



FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 AT 11:00AM

Archbishop William E. Lori, S.T.D., Principal Celebrant and Homilist

The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Emmitsburg, Maryland

WELCOME TO THE SETON SHRINE

It is a joy for so many who love Mother Seton to gather on this momentous day. Thank you for being here!

A few notes about today's liturgy:

- Please silence or turn off any electronic devices during the liturgy.
- This liturgy will be broadcast on EWTN this evening at 7pm Eastern.
- The Children's Chapel is available for those with children who need soothing.
- Assistive listening devices are available for the hard of hearing at the docent desk.
- Pews are reserved in the front left for those who would benefit from an ASL interpreter.
- Information and acknowledgements regarding concelebrants, liturgical ministers, and music used during the liturgy can be found in the back of this booklet.
- The collection today will support the mission of the Seton Shrine, to share Mother Seton's life and legacy with all people and draw them closer to God.

Continue celebrating after Mass!

- Live Music all day featuring the Damascus Worship Band and many others
- Food Trucks with Italian ice, burgers, pho, tacos, coffee and more!
- Tours and special presentations in the Historic Homes.
- Limited-time 50th-Anniversary exhibit One of US featuring today-only presentations
- Meet representatives from the canonization causes for 20+ American Servants of God, Venerables, and Blesseds.
- Talks on saintly Americans by authors Lisa Lickona, Fr. Dan Mode, and Kevin Wells.
- Paint a Saint! and other fun activities for all ages.
- Get inspired by original portrayals Americans on their way to sainthood.
- For more details, pick up a special event map & guide in the back of the Basilica.

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THE WORDS THAT MADE HER A SAINT

50 years ago today in St. Peter's Square, Pope Paul VI made Elizabeth Ann Seton a saint by way of this declaration: "To the honor of the Holy and Undivided Trinity, for the exaltation of the Catholic faith and the growth of Christian life, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the blessed apostles Peter and Paul and our own, after mature deliberation and frequent prayers for divine aid, and having consulted many of our brothers, we declare and define that the Blessed Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton, foundress of the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph['s] in America, is a saint, and we inscribe her name in the catalogue of saints, and decree that she is to be venerated in the universal Church with the pious devotion due to the saints. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

EXCERPTS FROM POPE PAUL VI'S HOMILY, 14 SEPTEMBER 1975

"We rejoice and we are deeply moved that our apostolic ministry authorizes us to make this solemn declaration before all of you here present, before the holy Catholic Church, before our other Christian brethren in the world, before the entire American people, and before all humanity. Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton is a Saint! She is the first daughter of the United States of America to be glorified with this incomparable attribute!"

"You already know [Mother Seton's] life and you will certainly study it further. This will be one of the most valuable fruits of the Canonization of the new Saint: to know her, in order to admire in her an outstanding human figure; in order to praise God who is wonderful in his saints; to imitate her example which this ceremony places in a light that will give perennial edification; to invoke her protection, now that we have the certitude of her participation in the exchange of heavenly life in the Mystical Body of Christ, which we call the Communion of Saints and in which we also share, although still belonging to life on earth."

"Elizabeth Ann Seton was wholly American! Rejoice, we say to the great nation of the United States of America. Rejoice for your glorious daughter. Be proud of her. And know how to preserve her fruitful heritage. This most beautiful figure of a holy woman presents to the world and to history the affirmation of new and authentic riches that are yours: that religious spirituality which your temporal prosperity seemed to obscure and almost make impossible. Your land too, America, is indeed worthy of receiving into its fertile ground the seed of evangelical holiness. And here [in Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton] is a splendid proof-among many others-of this fact."

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11:00am on September 14, 2025,

THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CANONIZATION OF SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON

AT THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON, IN EMMITSBURG, MARYLAND

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CHORAL PRELUDE

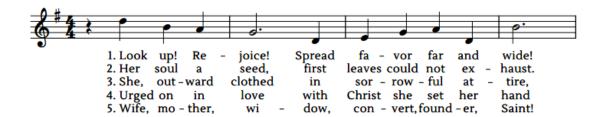
EMMITSBURG COMMUNITY CHORUS

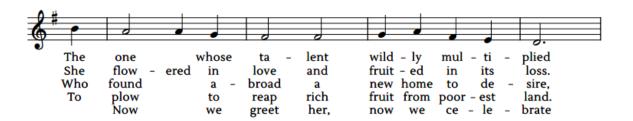
The Emmitsburg Community Chorus, directed by Sister Jane Marie Perrot, D.C., traveled to Rome to sing for the Mass of Mother Seton's canonization in 1975. This same chorus, directed today by Peggy Flickinger and accompanied by Lisa Mattia, helps us prepare for worship with a series of prayerful musical pieces.

