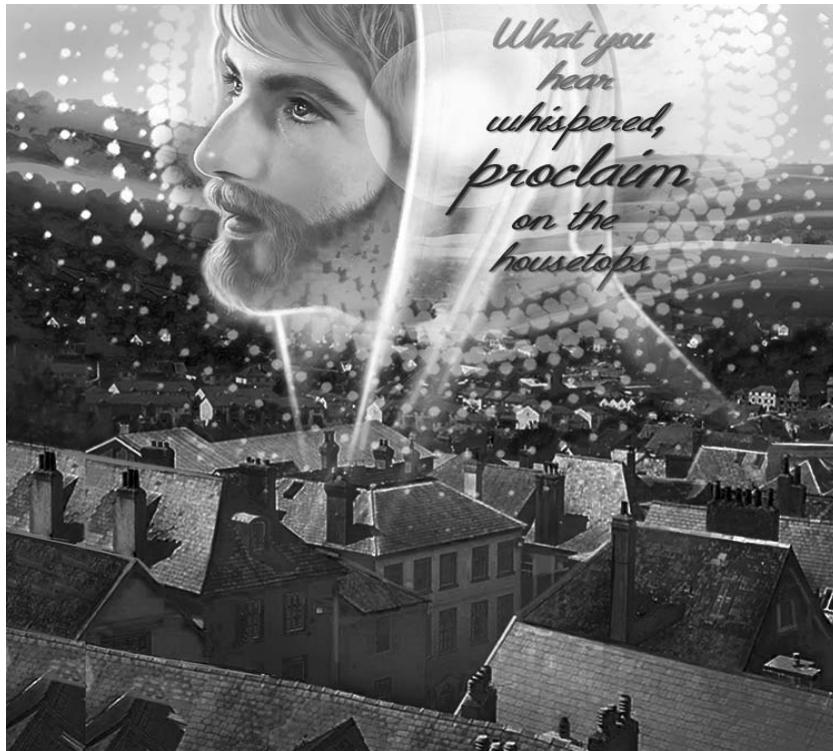


June 25, 2017

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday - 8:30am
Word Service with Communion, Thursday, 8:30am

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Morning - 9:00am
Saturday Evening - 5:00pm
Sunday Morning - 8:30 & 10:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday at 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM; or by appointment.

Baptisms

Baptism of infants and young children is celebrated on the 2nd and 3rd weekends of the month. Parents are asked to attend a Baptism preparation session/class prior to the ceremony. Please call the rectory to register for the preparation and set a baptismal date.

Thoughts From Our Pastor



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Over the past one month, we have celebrated some of the most significant feasts in the Catholic Church beginning with Ascension of Christ, Pentecost, Trinity, and the Body and Blood of Christ. In these feasts, we have come to learn and deepen our understanding of who God is to us and what He has done for us. He sent His own Son to come and live with us. How do you feel that God decided out of sheer and unconditional love to send His Son? The Son of God was willing to lay down his life for you and for me. This is a huge deal, my brothers and sisters in Christ. Whether we like it or not, Jesus died for everyone. When He ascended to heaven, after completing his mission, the Father and His Son sent the Holy Spirit to us; and of all the gifts given to mankind by Him, there is none greater than the presence of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit takes up permanent residence in the hearts of believers (Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20). Jesus gave the Spirit as a "compensation" for His absence, to perform the functions for us which He would have done if He had remained personally with us.

Among those spiritual functions is that of the revealer of truth. The Spirit's presence within us enables us to understand and interpret God's Word. Jesus told His disciples that "when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13). He reveals to our minds the whole counsel of God as it relates to worship, doctrine, and Christian living. He is the ultimate guide, going before us, leading the way, removing obstructions, opening the understanding of the Bible, and making all things plain and clear. He leads in the way we should go in spiritual things. Without such a guide, we would be apt to fall into error. The Spirit convinces us of Christ's divinity and Incarnation; His being the Messiah; His suffering and death; His resurrection and ascension; and His exaltation at the right hand of God.

As many of us begin to prepare for summer vacations and plans, please remember that God never takes vacation or rest like we do. He wants to nourish us constantly with His Body and Blood, and the only way He can do for us is by our going to Mass. I encourage you to attend Mass regularly. I also encourage everyone to register and continue to make use of our online offertory giving. Please check the "GIFT CENTRAL" link on our parish website.

