

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2026



Canticle of the Sun

REFRAIN: The heavens are telling the glory of God, and all creation is shouting for joy.

Come, dance in the forest, come, play in the field, and sing, sing to the glory of the Lord.

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.

The heavens are telling...

2. Praise for the wind that blows through the trees,
The seas mighty storms, the gentlest breeze;
They blow where they will, they blow where they please
To please the Lord.

The heavens are telling...

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.

The heavens are telling...

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.

The heavens are telling...

Your Words Are Spirit and Life

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Refrain

Your words are spirit and life, O Lord:
richer than gold, stronger than death.
Your words are spirit and life, O Lord;
life everlasting.

1. God's law is perfect, refreshing the soul,
reviving the weary spirit.
God's rule can be trusted: bringing us wisdom,
bringing God's wisdom to birth.

2. God's precepts keep us; their purpose is right.
They gladden the hearts of people.
God's command is so clear it brings us new vision;
bringing God's light to our eyes.

3. Living by God's truth is holy and sure;
God's presence is everlasting.
God's truth is eternal, bringing us justice;
bringing God's justice to earth.

4. God's word is precious, desired more than gold;
worth more than we dare imagine
and, sweeter than honey, this word will feed us,
bringing fulfillment and joy.

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Sent Forth by God's Blessing
Ash Grove

1. Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
The people of God from his dwelling take leave.
God's sacrifice ended, O now be extended,
The fruits of this Mass in all hearts who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching, our inner souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace shall incite us, his love shall unite us
To further God's kingdom and answer his call.

2. With praise and thanksgiving, to God who is living,
The tasks of our ev'ry day life we embrace.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
We claim as our neighbor all those of each race.
One bread that has fed us, one light that has led us
Unite us as one in his life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

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