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Weekend Masses: 7.30 pm Saturdays (vigil), Sundays 11.30am and 6.30pm. We are limited to 100 worshippers at Mass. Please arrive early or try to attend one of the evening Masses rather than the 11.30 Mass. Please wear a mask and disinfectant gel will be available. You will be shown to a seat by one of the welcomers. Thank you for your support and understanding. Fr Michael.

Livestreaming of Mass: The Sunday 11.30 Mass is live-streamed via our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/stalphonseluxembourg/live

The Octave of Our Lady 2021 begins on the fourth Sunday after Easter, 25 April, when all the linguistic communities and the wider Church in Luxembourg usually join together in a special Mass at the Cathedral at 10.30am called the “Messe du Peuple de Dieu” or “Mass of the People of God”. It is a special and historical occasion. The name of the Mass is a reference to the Book of Revelation:

“I looked, and there was an enormous crowd - no one could count all the people! They were from every race, tribe, nation and language, and they stood in front of the throne and of the Lamb.”

The tradition of the Octave of Our Lady, Mother of God goes back almost 400 years to the 1620s. At the time, Europe was riven by sectarian conflict during the Thirty Years War and the population had been decimated by the plague. The people of Luxembourg identified Our Lady, Mother of God, as “Consoler of the Afflicted” - and a pilgrimage to and veneration of the statue of Our Lady began, which continues to the present day. The full programme can be found on cathol.lu. With the pandemic there will be no processions this year and numbers at all Masses and services will be limited to 100.

Octave Mass in English: As part of the Octave programme Fr Michael will be celebrating Mass in the cathedral on Monday 3 May at 6pm and members of our community will lead the music and the liturgy of the word. Places are limited to 100. Please reserve seats for this Mass via the parish office: parish@catholic.lu

Advance warning: Confirmation will be celebrated here Sunday 16 May at the 11.30am Mass. Due to the Covid restrictions and the number of candidates we regret that there will only be reserved seats for the candidates and their families. The Mass will be live-streamed but please find an alternative opportunity to attend Mass: 7.30 pm (vigil), 6.30pm (Sunday) or in your local parish. Thank you for your understanding and please pray for the candidates. Fr Michael.

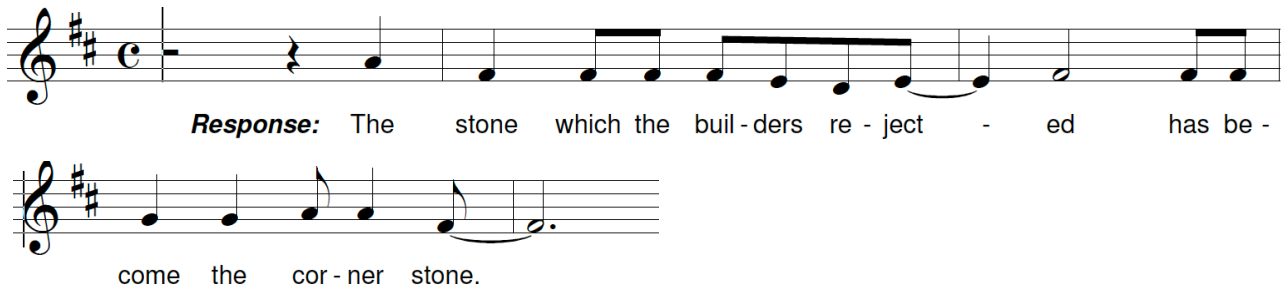
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MASS SETTING : Mass of Joy

OPENING HYMN : Father, in my life I see

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| 1. Father, in my life I see,
You are God who walks with me.
You hold my life in Your hands.
Close beside you I will stand.
I give all my life to You,
help me Father to be true! | I give all my life to you
help me Jesus to be true! |
| 2. Jesus, in my life I see,
You are God who walks with me.
You hold my life in Your hands.
Close beside You I will stand. | 3. Spirit, in my life I see,
You are God who walks with me.
You hold my life in Your hands.
Close beside you I will stand.
I give all my life to you,
help me Spirit to be true! |

PSALM 117: The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone

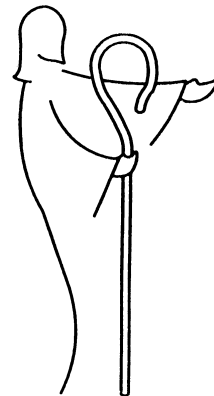


PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS : In bread we bring you Lord.

1. In bread we bring you Lord, our body's' labour
In wine we offer you our spirit's grief.
We do not ask you, Lord,
who is my neighbour?
But stand united now, one in belief.
For we have gladly heard your word,
your holy word
And now in answer, Lord, our gifts we bring.
Our selfish hearts make true,
our failing faith renew,
Our life belongs to you, our Lord and King.
2. The bread we offer you is blessed
and broken,
And it becomes for us our spirit's food.
Over the cup we bring, your Word is spoken;
Make it your gift to us, your healing blood.
Take all that daily toil
plants in our heart's poor soil,
Take all we start and spoil,
each hopeful dream.
The chances we have missed,
the graces we resist,
Lord, in thy Eucharist, take and redeem.

COMMUNION : The Lord's my Shepherd

1. The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.
2. My soul He doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake.
3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.



COMMUNION II: Eat this Bread (Taizé)

Eat this bread, drink this cup
Come to him and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Trust in him and you will not thirst.

RECESSIONAL : Colours of Day

1. Colours of day dawn into the mind,
The sun has come up, the night is behind.
Go down in the city, into the street,
And let's give the message to the people we
meet
*So light up the fire and let the flame burn,
Open the door, let Jesus return,
Take seeds of his Spirit, let the fruit grow,
Tell the people of Jesus, let his love show.*
2. Go through the park, on into the town;
The sun still shines on, it never goes down.
The light of the world is risen again;
The people of darkness are needing a friend.
3. Open your eyes, look into the sky,
The darkness has come, the sun came to die,
The evening draws on, the sun disappears,
But Jesus is living, his Spirit is near..