Finally, as we continue with the summer season, I want to thank all our volunteers who have worked in different capacities during this past year. I am very grateful to you for sharing with our community your gifts of time, talent and treasure.

May God continue to bless each of you daily.

Rev. George O. Omwando

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

WE THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA-ST. LUCY PARISH, SEEK TO DEEPEN OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH GOD AND TO CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE IN WORD AND SACRAMENT. BY ACCEPTING ALL INTO OUR FAMILY WE SEEK UNITY IN CHRIST AND SEEK TO PROCLAIM HIS GOOD NEWS IN THE DISCIPLESHIP OF OUR LIVES.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

Parish Pastoral Council

Madonna Sloan and Joyce Wade,
Co-Chairs

Parish Finance Council

John McGuire

Spiritual Life Commission

Faith & Fellowship:

Connie Rakitan

Liturgy Committee:

Cantors: Gail Rohmann

Celebration Choir: Gail Rohmann

Praise Choir: Julius White

Greeters & Ushers: Jim Lewis

Ministers of the Eucharist:

Jeanne Visteen

Ministers of the Word:

Jeanne Visteen

Servers: TBA

Ministers of Care: Shelby Boblick

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Fr. George O. Omwando

Women's Ministry: Shelby Boblick

Human Concerns Commission

Peace & Justice Committee:

Mary and Martin Senica

Transportation Committee:

Tom Farwell

Education Commission

Baptism Com.: Fr. G. Omwando

Bible Study: Russ McCaughey

Religious Education of Children:

Christine Wedekind

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School Board Chair: Natasha Lee

Parish Development & Services Commission

Collection Counters: Carol Kallok

Facilities Committee: Kevin Kell,
Amanda Pomareda

Fundraising Committee:

Pat Nelson / Cynthia Weaver

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Weddings - Please contact a parish priest to set a wedding date. Allow at least 6 months for preparation.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a sacramental process, celebrated in the midst of this Faith Community. This process assists adults, as well as children over the age of 7, in learning about the Catholic Faith. Through its witness, worship, service, and teaching our Faith Community offers the invitation and support necessary for initiation into the Catholic Church.

Ministry to the Sick, Hospitalized and Shut—Ins

Please notify the Parish Office so that we can visit and minister to your confined loved-ones.

Newcomers

Please fill out a registration form after Mass, or come by the Rectory Office during the week.

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Fear Not

How do people find hope in the face of suffering and death? That is the question addressed by today's scriptures. We hear of the suffering of Jeremiah and the psalmist. We hear of the death that "reigned from Adam to Moses" (Romans 5:14). We hear of the fears of the Twelve as Jesus sends them out into the world to preach and heal.

Through all this tribulation one message rings out loud and clear—"Do not be afraid!" The God who saved Jeremiah and the psalmist and Jesus is fully present to save us through the gracious gift of Jesus Christ. We have nothing and no one to fear.

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FOOD FIRST NEXT WEEKEND *Won't You Please Help?!*

500 Club Certificates

Certificates are \$25 each and will be included in every weekly drawing from now through October 22nd, 2017. The prize each week is \$25 except for three weeks when the prize is \$500. If we sell all 500 certificates, there will be a 4th drawing for \$500. Purchase forms are available in the back of church and at the rectory.

Thank you!!!

-The Fundraising Committee



TODAY - 2nd Collection
"A little mercy makes the world less cold and more just."
 —Pope Francis

Peter's Pence Collection *Be a Witness of CHARITY*

This weekend's collection is the way we as members of the Catholic Church unite ourselves to the concerns of the Holy Father. Donations to this collection support the charitable works of Pope Francis for the assistance of those most in need.

Contributions to this collection provide assistance to victims of natural disaster, war, oppression, and disease.

Please give generously to this collection, as a witness of charity, and give hope to those who suffer around the globe.



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THIS WEEKEND

MARKS THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY
 OF THE MERGE BETWEEN
 ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA AND
 ST. LUCY PARISHES.

Take me out to the Ballgame!

*Chicago White Sox vs.
Los Angeles Dodgers*



Tuesday, July 18
 Game Time - 7:10 p.m.
 Cost - \$28 each

Tickets for the White Sox Game are still being sold today!

