

*Mass of Christian Burial  
for Christina Saldaña*

*February 27, 2026*

*Saint Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church*



*~ Mass Program Aid ~*

*All Stand as the priest enters the church.*

## RECEPTION OF THE CREMAINS

**Priest:** *The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**Assembly:** And with your spirit.

**Priest:** *In the waters of baptism...*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

### Jerusalem, My Happy Home

*Jerusalem, my happy home,  
when shall I come to thee?  
When shall my sorrows have an end?  
Thy joys when shall I see?*

*There David stands with harp in hand  
as master of the choir:  
ten thousand times would one be blest  
who might this music hear.*

*Our Lady sings Magnificat  
with tune surpassing sweet,  
and blessed martyrs' harmony  
doth ring in every street.*

## GREETING

**Priest:** *In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Assembly:** Amen

**Priest:** *The Lord be with you.*

**Assembly:** And with your spirit.

## COLLECT PRAYER

**Priest:** *Let us pray. (Prayer follows)*

All sit for the Liturgy of the Word

## FIRST READING

Wisdom 3:1-6, 9

Lector: *The word of the Lord.*

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Based on Ps 138

Steven C. Warner

### REFRAIN

In the sight of the an - gels, O Lord —  
I will sing your praise in my laugh - ter and pain,  
till the end of my days, O Lord.

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*With heart and soul, O Lord, I give you thanks.  
Every word of my mouth you have heard.  
In the company of angels, I bless you.  
I will praise you within your temple. [R]*

*I thank you for your love, and faithfulness  
which excel all I knew of you.  
On the day when I called, you answered,  
you increased the strength of my soul. [R]*

*You stretch out your hand and save my soul,  
your hand will be my strength.  
Your love, O Lord, has no ending,  
do not cast off the work of your hands. [R]*

## SECOND READING

Romans 8:14-23

**Lector:** *The word of the Lord.*

**Assembly:** **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*Stay awake and be ready, for you do not know  
on what day your Lord will come. [R]*

## GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

**Priest:** *The Lord be with you.*

**Assembly:** **And with your spirit.**

**Priest:** *A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.*

**Assembly:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

"The Kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins

who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

Five of them were foolish and five were wise.

The foolish ones, when taking their lamps,

brought no oil with them,

but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps.

Since the bridegroom was long delayed,

they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

At midnight, there was a cry,

'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'

Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps.

The foolish ones said to the wise,

'Give us some of your oil,

for our lamps are going out.'  
But the wise ones replied,  
'No, for there may not be enough for us and you.  
Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.'  
While they went off to buy it,  
the bridegroom came  
and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him.  
Then the door was locked.  
Afterwards the other virgins came and said,  
'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!'  
But he said in reply,  
'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'  
Therefore, stay awake,  
for you know neither the day nor the hour."

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord  
*Assembly:* **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*All sit.*

## **HOMILY**

*All stand.*

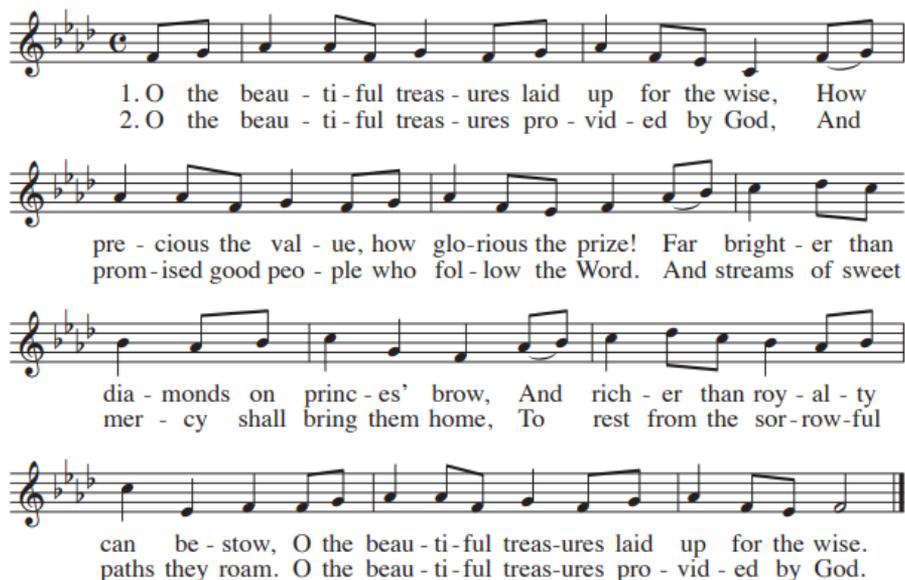
## **UNIVERSAL PRAYERS**

**Lector:** We pray to the Lord.  
**Assembly:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*\*Priest's concluding prayer\**  
**Assembly:** **Amen.**

*All sit.*

# PREPARATION HYMN

## O the Beautiful Treasures



1. O the beau - ti - ful treas - ures laid up for the wise, How  
2. O the beau - ti - ful treas - ures pro - vid - ed by God, And

pre - cious the val - ue, how glo - rious the prize! Far bright - er than  
prom - ised good peo - ple who fol - low the Word. And streams of sweet

dia - monds on princ - es' brow, And rich - er than roy - al - ty  
mer - cy shall bring them home, To rest from the sor - row - ful

can be - stow, O the beau - ti - ful treas - ures laid up for the wise.  
paths they roam. O the beau - ti - ful treas - ures pro - vid - ed by God.

