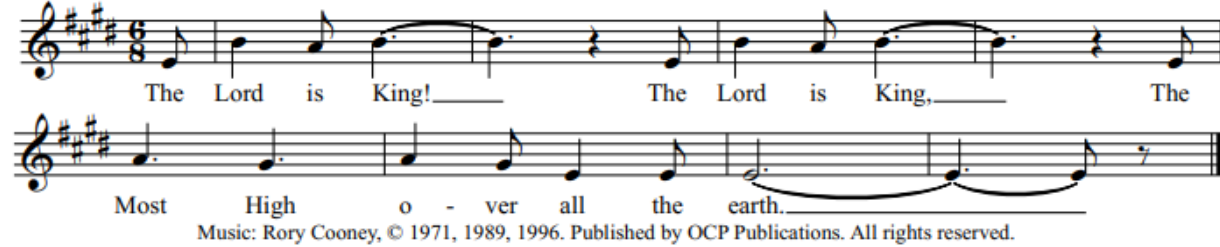


Gathering Song: *Gather Your People* BB#313

Refrain: *Gather your people, O Lord. Gather your people, O Lord.
One bread, one body, one spirit of love.
Gather your people, O Lord.*

Gloria: *Glory to God*
(Card is in the pew pocket)

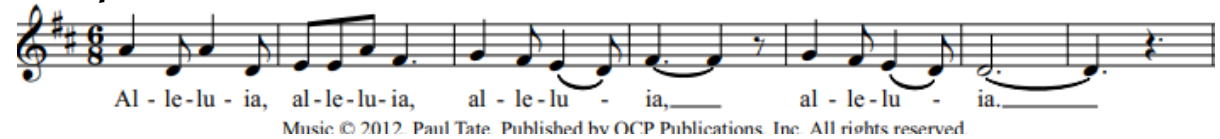
Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 97: The Lord is King*



The Lord is King! The Lord is King, The
Most High o - ver all the earth.

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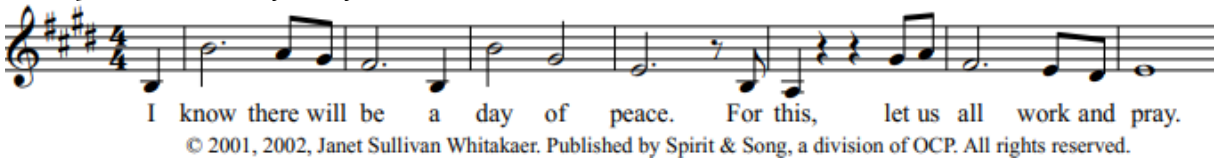
Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia*



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

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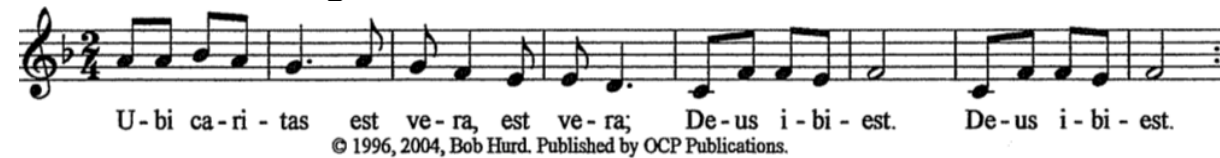
Preparation of Gifts: *Day of Peace* BB#529



I know there will be a day of peace. For this, let us all work and pray.

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Communion Song: *Ubi Caritas* BB#325



U - bi ca - ri - tas est ve - ra, est ve - ra; De - us i - bi - est. De - us i - bi - est.

