

*Baccalaureate
Mass*

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GEORGIAN COURT UNIVERSITY
THE MERCY UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY

The Baccalaureate Mass

*is a joyful liturgical ceremony offered in thanksgiving for the blessings
God has bestowed upon the graduates and their families.*

*During this liturgy, we listen to some portion of the sacred story handed down
in the Scriptures. Then we bring forward bread and wine, symbols
of our gifts received and shared with all those in need. In the “missa,”
or “sending,” at the end of the Mass, we return to our everyday lives
strengthened for the task of loving service to the world.*

*For their contributions to today’s Baccalaureate liturgy,
the Georgian Court community is grateful for the ministries of the following:*

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WELCOME

Mr. Jeff Schaffer, *Director of Ministry and Mission*

(Please stand for the procession.)

ENTRANCE PROCESSION AND GATHERING HYMN

HOLY WISDOM, LAMP OF LEARNING (VERSES 1 & 30)

1 Ho - ly Wis - dom, lamp of learn - ing, bless the light that rea - son lends.
2 Vine of truth, in you we flour - ish; by your grace we learn and grow.
3 Ho - ly God, the hope of na - tions, tune us toward your right - eous will,

Teach us judg - ment as we kin - dle sparks of thought your Spir - it sends.
May the word of Christ a - mong us shape our life, our search to know.
as the sym - pho - ny of a - ges claims our best, our fin - est skill.

Sanc - ti - fy our search for knowl - edge and the truth that sets us free.
Joined to Christ in liv - ing, dy - ing, may we help the church con - vey
Shape our search for peace and jus - tice through pro - phet - ic deed and word.

Come, il - lu - mine mind and spir - it joined in deep - est u - ni - ty.
wit - ness to the sav - ing gos - pel, bear - ing fruit of faith to - day.
Christ, con - duct us, set our rhy - thm, that God's praise be ev - er heard.

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The basic "shape" of the Mass is similar to a festive family dinner: we gather together, share our stories about family and friends and share with one another both food and drink.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

GREETING

PRIEST: In the name of the Father, the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **ALL:** Amen.

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And with your spirit.

OPENING PRAYER

PENITENTIAL RITE KYRIE

PRIEST: ... Lord, have mercy. **ALL:** Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: ... Christ, have mercy. **ALL:** Christ, have mercy.

PRIEST: ... Lord, have mercy. **ALL:** Lord, have mercy.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

(Please be seated for the first reading.)

FIRST READING: Wisdom 7:7-10, 15-16

A reading from the Book of Wisdom.

Therefore I prayed, and prudence was given me;
I pleaded and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.

I preferred her to scepter and throne,
And deemed riches nothing in comparison with her,
nor did I liken any priceless gem to her;
Because all gold, in view of her, is a bit of sand,
and before her, silver is to be accounted mire.
Beyond health and beauty I loved her,

And I chose to have her rather than the light,
because her radiance never ceases.

Now God grant I speak suitably
and value these endowments at their worth:
For he is the guide of Wisdom and the director of the wise.
For both we and our words are in his hand,
as well as all prudence and knowledge of crafts.

The word of the Lord. **All:** Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 19: 8, 9, 10, 11



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SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-6

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians.

I, then, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

The word of the Lord. **All:** Thanks be to God.

(Please stand for the Gospel.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ALLELUIA NO. IV



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GOSPEL: JOHN 13: 1-15

PRIEST: The Lord be with you. **ALL:** And with your spirit.

PRIEST: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

ALL: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.

Before the feast of Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to pass from this world to the Father. He loved his own in the world and he loved them to the end. The devil had already induced* Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot, to hand him over. So, during supper, fully aware that the Father had put everything into his power and that he had come from God and was returning to God, he rose from supper and took off his outer garments. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel around his waist.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Master, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing, you do not understand now, but you will understand later." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "Unless I wash you, you will have no inheritance with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Master, then not only my feet, but my hands and head as well." Jesus said to him, "Whoever has bathed* has no need except to have his feet washed, for he is clean all over; so you are clean, but not all." For he knew who would betray him; for this reason, he said, "Not all of you are clean."

So when he had washed their feet [and] put his garments back on and reclined at table again, he said to them, "Do you realize what I have done for you? You call me 'teacher' and 'master,' and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do.

PRIEST: The Gospel of the Lord. **ALL:** Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

(Please be seated for the homily.)

HOMILY

Rev. Msgr. Joseph Rosie

We stand for the Prayer of the Faithful. This is our prayer. This is our opportunity to bring our concerns as a community of faith to God.

These prayers include our concerns for the Church, the world, those in any form of need, and our Georgian Court community—including our graduates and their friends and family.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

CELEBRANT: Gracious God, we gather to offer praise for your many blessings to our graduates and our university. We pray now that our world will reflect your loving kindness more clearly.

READER: For Pope Francis, and for all people of faith, that they may be nurtured in their call to relieve the suffering of others, we pray to the Lord ...

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the graduates of Georgian Court University, that the Mercy core values of respect, integrity, justice, compassion, and service may remain as guiding principles throughout their lives, we pray to the Lord ...

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the families and friends of our graduates, that God will reward them abundantly for their loving support and encouragement, we pray to the Lord ...

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

For Georgian Court's administration, faculty, and staff, that God may bless them for their commitment to Mercy and academic excellence, we pray to the Lord ...

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

For brothers and sisters throughout the world, especially those who suffer the violence of war, may a just peace come quickly, we pray to the Lord ...