Parish Calendar

Monday, June 26

1:00-4:00 PM - F&F Young Neighbors in Action - LMC
 4:00 - 8:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH

Tuesday, June 27

9:30 AM - Bible Study - RRT
 1:00-4:00 PM - F&F Young Neighbors in Action - LMC
 10:00AM - 3PM - Voice Lessons - CH

Wednesday, June 28

1:00-4:00 PM - F&F Young Neighbors in Action - LMC

Thursday, June 29

11:00 AM - Quilting Ladies - RD
 1:00-4:00 PM - F&F Young Neighbors in Action - LMC
 4:00-8:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH

Friday, June 30

1:00-4:00 PM - F&F Young Neighbors in Action - LMC

Save the Date

Tuesday, July 18
White Sox Outing - OS

Saturday, August 5
Donut Day - OS

Thursday, August 24
Night at the Races - OS



Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. June 26

8:30 † **Michael Novak**
By: A Friend

Tue. June 27

8:30 † **Rosa Roman**
By: Ministry of Care

Wed. June 28

8:30 † **Rose Beesley**
By: Ministry of Care

Fri. June 30

† **Johnnie Evans**
By: Ministry of Care

Sat. July 1

9:00 † **Michael McMillan**
By: Ministry of Care

5:00 † **Gene Solome**
By: Evie Stockinger

Sun. July 2

8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**

8:30 † **Alice Marshall**
By: Bill and Barb Cragg
10:30 † **James Brennan**
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 12:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22; Mt 7:1-5
 Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14
 Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9;
 Mt 7:15-20
 Thursday: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9;
 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
 Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 8:1-4
 Saturday: Gn 18:1-15; Lk 1:46-50, 53-55; Mt 8:5-17
 Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19;
 Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

Today's Readings

First Reading — The Lord has rescued the poor from the clutches of the wicked (Jeremiah 20:10-13).

Psalm — Lord, in your great love, answer me (Psalm 69).

Second Reading — The grace of God overflows for all (Romans 5:12-15).

Gospel — All who acknowledge Jesus before others will likewise be acknowledged by Jesus before the Father (Matthew 10:26-33).

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Our Parish Stewardship

St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



June 4, 2017	\$ 5,517.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 1,096.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
Amount Under Budget	\$ < 695.00>
June 11, 2017	\$ 5,533.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 952.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
Amount Under Budget	\$ < 823.00>
June 18, 2017	\$ 4,703.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 1,558.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
Amount Under Budget	\$ < 1,047.00>

Online donations can be made to St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish at www.givecentral.org

Thanks for your continued financial support!

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. Cyril of Alexandria

Wednesday: St. Irenaeus

Thursday: Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles

Friday: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

Saturday: St. Junípero Serra; Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday; Canada Day

LITURGICAL MINISTERS—JULY 2, 2017

<u>5:00 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
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Altar Servers

Kathy Paoli	Mary Senica	Ian Elsen
		Mireille Lozes

Ministers of the Word

Dan Brown	Wrenetha Julion	Pat Nelson
Susan Kumler	Sydney Jackson	Kim McGuire

Ministers of the Eucharist

Jack Kernan	Claudia Zinanni	Shelby Boblick
Pat Koko	Marge Massarello	Mary Howard
Brenda Fojtik	Gordon Bell	Bern Wheel
Carol Brown	Annie Rowan	Marie Wheel
	Kevin Kell	Bill Holmes
	Elaine Podraza	John McGuire

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1st & 2nd Readings for the Upcoming Sunday are offered. Their sole purpose is to help us all of us "receive" and "hear" the word of God.

JULY 2, 2017 - 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

Elisha, who lived about 800 years before Christ, succeeded the great prophet Elijah, and was noted for his miraculous deeds. Today we hear of one such deed performed in gratitude for the hospitality given to him and his servant Gehazi.

Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

(Today and for many Sundays hereafter, our second reading will be taken from Paul's letter to the Romans.)

In a previous section of his letter to the Romans, Paul taught that we sinners are reconciled to God through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Now Paul notes that we experience this dying and rising when, in the immersion form of baptism, we are symbolically "buried" in the water and emerge to new life.



Give Central allows our parish to provide its parishioners a safe and convenient way to make regular, automatic electronic contributions and can also be used for special events and other collections.

We understand that most transactions today are done electronically. We want to provide you with that same convenient option at church.

You can go directly to our website: www.stcatherinestlucy.org to be able to find the link to *GiveCentral*



Bible Study - Tuesdays 9:30 AM

Please consider in joining us every Tuesday at 9:30 AM only for Bible Study at the Rectory. If you are trying to find answers to your daily life questions, or are willing to have an hour of peace and knowledge about our religion, please come. It is totally free.