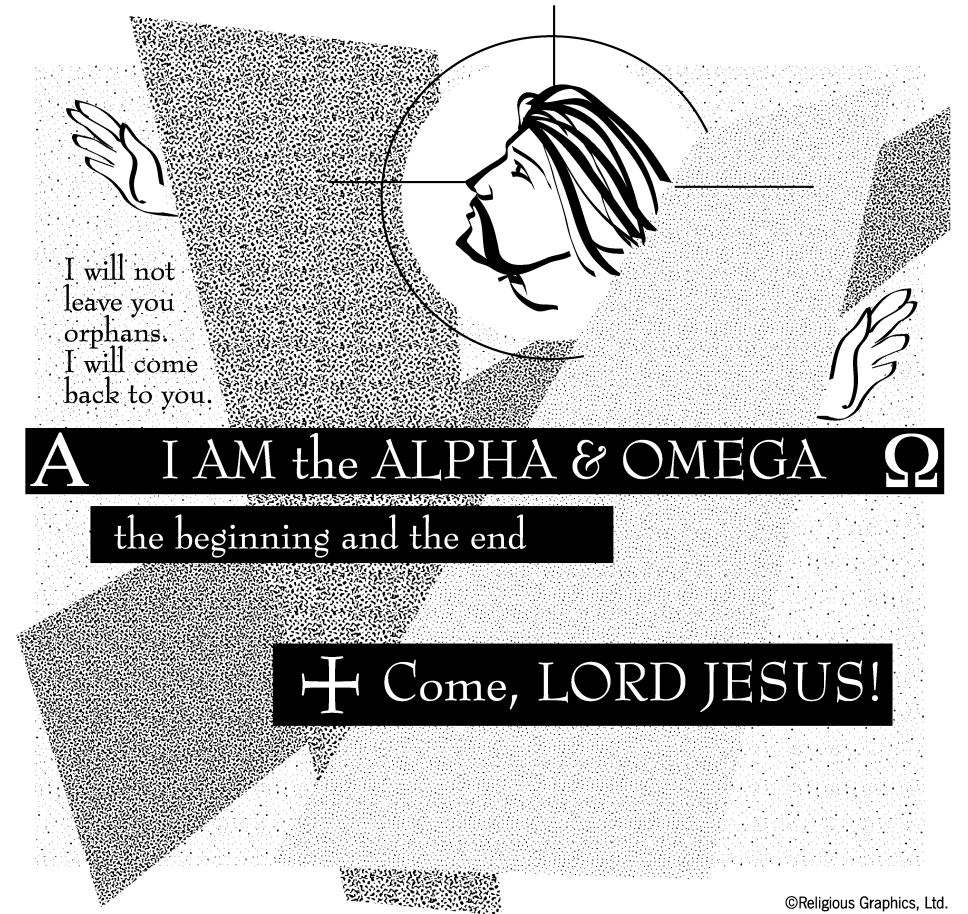
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Closing Song: *Now is the Time* BB#514

Refrain: *Come to us, you who say, "I will not forget you."
Be with us, you who say, "Do not be afraid."
Take hold of us, our hearts, our minds, our whole being.
Make us your own. Now is the time.*

The Ascension of the Lord

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Mass Times

Saturday Mass: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses: 8:00 a.m. Spanish
9:30 a.m. English
11:30 a.m. Spanish

Confession: 4:30 p.m., Saturdays
6:30 p.m., Wednesdays

Sunday Masses are Live Streamed
on Facebook, YouTube, or
our website: www.stleosonoma.org

Weekday Mass:
8:30 a.m. M, W – F (no Mass on Tuesday)
7:00 p.m. – Wed. – Spanish Mass

✠ Sacraments ✠

Baptisms: Call the office, (707) 996-8422
Weddings: Call the office, (707) 996-8422

MASS INTENTIONS May 28th - June 5th

Sat 28	5:00 pm	Bob Field †
Sun 29	9:30 am	the People of St. Leo's
Mon 30	8:30 am	Alyce & Mark Schmid †
Tues 31	8:30 am	NO MASS

JUNE

Wed 1	8:30 am	Jose & Maxima E. Correa †
Thurs 2	8:30 am	Jose & Maxima E. Correa †
Friday 3	8:30 am	Robert L. Mini †
Sat 4	5:00 pm	Rosemarie Pedranzini †
Sun 5	9:30 am	Rita Mini †

FISCAL LOG May 21 / May 22

Sunday Collection: \$ 2,753.

2022 ANNUAL PARISH CAMPAIGN:
103 Parishioners have pledged: \$96,347. 66%

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

May 28/29 2nd Collection for St Vincent de Paul
May 30 Memorial Day – OFFICE CLOSED
June 1 Memorial for Pat Ruth, 1PM
June 13 1st Bocce League game
June 25 Memorial Mass for Dick Finaly, 11AM

SANCTUARY LAMP

*Dedication for May
Deceased Members of the
Cunniff Families*

2nd COLLECTION TODAY - 5th SUNDAY OF MONTH: On the 5th Sunday of the month, we have a second collection for our St. Vincent de Paul Society. Money collected helps to stock our Food Pantry. The Pantry is open Wednesday thru Friday, by calling the parish office at 707-996-8422, 9am to 11am. Once ordered the pickup time is 11:30am. Every Tuesday, in partnership with the Redwood Empire Food Bank, the SVDP has a drive through "Groceries to Go" program from around 8:30 to 10 a.m.