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all our deceased family members and friends, that our Merciful God will welcome them into his heavenly home, we pray to the Lord ...

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

For our personal intentions on this day of celebration, we pray to the Lord ...

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

CELEBRANT: Loving God, we give you thanks for hearing our prayer and for your promise to be with us always until the end of time. Continue to guide our path. We ask this and all things in the name of Christ the Lord.

ALL: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

PRESENTATION HYMN

The Liturgy of the Eucharist brings us together around the table, to share bread and wine, to feast together.

We begin by presenting the gifts of bread and wine at the altar. We are symbolically offering up the work of our human hands. The gift-bearers bring the bread and wine through the midst of the assembly; showing that they are the gifts of the entire community. We offer these gifts to God, who then transforms them into something more, the gift of himself.

The next part of the Mass, recalls the Passover meal that Jesus shared with his followers before his death. Our prayer over the bread and wine echo the ancient Jewish blessings over bread and wine.

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Bernadette Farrell

Verses



1. Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
2. Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
3. Long-ing for food, — man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
5. Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
2. hope, — man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone —
3. wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
4. warmth, — man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



1. your ho - ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
3. bro - ken for oth-ers, shared un - til all are fed.
4. shel - ter - ing oth-ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
5. to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

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PREFACE DIALOGUE

PRIEST: ... that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

ALL: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all god's holy Church.

PREFACE DIALOGUE

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And with your spirit.

PRIEST: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRIEST: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right and just.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

HOLY

HOLY

Mass of Christ the Savior
Dan Schutte

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

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes) and a 'Fine' marking. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

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PRIEST: The mystery of faith.

WE PROCLAIM YOUR DEATH

Mass of Christ the Savior
Dan Schutte

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your
Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

The musical score is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, and rests. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

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PRIEST: ...all glory and honor are yours forever and ever.

GREAT AMEN

AMEN

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

PRIEST: (continues) ...of our savior, Jesus Christ.

ALL: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

SIGN OF PEACE

PRIEST: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ALL: And with your spirit.

PRIEST: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

(At this time, it is customary to share a greeting of peace with your neighbors.)

LAMB OF GOD

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Mass of Christ the Savior
Dan Schutte

A musical staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (half), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The lyrics are: *Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. world, grant us peace.

The notation includes a first ending bracket labeled "1..." and a final ending bracket labeled "Final".

*Other invocations available in accompaniment books.

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The distribution of communion is a time of reception and reflection. When we go to receive the Eucharist, we are welcoming Christ into our hearts and selves.

Saint Cyril, in the 4th century, said that the Christian who consumes the Bread of Life becomes a "Christbearer," one body and blood with the Lord. In this way we ourselves become a sacrament, a visible sign of God's invisible grace for the whole world to see.

All are invited forward. If you are not disposed to receive the eucharistic elements, we invite you to come forward with your arms crossed over your chest to receive a simple blessing as a sign of our unity.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PRIEST: 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.

(Note: At Communion time, if you are not prepared to receive this Sacrament, you are welcome to come forward with your arms crossed to receive a simple blessing. The Communion procession will proceed through the center aisle and return through the side aisles.)

COMMUNION SONG

BREAD FOR THE WORLD Bernadette Farrell

Refrain: All

Bread for the world: a world of hun-ger. Wine for all
 peo-ple: peo-ple who thirst. May we who eat
 be bread for oth-ers. May we who drink pour out our love.

Verses: Cantor

1. Lord Je-sus Christ, you are the bread of life, bro-ken to
2. Lord Je-sus Christ, you are the wine of peace, poured in - to
3. Lord Je-sus Christ, you call us to your feast, at which the

1. reach and heal the wounds of hu-man pain. Where we di-
2. hearts once bro-ken and where dry-ness sleeps. Where we are
3. rich and pow'r-ful have be-come the least. Where we sur-

1. vider your peo-ple you are wait-ing there
2. tired and wea-ry, you are wait-ing there
3. vives on oth-ers in our hu-man greed,

to Refrain

1. on bend-ed knee to wash our feet with end-less care.
2. to be the way which beck-ons us be-yond de-spair.
3. you walk a-mong us beg-ging for your ev-'ry need.

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(You may be seated after Communion.)

(Stand for the prayer after Communion.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CONCLUDING RITES

The Concluding Rites conclude the Mass but not our commitment to carry our faith into the world. As a Mercy community, we are sent forth to be mercy in the world: to bring compassionate service to those in need and justice to the marginalized. We do this, each in our own way, using the unique gifts and talents we have worked so hard to nurture and refine as students of Georgian Court University.

FINAL GREETING

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And with your spirit.

FINAL BLESSING

PRIEST: May almighty God bless you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **ALL:** Amen.

DISMISSAL

DEACON: Go forth, the Mass is ended.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL SONG AND PROCESSION

WE ARE CALLED

May each of you go in peace to love and serve the Lord, and transform our world with compassion and justice.

Verses: In a gospel style (♩ = 84 - 92)

Melody

1. Come! Live in the light!
2. Come! O - pen your heart!
3. Sing! Sing a new song!

Harmony

3. Sing! Sing a new song!

1. Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are
2. Show your mer - cy to all those in fear! We are
3. Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will

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1. called to be light for the king - dom, to
2. called to be hope for the hope - less, so all
3. reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as

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1. live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God!
2. ha - tred and blind - ness will be no more!
3. sis - ters and broth - ers u - nit - ed in love!

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“Live a life worthy of the calling you received.”

CATHERINE MCAULEY
Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy

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