

**HOLY HOUR**

**FOR**

**VOCATIONS**



***Processional:***

**We Remember**

Marty Haugen

Refrain: We remember how you loved us to your death,  
and still we celebrate, for you are with us here;  
And we believe that we will see you when you come in your  
glory, Lord. We remember, we celebrate, we believe.

Here, a million wounded souls  
are yearning just to touch and be healed.  
Gather all your people, and hold them to your heart. REFRAIN:

Now we recreate your love,  
We bring the bread and wine to share a meal.  
Sign of grace and mercy, the presence of the Lord. REFRAIN:

***Opening Prayer:***

Lord, grant us attentive and generous hearts. Help us to remain open to  
your grace in order to follow you better. Help us appreciate the  
generosity of those who commit themselves and carry their daily  
cross in your steps with joy. As we look deep into our hearts, Lord,  
grant us and young people in our diocese the courage of sincerity and the  
ability to listen to your every demand. We ask this through Christ,  
Our Lord. AMEN.

***Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:***

**(Kneel)**

Humbly we adore thee, Christ, Redeemer King;  
Thou art Lord of heaven, thou to whom we sing.  
God the Mighty, thou hast come, bearing gifts of grace;  
Son of Adam still thou art: Savior to our race.

Jesus Lord, we thank thee, for this wondrous bread;  
In our land thou dwellest, by thee we are fed.  
We who share this mystery in thee are made one;  
Every act we offer thee in thy name is done.

***Silent Adoration:***

***Entrance Antiphons:***

Priest: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.  
All: *Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.*

Priest: Lord Jesus, present in the sacrament of the Eucharist, we know that only you have the words of eternal life: speak and we will listen.

**All:** *Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.*

Priest: Lord Jesus, we want to place you at the center of our lives. We want to choose you; love you above all things; and welcome you as the Living One among us.

**All:** *Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.*

Priest: Lord Jesus, grant us perseverance in listening to your Word, so that, enlightened, drawn and guided by you, we may enter the Father's house.

**All:** *Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.*

Priest: Lord Jesus, we fervently implore you: help the youth as they listen to your word, to be drawn by your beauty and to follow you generously in the way of priesthood and religious life.

**All:** *Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.*

**Reading I:** 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (Samuel's Call)

**Reflection:**

**Community Prayer:**

Priest: Through your Son you have spoken your strongest word. O Father, we pray to you through Him, who is ever living, to intercede for us. Together we say:

**All:** *Open our ears, Lord, that we may listen to your word.*

Priest: We thank you, Lord Jesus. Journeying on the roads of the world, you have entered our homes today. Help us always to be ready to open the door to you when you knock and welcome you as the **Guest** who is expected and wanted.

**All:** *Open our ears, Lord, that we may listen to your word.*

Priest: We thank you, Lord Jesus, Living Word of the Father, you spoke to us of your Church through the words of your pastors. Help us to be mindful of the teachings of our Pope, John Paul II, whom you have called to guide your Church. Help us recognize in him a presence of your love.

**All:** *Open our ears, Lord, that we may listen to your word.*

Priest: We thank you, Lord Jesus, Advocate of the poor, you give yourself through bread to those who search for you; you fulfill the expectations of those who want you. May your word be our daily bread. Like Mary, your mother, help us to ponder your word in our hearts and be able to put it into practice in our everyday decisions.

**All:** *Open our ears, Lord, that we may listen to your word.*

Priest: We thank you, Lord Jesus, You know the deep aspirations in the hearts of men and women. Do not permit us to worry about many useless things without meaning, but help us to search with passion the only one "thing" which is needed: your kingdom and your justice.

**All:** *Open our ears, Lord, that we may listen to your word.*

Priest: We thank you, Lord Jesus, Light of the World; you enlighten the lives of your disciples. May our listening to your word guide us to choose what pleases you and to reject what is contrary to the Christian name. Recreate in us good Father, hearts which resemble those of little children and of the poor, capable of awaiting and of welcoming in the joy of faith, the living Word of Jesus your Son, who lives and reigns forever.

*All: Amen.*

**Song:**

**Shepherd Me, O God**

Marty Haugen

Refrain: Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears, from death into life.

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,  
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,  
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

REFRAIN:

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,  
You lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,  
My spirit shall sing the music of your Name.

REFRAIN:

**Reading II:** Matthew 4:18-25

**Community Prayer:**

Priest: There is still one thing that you lack: go and sell what you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have a treasure in heaven; then come, "follow me." Our lives depend on certain "yesses," or on some sad "nos" which are said out of fear or out of love for Christ. Together, let us pray, that with Christ we may be able to answer "yes" in a generous way to the Father's plan.

*All: Christ, hear us.*

Priest: For Christian communities: that they may be for all, a sign of Christ's eagerness; and free of all material interests, may they do their best in announcing the faith and in serving everyone, we pray:

*All: Christ, hear us.*

Priest: That the commitment to follow Christ and to build his Kingdom may help us to be detached from a search for material goods -- goods which seem to guarantee sure success in life, but which in the end generate only illusion, we pray:

*All: Christ, hear us.*

Priest: That we may find courage to bear witness to Christ with a life of true poverty: to renounce our comforts in order to become united with those who are the least and to acquire true freedom to which Christ calls us, we pray:

*All: Christ, hear us.*

Priest: That young people, preparing to live a life of love, may know, with the grace of the sacraments, how to cultivate purity, which is freedom from our passions and complete self-control, we pray:

*All: Christ, hear us.*

Priest: For the many "rich youth" of today, loved by Christ, that they may know how to welcome the strong and delicate word of Christ who calls them, we pray:

*All: Christ, hear us.*

Priest: That with courage, we may rediscover consecrated life as a sign of total openness towards God, the Church and our brothers and sisters, we pray:

*All: Christ, hear us.*

Priest: O Father, you show us your paths and teach us your ways; guide us in your truth and educate us because you are the God of our salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

*All: Amen.*

**Song:**

**Be Not Afraid**

Bob Dufford

Refrain: Be not afraid. I go before you always.  
Come follow me, and I will give you rest.

