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Thought for the week: 'By our zeal let us take the sheep with us to the gates of Paradise'. "Par notre zèle conduisons les brebis avec nous aux portes du Paradis. (St Romain)

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**Weekend Masses:** Saturdays (Vigil Mass) 7.30pm, Sundays 11.00am and 6.30pm. **Livestreaming of Mass:** The Sunday 11.00 Mass is live-streamed via our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/stalphonseluxembourg/live

The Octave of Our Lady 2024 begins on the 4th Sunday after Easter, 21 April with a family Mass in the cathedral at 10.30am. 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.

<u>Octave Mass in English:</u> As part of the Octave programme Fr Michael will be celebrating Mass in the cathedral on <u>Wednesday 24 April at 6pm</u> and members of our community will lead the music and the liturgy of the word. Please make every effort to attend.

**Tea and coffee after Belair Mass:** Please join us for refreshments after Mass: all donations received go to the Ilula Orphanage Program.

**Baptisms and marriages:** If you would like your son/daughter baptised, or you are planning to get married (please give at least 4 months notice for weddings), please contact the parish office.

Mass sheet - Please take home your copy of the Sunday Message.

Donations to the English-speaking Catholic Community: Please consider making a donation via bank transfer or even better, set up a monthly direct payment: Friends Engl. Cath. Comm. LU10 0019 5155 8196 2000.

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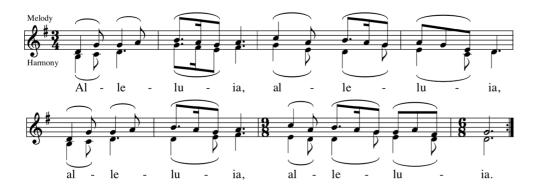
**MASS SETTING:** Mass of Joy

**OPENING HYMN:** Rejoice in the Lord always

Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice x2

Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice!

#### **PSALM 117:**



## **PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS: The Servant King**

 From heaven you came helpless babe Entered our world, your glory veiled Not to be served but to serve And give your life that we might live

> This is our God, the Servant King He calls us now to follow him To bring our lives as a daily offering Of worship to the Servant King

2. There in the garden of tears
My heavy load he chose to bear
His heart with sorrow was torn
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said

### **COMMUNION I:** Now the green blade rises

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, Wheat that in the dark earth many years has lain; Love lives again, that with the dead has been: Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

 In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain, Thinking that never he would wake again, Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen: Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

### **COMMUNION II: Above all**

Above all powers
Above all kings
Above all nature and all created things
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man
You were here before the world began
Above all kingdoms
Above all thrones
Above all wonders the world has ever known
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth
There's no way to measure what you're worth.

# **RECESSIONAL**: Bind us together, Lord

Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together With cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together with love.

1. There is only one God, There is only one King, There is only one Body, That is why we sing:



- Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, He that for three days in the grave had lain; quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen: Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.
- 3. When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,
  Thy touch can call us back to life again;
  Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
  Love is come again,
  like wheat that springeth green.

Crucified
Laid behind the stone
You lived to die
Rejected and alone
Like a rose trampled on the ground
You took the fall
And thought of me
Above all.

2. We are the family of God, We are the promise divine, We are God's chosen desire, We are the glorious new wine.