Text: Shaker

Tune: BEAUTIFUL TREASURES, 12 11 10 10 12; American Shaker Melody, 1849; harm. by Richard Proulx, b.1937

*All stand.*

**Priest:** *Pray, brothers and sisters,  
that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God,  
the Almighty Father.*

**Assembly:** **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.**

**Priest:** *(Preface prayer) ... through Christ, our Lord.*

**Assembly:** **Amen.**

**Priest:** *The Lord be with you.*

**Assembly:** **And with your spirit.**

**Priest:** *Lift up your hearts.*

**Assembly:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**Priest:** *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**Assembly:** **It is right and just.**

**Celebrant:** *It is truly right and just...*

*...and before your majesty, without end, we acclaim:*

## PREFACE ACCLAMATION

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*All kneel, if able.*

*~ Consecration of the Holy Eucharist ~*

**Priest:** The mystery of faith.

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your  
Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

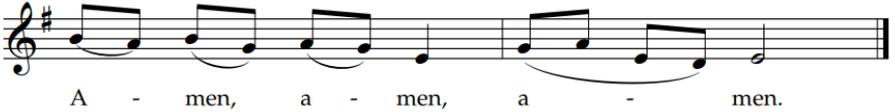
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*(Eucharistic Prayer continues)*

**Priest:** *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, forever and ever.*

## GREAT AMEN



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*All stand.*

## LORD'S PRAYER

**Priest:** *At the Savior's command, and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:*

**Assembly:** **Our Father, who art in Heaven...  
... but deliver us from evil.**

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

**Assembly:** **For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and ever.**

**Priest:** Lord Jesus, you said to your apostles...  
...who live and reign forever and ever.

**Assembly:** **Amen**

**Priest:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Assembly:** **And with your spirit.**

**Priest:** Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

*All briefly exchange greetings/a sign of peace.*

# LITANY AT THE BREAKING OF BREAD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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*All kneel*

**Priest:** *Behold the Lamb of God...*

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

*Those who are prepared for the reception of Holy Communion may come forward. Those who do not wish to partake, please remain in your seat in quiet prayer or join the communion antiphon.*

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

### Taste and See

Refrain



Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the



Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the



good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

*Verses sung by cantor*

All stand

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

## CLOSING BLESSING

- Priest:** *The Lord be with you.*  
**Assembly:** **And with your spirit.**  
**Priest:** *May Almighty God bless you - the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*  
**Assembly:** **Amen.**  
**Priest:** *Go in peace...*  
**Assembly:** **Thanks be to God.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

### I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES

Scott Soper

Verses



1. I know that my Re-deem-er lives, the One who  
2. I know that I shall one day see the good-ness  
3. The last day I shall rise a-gain, shall be re-



1. calls me home. I long to see God face - to - face, to  
2. of the Lord, when God will wipe a - way our tears, and  
3. made like God. My home shall be by God's own side, the

Refrain



1. see with my own eyes. I know that my Re-  
2. death will be no more.  
3. dy - ing, ris - ing Lord.



deem-er lives, that I shall rise a - gain. gain.

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## *In loving memory of Christina Margarita Saldaña*

Christina “Crissy” Margarita Saldaña was born January 13, 1964 to Lolo and Lidia Saldaña. She was the third out of four children, and only daughter of Lolo and Lidia. Christina grew up in Avalon alongside her three brothers, surrounded by many cousins and extended family. She stayed busy with extracurricular activities, including school basketball and softball, and was proudly one of the first girls to play in Avalon Kids Baseball, or “Little League”.

In 1982, Christina graduated from Avalon High School. She earned her Associate of Arts degree at Marymount Palos Verdes College in 1984 and went on to study film for the next two years at California State University, Northridge, where she formed many lifelong friendships.

Back home in Avalon, Christina worked several jobs and created many fond memories - especially during her time at the Avalon Fish Market with her boss, Rosie Cadman. She later began a career Catalina Channel Express, starting as a dock attendant and eventually working as a ticket agent for more than 25 years. Many of her coworkers became close friends and remained so throughout her life.

In 1996, Christina became a mother to her only son, Gabriel. As a single mother, she faced many challenges, but she was supported by an incredible village of parents, brothers, family, and friends who helped to create a loving and strong environment for her son. She truly believed that *“it takes a village.”*

As a devoted mother, Christina wore many hats. She served as Assistant Cubmaster and Scoutmaster for Avalon’s Boy Scout and Cub Scout Troop-400, supporting Gabriel as he rose through the ranks. She participated in countless camping trips, meetings, fundraisers, competitions, and proud promotions. She stood faithfully by Gabriel’s side and played an instrumental role in his achievement of Eagle Scout rank.

Her family will remember her for her loving nature, gritty determination, and great baking skills. Every Christmas, her family looked forward to her 7-Layer Cookie Bars. Her friends will remember

her beautiful smile, her infectious, hearty laugh, and friendly personality. She spent her most recent years in acute care and would often tell the nurses of her island upbringing and share lovely stories about her home.

Christina passed peacefully in her sleep in the early morning of January 26, 2026 after a long and courageous battle with diabetes, renal failure, and other health challenges. She is survived by her beloved son, Gabriel, and her brothers Martin, Gilbert, and Lolo Jr. She was preceded by her parents, Lolo, who passed on Dec 1, 2024, and Lidia, who passed away on Dec 30, 2008.

With God's mercy, the Lord's salvation, and the prayers to the Blessed Mother Mary, she is now reunited with her parents and many other loved ones in the Heavenly Kingdom. She will be missed immensely and remembered always.

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*Christina's surviving family would like to extend their gratitude to all who helped with Christina's funeral services and celebration of life. To her friends, thank you for your support and friendship throughout the years of her life.*

*To the healthcare workers who cared for her during her years in acute care, we give our immense thanks.*

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