

NATIONAL BLACK SISTERS CONFERENCE
JUBILEE MASS



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER
CATHOLIC CHURCH
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

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Accompanist

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CELEBRANT: Father Gregory Chisholm, S.J.



"WE'VE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH"

"TRUSTING IN GOD"

"I GIVE MYSELF AWAY"

"EVERY PRAISE"

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

“They are the women of color who followed them,
bore the heat of the day, the pain of racism,
segregation, and rejection, but they never
despaired.”

-Sr. Anita Baird, DHM

THE PROCESSION

"We've Come This Far by Faith"
Albert A. Goodson

We've come this far by faith
Leaning on the Lord
Trusting in His holy Word
He's never failed me yet
Oh, oh, oh, can't turn around
We've come this far by faith.

THE PENITENTIAL ACT

THE GLORIA

THE COLLECT

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 61: 1- 3

READ BY SR. BARBARA SPEARS, SNJM

Isaiah 60:1-6

The Sovereign Lord has filled me with his Spirit. He has chosen me and sent me to bring good news to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted, to announce release to captives and freedom to those in prison. He has sent me to proclaim that the time has come when the Lord will save his people and defeat their enemies. He has sent me to comfort all who mourn. To give to those who mourn in Zion joy and gladness instead of grief, a song of praise instead of sorrow. They will be like trees that the Lord himself has planted. They will all do what is right, and God will be praised for what he has done.

RESPONSAL PSALM

Alleluia

The Holy Gospel

Sr. Lynne Marie Ralph, SBS

The Universal Prayer

Lord, I'm available to you to do what you want to do in me and through me for my brothers and sisters.

-Sister Loretta Theresa Richards, FHM

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY PROCESSION

I bring myself, my Black self, all that I am, all that I have, all that I hope to become; I bring my whole history, my traditions, my experience, my culture, my African-American song and dance and gesture and movement and teaching and preaching and healing and responsibility as a gift to the church. -*Sister Thea Bowman*

SONG - "TRUSTING IN GOD"

PRAYER OVER THE GIFT'S

THE PREFACE

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

SANCTUS

MYSTERY OF FAITH

THE COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD

THE COMMUNION PROCESSION

God is present in everything. In the universe, in creation, in me, and all that happens to me, in my brothers and sisters, in the church- everywhere.

-Sr. Thea Bowman

SON - "GIVE MYSELF AWAY"

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Sr. Cora Marie Billings, RSM

Sr. Josita Colbert, SNDdeN

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Sr. Eucharika Okoye, SNDdeN

CO-BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

*My focus and prayer as a Black Catholic Religious Woman in this church is ~may
the Prayer of Jesus ~that's all may be ONE ~ in the EUCHARIST~ which is at the
~HEART of RACIAL JUSTICE. - Sister Josita Colbert*

SONG - "EVERY PRAISE"



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Gracious God,
we thank You for the faithful witness
and devoted service of our Jubilarians.
Bless them with renewed strength, deep joy,
and abundant grace as they continue their journey.
May their lives forever reflect Your love,
hope, and light in the world.

Amen