christ and his Church?

Sponsors: They have.



Bishop: Have they reflected sufficiently on the tradition of the Church, which is their heritage, and joined their brothers and sisters in prayer?

Sponsors: They have.

Bishop: Have they advanced in a life of love and service of others?

Sponsors: They have.

Bishop: Now I ask you, the members of this community:
Are you willing to affirm the testimony expressed about these candidates and include them in your prayer and affection as we move toward Easter?

All: We are.

Bishop: Dear candidates, the Church recognizes your desire to be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit and to have a place at Christ's eucharistic table.
Join with us this Lent in a spirit of repentance.
Hear the Lord's call to conversion
and be faithful to your baptismal covenant.

Candidates: Thanks be to God.

Bishop: Sponsors, please place a hand on the shoulder of your candidate.
Sponsors, continue to support these candidates with your guidance and concern.
May they see in you a love for the Church and a sincere desire for doing good.
Lead them this Lent to the joys of the Easter mysteries.

Bishop: Dear brothers and sisters,
today we begin the Lenten journey
looking forward to the saving mysteries of the Passion and Resurrection.
The elect and candidates, whom we are bringing to the Paschal Sacraments, look to us for an example of renewal.

Therefore let us pray to the Lord for them and for ourselves,
that being encouraged by our mutual renewal,
we may be made worthy of the paschal graces.



INTERCESSIONS FOR THE ELECT AND THE CANDIDATES INTERCESIONES POR LOS ELEGIDOS Y POR LOS CANDIDATOS

All stand | Todos de pie

Bishop: Dear brothers and sisters,
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The elect and candidates, whom we are bringing to the Paschal Sacraments,
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that being encouraged by our mutual renewal,
we may be made worthy of the paschal graces.

Deacon: *(The deacon leads the intercessions.)*
(After each, all say:) **“Lord hear our prayer.”**

Bishop: Almighty, most beloved Father,
graciously guide these elect of the Church
and grant that, faithful to the calling they have received,
they may be built up into the kingdom of your Son
and be sealed with the promised Holy Spirit.

Look also upon these candidates,
and grant that, faithful to the gifts already received in Baptism,
they may be more fully conformed
to the Death and Resurrection of Christ.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen.



FINAL BLESSING | BENDICIÓN Y DESPEDIDA

Bishop: The Lord be with you.
All: **And with your spirit.**

Bishop: May almighty God bless you,
+ the Father, +and the Son, +and the Holy Spirit.
All: **Amen.**

Deacon: Go and announce the gospel of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.** ((*¡Gracias a Dios!*))

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days



1. Lord, who through - out these for - ty days For
2. As you with Sa - tan did con - tend And
3. As you did hun - ger and did thirst, So
4. And through these days of pen - i - tence, And
5. A - bide with us that, when this life Of



us did fast and pray, Teach us to o - ver -
did the vic - t'ry win, O give us strength in
teach us, gra - cious Lord, To die to self, and
through your Pas - sion - tide, For ev - er - more, in
suf - fer - ing is past, An East - er of un -



come our sins, And close by you to stay.
you to fight, In you to con - quer sin.
on - ly live By your most ho - ly word.
life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
end - ing joy We may at - tain at last!

Text: Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898, alt.
Tune: ST. FLAVIAN, CM; John Day's *Psalter*, 1562; harm. based on the original *faux-bourdon* setting



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Interlude in the **DESERT**



A Lenten Musical Experience

Friday, March 28, 2025

7 p.m.

**Cathedral of the
Immaculate Conception**

11th & Broadway KCMO

The Cathedral Schola Choir

Justin Cowart, Cellist

Dr. Mario Pearson, conductor

TICKETS: Eventbrite

The **Chrism Mass** will be celebrated at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on **Thursday, April 10, 2025, at 7 p.m.** At this Mass, Bishop Johnston will consecrate the chrism that will be used for the confirmation of all the elect and candidates from today's celebration. All are welcome.



Neophyte Mass



Bishop Johnston will celebrate the **Neophyte Mass** at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on **May 11, 2025** at the 11 a.m. Mass.

All neophytes and newly received receive communion at Mass with the Bishop.