



**Welcome to the Marion Catholic Community on this**

**Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 31, 2021**

*Worship Aid for St. John the Baptist, Precious Blood, St. Sebastian, St. Rose & Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**Gathering Hymn: How Can I Keep From Singing**

1. My life flows on in endless song  
Above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the real though far-off hymn  
That hails a new creation.  
**No storm can shake my inmost calm,  
While to that rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
How can I keep from singing?**
2. Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing;  
It sounds and echoes in my soul;  
How can I keep from singing?  
**No storm can shake...**

**Reading 1 Dt 6:2-6**

Moses spoke to the people, saying:  
"Fear the LORD, your God,  
and keep, throughout the days of your lives,  
all his statutes and commandments which I enjoin  
on you, and thus have long life.  
Hear then, Israel, and be careful to observe them,  
that you may grow and prosper the more,  
in keeping with the promise of the LORD, the God  
of your fathers, to give you a land flowing with  
milk and honey.  
"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD  
alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your  
God, with all your heart, and with all your soul,  
and with all your strength. Take to heart these  
words which I enjoin on you today."

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51**

I love you, Lord, my strength.

**Reading 2**

**Heb 7:23-28**

Brothers and sisters:  
The levitical priests were many because they were  
prevented by death from remaining in office,  
but Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priest-  
hood that does not pass away. Therefore, he is al-  
ways able to save those who approach God  
through him, since he lives forever to make inter-  
cession for them. It was fitting that we should have  
such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, sepa-  
rated from sinners, higher than the heavens.  
He has no need, as did the high priests,  
to offer sacrifice day after day, first for his own  
sins and then for those of the people; he did that  
once for all when he offered himself. For the law  
appoints men subject to weakness to be high  
priests, but the word of the oath, which was taken  
after the law, appoints a son, who has been made  
perfect forever.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia Jn 14:23**

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the  
Lord; and my father will love him and we will  
come to him.

**Gospel Mk 12:28b-34**

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him,  
"Which is the first of all the commandments?"  
Jesus replied, "The first is this:  
Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone!  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your  
heart, with all your soul, with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.

The second is this: You shall love your neighbor  
as yourself. There is no other commandment great-  
er than these." The scribe said to him, "Well said,  
teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and  
there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all  
your heart, with all your understanding, with all

your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

## Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

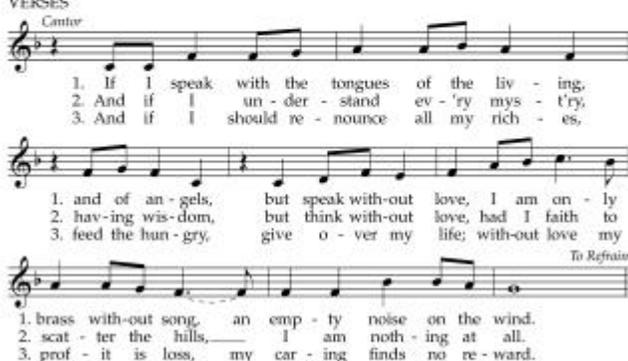
## Offertory Hymn: Set Your Hearts on the Higher Gifts

**REFRAIN**  
Cantory/All



Set your heart on the high-er gifts, on the things that come from your  
 Mak - er in heav - en. These three gifts are all that re-main:  
 faith, hope and love, and the great-est is love.

**VERSES**  
Cantiv



1. If I speak with the tongues of the liv - ing,  
 2. And if I un - der - stand ev - 'ry mys - t'ry,  
 3. And if I should re - nounce all my rich - es,  
 1. and of an - gels, but speak with-out love, I am on - ly  
 2. hav - ing wis - dom, but think with-out love, had I faith to  
 3. feed the hun - gry, give o - ver my life; with-out love my  
 To Refrain  
 1. brass with-out song, an emp - ty noise on the wind.  
 2. scat - ter the hills, I am noth - ing at all.  
 3. prof - it is loss, my car - ing finds no re - ward.

## Communion Hymn: A New Commandment

**REFRAIN**



I give you a new com - mand - ment:  
 Love one an - oth - er as I have loved  
 you, as I have loved you.

**VERSES**



1. This is my will, my one com - mand, That  
 2. No great - er love that one can have Than  
 3. I call you now no long - er slaves; No  
 4. You chose not me, but I chose you, That  
 5. All that you ask my Fa - ther dear For  
 1. love should dwell a - mong you all. This is my will, that  
 2. that one die to save one's friends. You are my friends if  
 3. slave knows all the mas - ter does. I call you friends, for  
 4. you should go and bear much fruit. I chose you out that  
 5. my name's sake you shall re - ceive. This is my will, my  
 To Refrain  
 1. you should love As I have shown that I love you.\_\_\_\_  
 2. you o - bey What I com - mand that you should do.\_\_\_\_  
 3. all I hear My Fa - ther say you hear from me.\_\_\_\_  
 4. you in me Should bear much fruit that will a - bide.\_\_\_\_  
 5. one com - mand, That love should dwell in each, in all.\_\_\_\_

## Sending Forth Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

- Joyful, joyful, we adore you,  
 God of glory, Lord of love;  
 Hearts unfold like flow'rs before you,  
 Opening to the sun above.  
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
 Drive the dark of doubt away;  
 Giver of immortal gladness,  
 Fill us with the light of day!
- All your works with joy surround you,  
 Earth and heav'n reflect your rays,  
 Stars and angels sing around you,  
 Center of unbroken praise;  
 Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
 Flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
 Chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
 Praising you eternally!