Communion & Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Rectory at 708-386-8077 to let us know if you or a member of your family is in need of the sacrament of anointing of the sick or would like to have Holy Communion brought to your house or nursing home or both.



Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

Coletta Ali, Fr. John Carolan, Myriam Claude, Mary Cotter, Louis Dieguez, Raymond Doelker, Beverly Ellis, Anita Evenson, Marcus Hall, Joe Hargadon, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Kate Kroker, William Medor, Eileen Nauss, and Carlton Shanks.

The name of your close relative will remain on this list for four weeks. After that, you will have to call us again to reinstate it into the list. If you wish to include a name of a sick member of your family here, please call Amanda at the rectory during office hours. Thank you.

Bequests

PLEASE consider remembering our parish in your will or trust. We have been blessed in the past by the generosity of so many parishioners and I am hopeful this will continue into the future.

-Father George

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School News

The school office will be open during the summer, Mondays through Thursdays, from 8am-1pm. Do not hesitate to call or come in if there is anything you need.

Please use the back entrance.

Remember a Loved One

"The Holy Mass would be of greater profit if people had it offered in their lifetime, rather than having it celebrated for the relief of their souls after death." -Pope Benedict XV

We have **weekday** Masses available in our 2017 Mass Book. Please come to the Rectory for Masses. Remember your loved ones or any other special occasion.

Wedding Banns



Danielle Barefield
and Murray DeWalt

Summer Stewardship

A gentle reminder that our stewardship of our parish does not go on vacation! If you go on vacation or your plans keep you from being present here on the weekends, please try to "make up" your regular offering another weekend.

Weekly Offering



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White Sox RAFFLE

We are very happy to announce that the lucky winner is our Pastor, Fr. George Omwando. This will be Fr. George's first visit to Wrigley Field. Congratulations!

2017 Summer Scripture Seminar at USML

JUNE 25 TO 30

Enrich your spiritual life this summer, attend presentations by some of the best Scripture Scholars in the world. Pray, eat and socialize with the speakers and other attendees, and find respite on our peaceful grounds.

Attendees may commute or stay overnight, and can choose to come for individual lectures or the entire seminar. The best way to enjoy the program is to stay for the week from Sunday evening through Friday morning to experience the rhythm of prayer, study and relaxation with the Mundelein community. Continuing Education Units are available! Early Bird Registration discount is offered until April 30th. This year the focus is Revelation: *A Book of Hope in Troubled Times*.

For more information and registration: www.summerscripture.org.

Archdiocese of Chicago Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

The annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass for 2017 will be held on Sunday, September 17 at 2:45 p.m. Cardinal Blase J. Cupich will preside over this special Mass where 500 couples will rejoice in their 50th wedding anniversary.

If you're married 50 years this year, or you were not able to come this past year and want to come next year, please keep this date free.

Grateful

The St. Catherine-St. Lucy's Parish Council would like to thank all who contributed to our recent collection assisting those jailed, recently released and their families. About 5 boxes were delivered to Kobe House where everything was much appreciated.

Adult Confirmation

Are you an adult who has not celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation? Preparation groups are forming now. To register or for information please telephone 312-534-8032 or go to www.catechesis-chicago.org.

Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

On June 29 the Church celebrates the feast day of Sts. Peter & Paul. Together, the two saints are the founders of the See of Rome, through their preaching, ministry and martyrdom there.

St. Peter, who was named Simon, was a fisherman of Galilee. Jesus gave him the name Cephas (Petrus in Latin), which means 'Rock,' because he was to become the rock upon which Christ would build His Church.

The Acts of the Apostles illustrates his role as head of the Church after the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ. Peter led the Apostles as the first Pope and ensured that the disciples kept the true faith. St. Peter spent his last years in Rome, leading the Church through persecution and eventually being martyred in the year 64. He was crucified upside-down at his own request, because he claimed he was not worthy to die as his Lord. He was buried on Vatican hill, and St. Peter's Basilica is built over his tomb.