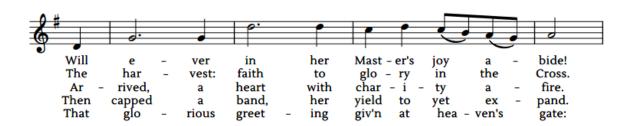
Creation Will Be at Peace by J. Paul Williams and Anna Laura Page
The Lord God Made Them All by Patti Drennan and Cecil F. Alexander
Come Let Us Sing to the Lord by Steven Rickards
Sing Forever to the Lord by Jon Paige
Ave Maria by Franz Schubert, arranged by Wallingford Riegger
Hymn to Saint Elizabeth Seton by Mary Oberle Hubley
Gloria from Mass for Elizabeth Seton by Stephen Reinhardt

ORGAN PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN









OPENING DIALOGUE

All make the sign of the cross while the presider begins:

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

WELCOME

SISTER TERESA GEORGE, D.C.

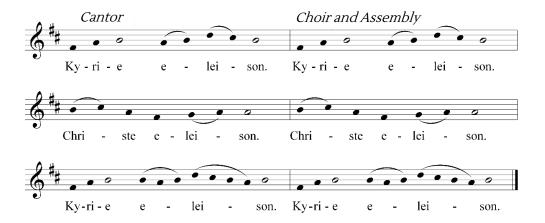
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PENITENTIAL ACT

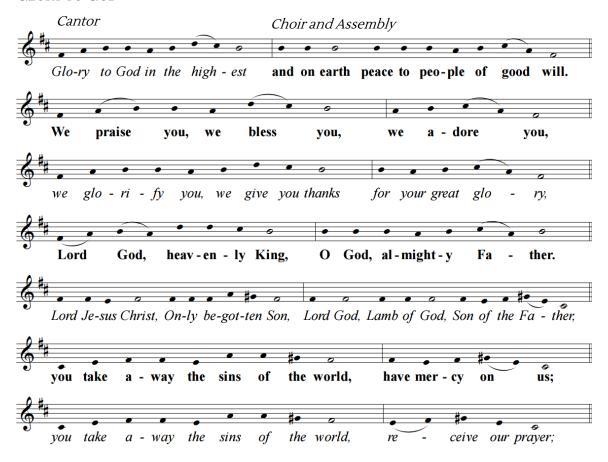
Brothers and Sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

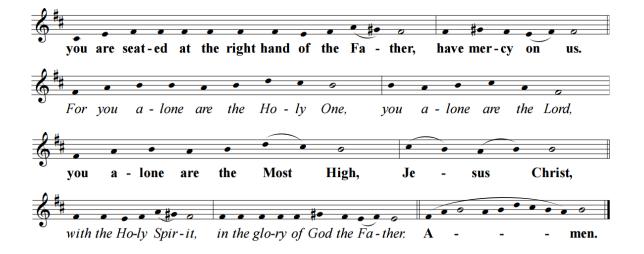
I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking breast three times) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**



GLORY TO GOD





COLLECT

O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son should undergo the Cross to save the human race, grant, we pray, that we, who have known his mystery on earth may merit the grace of his redemption in heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Numbers 21:4b-9

With their patience worn out by the journey, the people complained against God and Moses, "Why have you brought us up from Egypt to die in this desert, where there is no food or water?

We are disgusted with this wretched food!"

In punishment the LORD sent among the people saraph serpents, which bit the people so that many of them died.

Then the people came to Moses and said,
"We have sinned in complaining against the LORD and you.
Pray the LORD to take the serpents from us."
So Moses prayed for the people, and the LORD said to Moses,
"Make a saraph and mount it on a pole,
and if any who have been bitten look at it, they will live."
Moses accordingly made a bronze serpent and mounted it on a pole,
and whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent
looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

The Reader concludes:

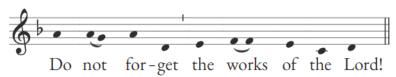
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38

Response:



Hearken, my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable, I will utter mysteries from of old. *Response*

While he slew them they sought him and inquired after God again, Remembering that God was their rock and the Most High God, their redeemer. *Response*

But they flattered him with their mouths and lied to him with their tongues,
Though their hearts were not steadfast toward him, nor were they faithful to his covenant. *Response*

But he, being merciful, forgave their sin and destroyed them not; Often he turned back his anger and let none of his wrath be roused. *Response*

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:6-11

Brothers and sisters:

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.

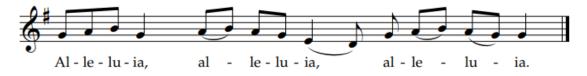
Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Reader concludes:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Verse:

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your Cross you have redeemed the world.

GOSPEL John 3:13-17

The Deacon begins:

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading of the holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

"No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

After proclaiming the Gospel, the Deacon concludes.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM E. LORI, S.T.D.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven.

(all bow during the following phrase) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

After each petition, the Reader concludes:

We pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY

Today's collection will support the work of the Seton Shrine, which aims to share the life and legacy of Mother Seton with all people, and draw them closer to God.

CHOIR

THE LOVE OF CHRIST COMPELS US

Following the offertory, when the altar has been prepared, the celebrant says:

Pray brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name,

for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

The celebrant continues with a prayer, and then addresses the assembly:

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

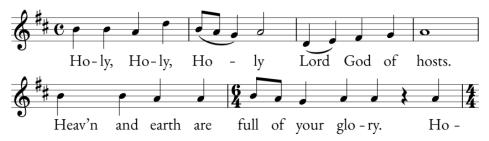
Lift up your hearts.

