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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](https://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](http://cathol.lu).

**Octave Mass in English:** As part of the Octave programme Fr Michael will be celebrating Mass in the cathedral on Wednesday 24 April at 6pm 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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Thank you for all your donations - your generosity is much appreciated.



## **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 :**

Melody

Harmony

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

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The image shows musical notation for Psalm 117. It consists of two staves. The top staff is labeled 'Melody' and the bottom staff is labeled 'Harmony'. Both staves are in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is a simple, joyful tune. The harmony consists of chords that support the melody. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,' are written below the first staff, and 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the second staff.

## PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS : The Servant King

1. 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.*

1. 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.

2. 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.

## 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.

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.

## 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:

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