BOCCE CLUB NEWS: The club has a new email address. If you want to be added to our upcoming emailing list, please send your information to stleosbocceclub@gmail.com.

Sign-ups for the St. Leo's Bocce Club, will take place after the Masses this weekend and next. Membership cost is \$40 a person, \$75 a couple, or \$375 for a Lifetime Membership.

Sign-ups are now available for our first "League Team Play" beginning Monday morning June 13th. This will be a 4 team, 12 week, 10 game schedule. Limited to 28 players. All are welcome. Watch for new times to be announced.

While signing-up you can pick up a copy of the first St. Leo Bocce Ball Club's Newsletter.

CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMANDI:

On Friday, May 27th, here at St. Leo's the Bishop Confirmed 25 students. Pray that the kids continue to grow with the church.

CONFESSION BEING OFFERED on Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the church.

2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND – St. Leo's Development Fund. Donations to this very important collection pay for the upkeep of the church, rectory, classrooms, and general landscaping for the parish compound.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Please keep in your prayers the families of two long time parishioners who passed away this last week, Pat Ruth and Bill Thomas. A memorial service for Pat Ruth will be here on June 1st, next Wednesday at 1:00pm. A service for Bill Thomas will be at a later date. We will keep you posted.

By hearsay I had heard of you, but now my eye has seen you Job 42:5

In his poem called "Dumnesse" the 17th century writer Thomas Traherne suggests that Adam in the Garden of Eden was pleasantly ignorant of language. Awed by all he saw around him he remained spellbound, speechless: *Sure Man was born to . . . Contemplate the Eternal Springs / . . . of God and Nature, . . . / And therefore Speechless made at first . . . // This, my Dear friends, this was my Blessed Case; / For nothing spoke to me but the fair Face / Of Heav'n and Earth, before my self could speak.* But the moment Adam began to say, "Wow!" and "Look at that!" and "Look at this!" and began to name and classify things, evaluate them, compare them by judging this to be prettier than that - the spell was broken. Tedious chatter usurped his original awe and delight - as Traherne has him admit: *I then my Bliss did, when my Silence, break.*

We his descendants have been caught up in chatter ever since. We have all been born into a world of adversarial discourse coming at us out the newspapers and TV. We engage in it during coffee breaks and over the dinner table. We have fallen into a world of constant argument over what's mine and what's yours, who's right and who's wrong. We have created an environment of non-stop litigation in and out of courtrooms. We have in fact turned our world into one grand courtroom where we have all become judges and juries, spouting verdicts, imposing sentences upon each other individually and as ethnic groups or nations or churches. We even tend to view God as a Judge instead of the original Creator/Poet she/he is. And the consequences of all this polarized discourse? Wariness and war, meanness ranging from petty to horrific.

Well it take's some doing to snap out of it! For instance, in the *Book of Job* God has to use a whirlwind to stop Job's chatter. Job was not only articulate but awfully longwinded when it came to justifying his [impossibly?] perfect behavior. For thirty chapters he petulantly demands that God arrange reality to suit Job's sense of justice. God finally brings the discourse to an end by sweeping him aloft and confronting him with all the immensity and variety of the universe. He shows him the source of the stars, the storehouses of the snow, the mating of mountain goats, until Job is silenced, struck dumb before the wonders of a reality that place his grievances in the context of so much more than the Internet or editorial page – a "so much more" that could reveal our solidarity with each other and nature itself - make Job's own egocentric focus seem trivial.

I think our tradition touches upon this during this season of Ascension and Pentecost. It invites us to "ascend" with Christ above and beyond the din of inherited controversy, to attain a vantage point from which we might quietly contemplate or inhale the prospect of a universe pulsating with grace and mutual forgiveness - even as Keats described when first Cortez gazed with eagle eyes upon the vast Pacific: - *and all his men looked at each other in wild surmise - silent, upon a peak in Darien.* Silent, yes - but only as prelude to an overture, to our acquiring a new way of talking, a new way of articulating ourselves as poets, lovers - possessed of fiery tongues that come of God's inspiration, God's Pentecostal Spirit purging our being.

Geoff Wood