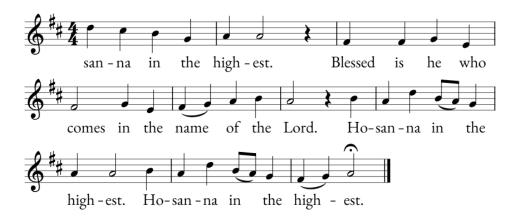
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

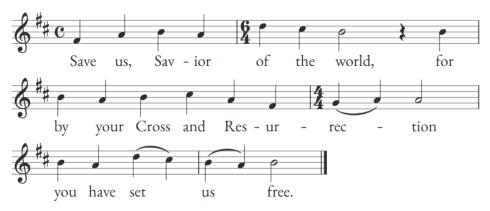
It is right and just.

The celebrant continues. At the proper time the assembly joins in the Holy.





The Eucharistic Prayer continues, amid which the celebrant prompts the assembly: The mystery of faith.



The prayer concludes with the celebrant's invitation for the assembly to give its assent to the prayer:

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.

All respond:



COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER

At the celebrant's invitation, all say together:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

SIGN OF PEACE

The celebrant continues:

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign forever and ever.

Amen.

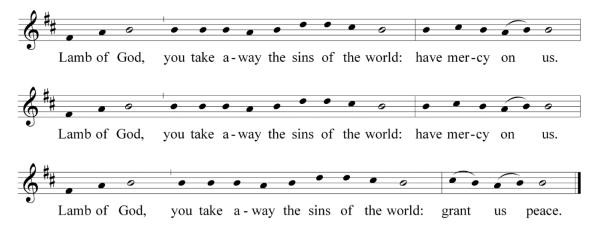
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And with your spirit.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All share some gesture that expresses peace, then they sing with the Cantor:

LAMB OF GOD



The celebrant holds the host before him and says to all:

Behold the Lamb of God,

behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

If you are wondering if it is appropriate for you to receive Communion please see the guidelines below from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

For Catholics

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to

make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

For our fellow Christians

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (In 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 §4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of Communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 §3).

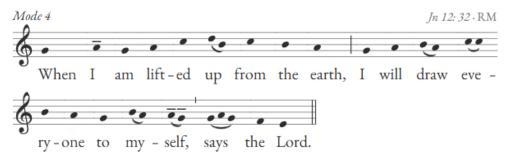
For those not receiving Holy Communion

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

For non-Christians

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family. © 1996, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

COMMUNION



HYMN



After receiving Holy Communion, consider praying Mother Seton's version of the traditional Anima Christi prayer.

Soul of Jesus, sanctify me Blood of Jesus, wash me Passion of Jesus, comfort me Wounds of Jesus, hide me Heart of Jesus, receive me Spirit of Jesus, enliven me Goodness of Jesus, pardon me Beauty of Jesus, draw me Humility of Jesus, humble me Peace of Jesus, pacify me Love of Jesus, inflame me Kingdom of Jesus, come to me Grace of Jesus, replenish me Mercy of Jesus, pity me Sanctity of Jesus, sanctify me Cross of Jesus, support me Nails of Jesus, hold me Mouth of Jesus, bless me in life, in death, in time, in eternity, in the hour of death, defend me, call me to come to thee, receive me with thy saints, in glory everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having been nourished by your holy banquet, we beseech you, Lord Jesus Christ, to bring those you have redeemed by the wood of your life-giving Cross to the glory of the resurrection.

Who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

READING OF PAPAL MESSAGE AND APOSTOLIC BLESSING

On the Occasion of the 50^{th} Anniversary of the Canonization of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

Msgr. Andrea Piccioni and Msgr. Jacek Pinocy, Representatives of the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, His Eminence, Cardinal Christophe Pierre

CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

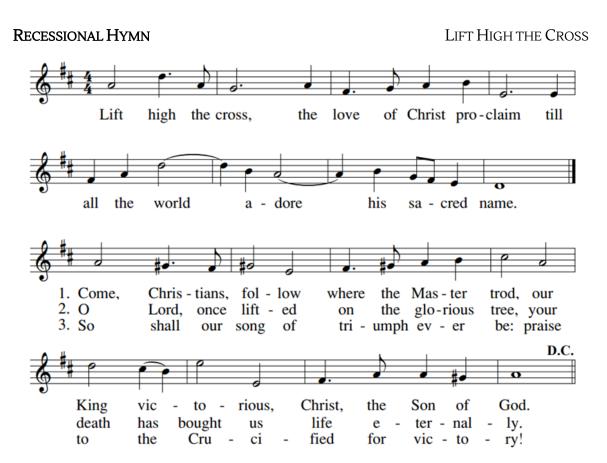
Now and forever.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Who made heaven and earth.

May Almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



POSTLUDE

The Seton Shrine is grateful to all who helped with this liturgy

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Choir: Mount St. Mary's Seminary Schola, directed by Fr. Michael O'Connor, O.P.

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