St. Paul, was the Apostle of the Gentiles. His letters are included in the writings of the New Testament, and through them we learn much about his life and the faith of the early Church. Before receiving the name Paul, he was Saul, a Jewish pharisee who zealously persecuted Christians in Jerusalem. Saul's conversion took place as he was on his way to Damascus to persecute the Christian community there. As he was traveling along the road, he was suddenly surrounded by a great light from heaven. He was blinded and fell off his horse. He then heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He answered: "Who are you, Lord?" Christ said: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting." Saul continued to Damascus, where he was baptized and his sight was restored. He took the name Paul and spent the remainder of his life preaching the Gospel tirelessly to the Gentiles of the Mediterranean world. Paul was imprisoned and taken to Rome, where he was beheaded in the year 67. He is buried in Rome in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.



—Catholic News Agency

Donut Day at Oak Park Farmer's Market –

Once again our parish will be selling donuts during the Farmer's Market at Pilgrim Congregational Church. Our sale date is Saturday, **August 5, 2017** from 7am-1pm. The annual donut sale is a very successful fund raiser for our parish. We need your assistance with the many tasks needed to sell the warm fresh donuts. Please consider volunteering for just a couple hours on that Saturday morning to help us reach our goal. If you can help or have any questions please see Jeanette Cannon or contact Pierre Priestley at p.priestley@att.net or 708-369-3347

June HIV Awareness Days

National HIV Testing Day is June 27. There are an estimated 50,000 new HIV infections in the U.S. every year. Some 20 to 25% of those persons living with HIV/AIDS DO NOT KNOW that they are infected with the virus and could be spreading it to others. The only way to know if you have the virus is to be tested. This national day of testing is an opportunity for people nationwide to learn their HIV status.

Know your status...get tested...and encourage others to be tested! Free and confidential or anonymous testing is available in a community near you. For more information, please call (312) 948-6500 or go to www.hivaidsservicesministry.org. Please pray for those living with HIV/AIDS and those affected by it.



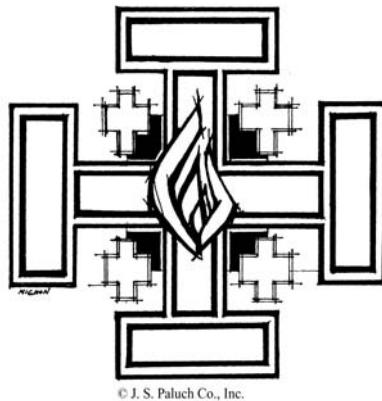
Newspaper for Seniors

Did you know Catholic Charities has a free newspaper just for senior citizens? Keenager News is published 10 times a year and is delivered to your door. This publication contains news, opinion, human interest, how-to, and travel articles, along with humor, puzzles, and recipes. Our "Readers' Corner" provides a forum for readers' own reminiscences, and poems. To sign up to receive Keenager News, call (312) 655-7425 or email keenager@catholiccharities.net

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Sing to the LORD,
praise the LORD,
for he has rescued the life of the poor.
—*Jeremiah 20:13*



Walking Toward God

*If we walk one step toward God,
God will run ten steps toward us.*

—Anonymous

Support Anti Violence and Gun Control Bill

A coalition of religious leaders from all faiths is launching a petition to ban assault weapons and pass HB5831, demanding that all guns are registered and titled just like cars.

This is a moment that God has called us to, to make a difference.

- ...# Request handguns to be titled like cars.
- ...# Reinstate the ban on assault weapons – sign the petition at www.passthebill.us

For more information call Saint Sabina at 773-483-4300.

Treasures From Our Tradition

The Eucharistic Prayers at the heart of our liturgy have a long history, beginning with the extemporaneous prayers of the early Christians. The presiders gave thanks from their hearts, not from any prearranged text, over the gifts of bread and wine. When the assembly had the sense that enough was said, someone would call out "Amen!" and that was that. For the most part, the plan flowed directly from Jewish meal prayers, which always recalled God's mighty deeds. Some other markers and signposts were added almost everywhere fairly early, like the presider's call to attention: "Lift up your hearts!"

Scholars have provided us with translations of many early texts. These have actually helped us craft new liturgical prayers, because until the liturgical reforms of forty years ago, no one could recall any prayer but the Roman Canon, now called Eucharistic Prayer I. For hundreds of years in the West, it was our only Eucharistic Prayer, and it was only in Latin. But the history of our Eucharistic Prayers is amazingly fruitful, and models have come down to us that have yielded new insights and expressions. The old custom of improvising texts according to a master plan has not endured, but we have now rediscovered a plan of standardizing the text while allowing for a great variety.

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