You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.  
You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way.  
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.  
You shall see the face of God and live. REFRAIN:

If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.  
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.  
If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side,  
Know that I am with you through it all. REFRAIN:

**Reading III:** John 9:1-6

**Homily:**

**Imploring Vocations:**

Priest: Loving Jesus, you said "Whatever you ask in my name, I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in my name, I will do it." Confident in your word, we say:

**All:** *Divine Master and Savior, we adore your eucharistic presence among us. You, Lord of the universe, are before us listening to our prayer and looking to find in our hearts a permanent tabernacle and a living monstrence of your love. We want to experience your compassion for the crowd, abandoned like sheep without a shepherd. We raise our prayer to you for holy bishops, zealous priests and religious, generous lay people, exemplary parents and Christian professionals, all committed to the building up of your kingdom. The entire world is in need of this grace. Listen to our plea, Lord Jesus.*

Priest:	Lord, have mercy on us.	<i>All: Lord, have mercy on us.</i>
Priest:	Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.	<i>All: Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.</i>
Priest:	God, the Father Eternal,	<i>All: Send holy priests and fervent religious to your Church</i>
Priest:	God the Son, Redeemer of the world,	“
Priest:	God the Holy Spirit:	“
Priest:	Blessed and undivided Trinity,	“
Priest:	Sacred Heart of Jesus, model for priests,	“
Priest:	Jesus, High Priest, crucified for us,	<i>All: Sanctify priests, consecrated persons and lay people.</i>
Priest:	Jesus, victim of our altars,	“
Priest:	Jesus, hidden in the eucharistic bread and wine,	“
Priest:	Jesus, loving king of our hearts,	“
Priest:	Jesus, loving king of our families,	“
Priest:	Jesus, loving king of the world,	“
Priest:	Jesus, friend of workers and of the poor,	“
Priest:	Jesus, hope and salvation of the prisoners,	“
Priest:	Jesus, light of those searching for the truth,	“

**All:** *Good and gracious God, through baptism you have called us to discipleship with your son, Jesus Christ, and have sent us to bring the Good News of salvation to all people. We pray you to grant us more priests and religious to build up your Church. Inspire young men and women to give themselves totally to the work of Christ and his Church. AMEN.*

***The Our Father: For Vocations:***

Priest:	Our Father, who art in heaven,
<b>All:</b>	<i>You have promised not to leave us orphans. Send your holy ministers of salvation to give us the Spirit's life through the food of faith and charity.</i>
Priest:	Hallowed be thy name,
<b>All:</b>	<i>Through your chosen ministers, filled with your Holy Spirit, may you be made known and loved by all people on earth.</i>

Priest: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
**All:** *Eternal Father, do not cease to provide your Church with your holy ministers who teach all people your holy law.*

Priest: Give us this day our daily bread,  
**All:** *The bread of grace, which nourishes us through your sacraments. Enrich your Church with chosen ministers, to bring your sanctifying grace to all.*

Priest: And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
**All:** *Send to your people, Lord, chosen and faithful priests, who by the sacrament of reconciliation, bring back to you numerous hearts in need of your forgiveness.*

Priest: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
**All:** *Lord, if our sins have deprived us of your friendship, we ask you: send your ministers of mercy among us. With personal zeal and sacrifice, may they keep our souls from sin and lead us to sanctification and eternal salvation. AMEN!*

Priest: Let us pray in adoration to Mary for priestly and religious vocations.

**All:** *O Mother, awaken among the young generation a willingness to serve God. Implore for us numerous vocations for the priesthood and the religious life. O Mother, confirm the faith of all our lay brothers and sisters, that in every area of social, professional, cultural and political life they may work according to the truth and the law, which your son has proclaimed to humanity, in order to lead all to eternal salvation and, at the same time, to make life on earth more human, and more worthy of humankind.*

### *Service of Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.*

#### *Hymn:*

#### **Tantum Ergo**

Down in adoration falling,  
 This great Sacrament we hail;  
 Over ancient forms of worship  
 Newer rites of grace prevail;  
 Faith will tell us Christ is present,  
 When our human senses fail.

To the everlasting Father,  
 And the Son who made us free,  
 And the Spirit, God proceeding  
 From them each eternally,  
 Be salvation, honor, blessing,  
 Might and endless majesty. AMEN!

Priest: You have given them Bread from heaven.

All: *Having all sweetness within it.*

Priest: *Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us the eucharist as the memorial of your suffering and death. May our worship of this sacrament of your body and blood help us to experience the salvation you won for us and the peace of the kingdom, where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

***Blessing with the Eucharist:***

***The Divine Praises:***

Blessed be God.

Blessed be his Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man

Blessed be the name of Jesus.

Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be his most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.

***Closing Song:***

**Lord, You Give the Great Commission**

Jeffrey Rowthorn

Tune: Ode to Joy

Lord, you give the great commission: Heal the sick and preach the word!  
Lest the Church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard.  
Help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity.

Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach."  
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each.  
Give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community.

Lord, you make the common holy: "This is my Body, this is my Blood."  
Let us all for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward,  
Asking that the world around us share your children's liberty.

Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive."  
Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give.  
May your care and mercy lead us to a just society.