

**International English-speaking Catholic Community, Parish of Luxembourg Notre-Dame**  
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**Thought for the week:** "God is always with those who suffer." 'Dieu est toujours dans le camp de ceux qui souffrent.' (St Jean-Paul II)

**Parish Office** - Please contact Caroline in the office for all enquiries regarding baptisms, weddings, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and Mass intentions:

Office hours are 08:30-12:30 Mon-Fri The office address is 34, rue des Capucins, L-1313 Luxembourg.

**Mass times**

**Wednesdays 18:15** - Garden Chapel (Courtyard of St Alphonse/rue Willy Goergen)

**Saturdays 19:30** - Garden Chapel

**Sundays 11:00** - St Pie X, Belair and **18:30**, St Michel, Luxembourg-Ville

**Livestreaming of Mass:** Sunday 11:00 Mass on [www.facebook.com/stalphonseluxembourg/live](https://www.facebook.com/stalphonseluxembourg/live)

**Tea/coffee after the 11:00 Mass** : Refreshments are served and donations are for the Ilula Orphanage Program.

**Music group** : New members are always welcome to the music groups and choir. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays at **19:00** at the couvent and on Sundays before each mass:

Sundays at **10:30** before morning Mass at St Pie X, Belair.

Sundays at **18:00** before evening Mass at St Michel, Luxembourg-Ville.

**Children's Liturgy:** this is for children aged 3 years and above and it takes place at the 11.30 Mass. To register your child please contact the parish office: [parish@catholic.lu](mailto:parish@catholic.lu)

**The Bethany Group** : This group will gather soon. This women's group is for young mothers and newcomers to Luxembourg and will be a place of welcome and gathering. Please contact the parish office and forward your name and contact details to Caroline.

**Christmas shoebox appeal:** 245 children received a gift packed especially for them! Thank you for your generosity and to Michèle and her team for organising the appeal, preparing and checking all the boxes.

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

**Adult Confirmation:** 25 adults will receive the sacrament of Confirmation next Sunday, 8th February at St. Joseph in Limpertsberg.

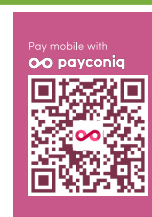
**Donations to the English-speaking Catholic Community** : Please consider making a donation via bank transfer or even better, set up a monthly direct payment:

**Friends Engl. Cath. Comm. LU10 0019 5155 8196 2000.**

Donations can also be made via your mobile using Digicash (payconiq)

**Please note payconiq is now BUCKAROO. The QR code remains the same as usual!**

Thank you for all your donations - your generosity is much appreciated.



**OPENING HYMN : Give us faith, Lord**

*Give us faith Lord, when the mountain's too high.*

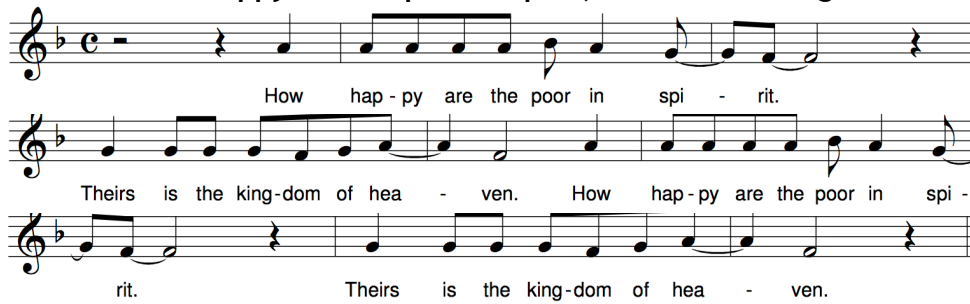
*Be our hope, Lord, when the road is too long.*

*Teach us love, Lord; let it blaze in our hearts*

*And shine to your glory, O God*

1. When the shadows of night surround us,  
And the darkness has stilled our song,  
May the light of morning bring joy to our hearts,  
Your grace and love keep us strong.
2. When the winters have chilled our spirits,  
And we battle our heart's despair,  
May the words of your promise  
re-kindle our hope,  
Renew our trust in your care.
3. When you bid us to stand before you,  
And we tremble before your might,  
May we find in your presence the home  
that we seek,  
And live our days in your sight.
4. When you send us to speak as prophets,  
And we waver in doubt and fear,  
May the staff of your courage  
be there at our side,  
Your song of hope in our ear.
5. When the desert becomes a prison,  
And our spirits are parched and worn,  
May our thirst be the hunger  
that lures us to you,  
To drink where futures are born.

**PSALM 145 : How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**



**PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS : Gifts of Bread and Wine**

1. Gifts of bread and wine,  
gifts we've offered,  
fruits of labour, fruits of love:  
taken, offered, sanctified,  
blessed and broken; words of one who died:

*'Take my body, take my saving blood.'*  
*Gifts of bread and wine: Christ our Lord.*

2. Christ our Saviour, living presence here,  
as he promised while on earth:  
'I am with you for all time,  
I am with you in this bread and wine.'
3. To the Father, with the Spirit,  
one in union with the Son,  
for God's people, joined in prayer,  
faith is strengthened by the food we share.

**COMMUNION : Yahweh, I know you are near**

*Yahweh, I know you are near,  
standing always at my side.  
you guard me from the foe.  
And you lead me in ways everlasting.*

1. Lord, you have searched my heart  
And you know when I sit  
and when I stand.  
Your hand is upon me,  
protecting me from death,  
keeping me from harm.
2. Where can I run from your love?  
If I climb to the heavens, you are there.  
If I fly to the sunrise or sail beyond the  
sea, still I'd find you there.

3. You know my heart and its ways,  
you who formed me before I was born,  
In the secret of darkness before I saw  
the sun in my mother's womb.
4. Marvellous to me are your works;  
How profound are your thoughts,  
My Lord!  
Even if I could count them,  
they'd number as the stars,  
you would still be there.

**COMMUNION II : Holy Spirit Living Breath of God**

1. Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,  
breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Bring the presence of the Risen Lord  
to renew my heart and make me whole  
Cause Your Word to come alive in me,  
give me faith for what I cannot see.  
Give me passion for Your purity,  
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.
2. Holy Spirit, come abide within,  
may Your joy be seen in all I do.  
Love enough to cover every sin  
in each thought and deed and attitude.

Kindness to the greatest and the least,  
gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my strivings into works of grace;  
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

3. Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,  
giving life to all that God has made.  
Show Your power once again on earth,  
cause Your church to hunger for your ways.  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise,  
lead us on the road of sacrifice,  
that in unity the face of Christ  
will be clear for all the world to see.

**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.