#### Trees

I think that I shall never see a poem as lovely as a tree

A tree whose hungry mouth is prest Against the sweet earth's flowing breast.

A tree that looks at God all day And lifts her leafy arms to pray.

A tree that may in summer wear A nest of robins in her hair.

Upon whose bosom snow has lain: Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me. But only God can make a tree.

By Joyce Kilmer (1886-1918)

In Lovíng Memory Síster Rítaclare Johnson

### Sister Ritaclare Johnson born on May 9, 1929 in Pike View, Colorado

Received into the School Sisters of St. Francis on June 13, 1950

> Perpetual Profession of Vows on June 21, 1958

Born to Eternal Life on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at Sacred Heart, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Memorial Mass Tuesday, April 27, 2021. St. Joseph Convent Chapel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Interment Sisters' Cemetery, Campbellsport, Wisconsin

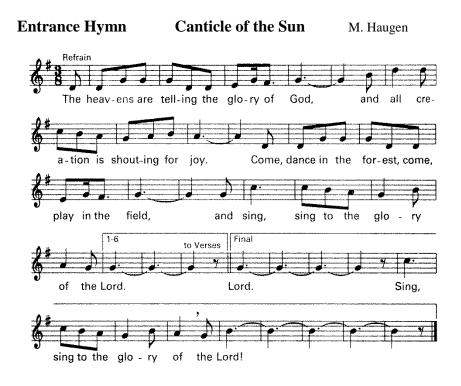
#### **Places of Ministry**

St. Mary School, Chilton, Wisconsin Most Precious Blood School, Glidden, Wisconsin St. Clara School, Chicago, Illinois St. Martin School, Chicago, Illinois St. Philomena Parish, Chicago, Illinois Oceanside School, Oceanside, California Dickinson Area Catholic School, Iron Mountain, Michigan Bishop Flores, Izabal Guatemala, Guatemala Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Villanueva, New Mexico Western State Hospital, Fort Steilacoom, Washington Mercy Hospital, Muskegon, Michigan Holy Family Birth Center, Weslaco, Texas St. Mary Hospital, Rochester, Minnesota Sacred Heart Medical Center, Eugene, Oregon Maryhill Manor, Niagara, Wisconsin Our Lady of Lourdes Convent, Omaha, Nebraska St. Joseph Convent, Campbellsport, Wisconsin Shepherd Hills Catholic School, Eden, Wisconsin St. Matthew School, Campbellsport, Wisconsin SJC Motherhouse, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**Ministry of Prayer and Presence** 

Sacred Heart, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

# Memorial Mass Sister Ritaclare Johnson, OSF



Verses 1, 2 and 3

1. Praise for the sun, the bringer of day, he carries the light of the Lord in his rays; the moon and the stars who light up the way unto your throne. Refrain:

- 2. Praise for the wind that blows through the trees, the seas' mighty storms, the gen-tl-est breeze; they blow where they will, they blow where they please to please the Lord. Refrain:
- 3. Praise for the rain that waters our fields, and blesses our crops so all the earth yields: from death unto life her myst'ry revealed springs forth in joy. Refrain:

Words of Remembrance Sister Barbaralie Stiefermann

**Opening Prayer** 

# Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Romans 8:14-23

**Responsorial Psalm** 

Psalm 23

J. Gelineau



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#### **Gospel Acclamation**

#### Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

I am the resurrection and the life, **says** the Lord. Whoever believes in me will **live** forever.

Gospel John 6:51-59

#### Homily Father David Cooper

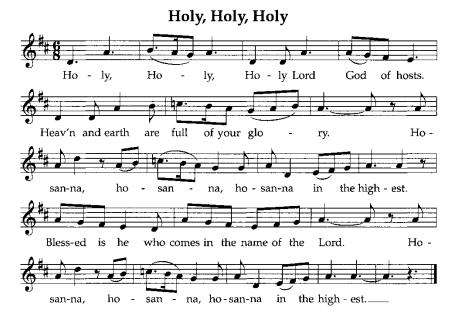
### **Prayer of the Faithful**

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

### **Preparation of the Altar**

Please rise after the Invitation:	
Pray sisters and brothers,	
that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God,	
	the almighty Father
Presider:	The Lord be with you.
All:	And with your spirit.
Presider:	Lift up your hearts.
All:	We lift them up to the Lord.
Presider:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All:	It is right and just.

Eucharistic Acclamations Mass of Redemption S. Janco

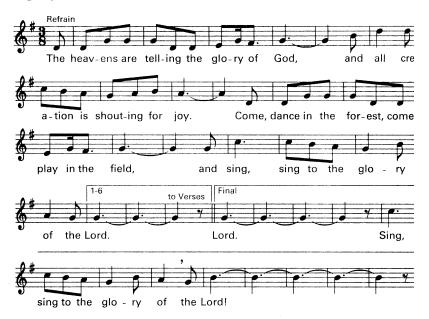






#### **Prayer after Communion**

**Final Blessing** 



Verses 4, 5 and 6

- 4. Praise for the fire who gives us his light, the warmth of the sun to brighten our night; he dances with joy his spirit so bright, he sings of you. Refrain:
- 5. Praise for the earth who makes life to grow, the creatures you made to let your life show; the flowers and trees that help us to know the heart of love. Refrain:
- 6. Praise for our death that makes our life real, the knowledge of loss that helps us to feel; the gift of yourself, your presence revealed to bring us home. Refrain:

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