

# *Jubilee Pilgrimage*

**St. John the Evangelist  
to the  
Cathedral of St. Thomas More**



## Wednesday, August 6

St. John the Evangelist to St. Katharine Drexel

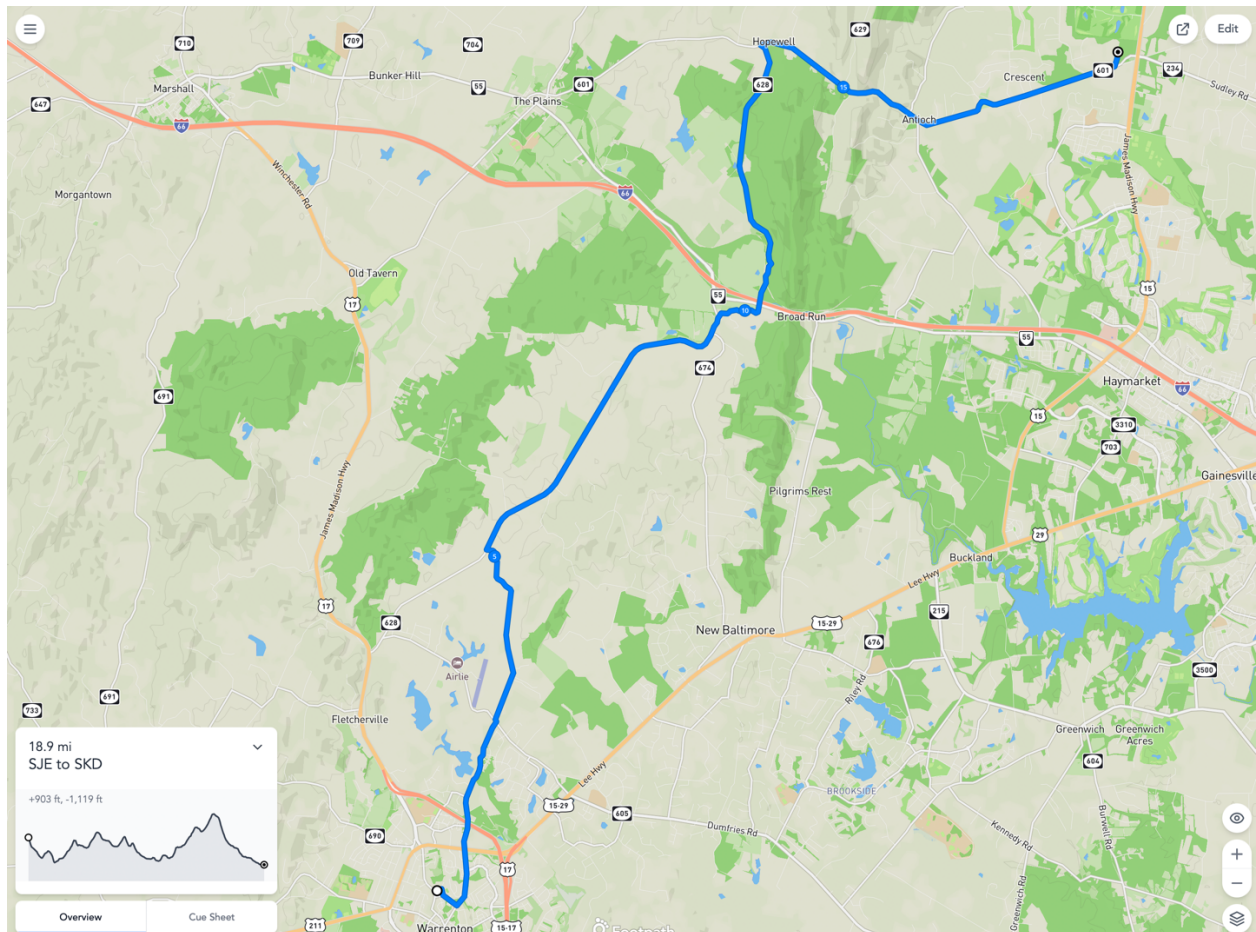
6:30am Mass at St. John the Evangelist  
Blessing of Pilgrims

*Midafternoon* Arrive at SKD  
Clean-up, rest, dinner with host families

7:00pm Evening Prayer and Talk #1 at SKD



Stage 1 Map



Today's walk begins past the parish school, left on John E. Mann, then left on Blackwell with a rolling descent to the Lee Hwy intersection. The convenience and grocery stores on the corner are your last chance to refuel for a while! Crossing Lee Hwy, we climb Blackwell Rd, descend steeply past the Warrenton Reservoir and continue to Airlie Rd. This is an early stretch to practice safety on a road with no shoulder: walk against traffic (to the far left of the road) except when approaching blind corners, wave to oncoming traffic, be prepared to step into the bushes.

A left on Airlie is immediately followed by a right to continue on Blackwell Rd. Now we've entered a quiet, peaceful stretch. Enjoy the morning breeze and greet the cows that alternately flank

the road! The road finishes with a climb past a beautiful barn and dead ends at Blantyre Rd. Now for our first big test...

These next 4.5 miles might be the least enjoyable of the day. No shoulder, and cars travel *fast* here. Whenever possible, take advantage of the grassy stretches that parallel the road; you may find yourself crossing back-and-forth to find grass. Beware of blind corners. This is definitely a single-file road. People up front should shout directions and alerts to the pilgrims walking behind. And a word of comfort: although this feels like the most dangerous stretch of the pilgrimage, it is also *beautiful!* There are several long straightaways that relieve some tension...enjoy them!

Just shy of the 10-mile mark you'll see Georgetown Cemetery on your right. Take the gravel road that winds behind the cemetery on the right (Trapp Branch Rd). If you reach John Marshall Hwy on Blantyre Rd, you've gone too far! Trapp Branch Rd will cross 55 and become Bust Head Rd. *\*\*Note: this crossing might be a great place to meet our food and water and enjoy lunch.*

Rejoice! You've reached one of the *loveliest* stretches of the journey. The next 3.5 miles follow this gravel road past quiet houses. We'll be able to walk as a pack on this road, no need for the single-file precaution.

Bust Head Rd will dead end at Hopewell Rd. A right on Hopewell and we've entered the final straightaway! 6 miles on Hopewell—which becomes Waterfall Rd—and we'll find St. Katharine Drexel on our left just before reaching US-15. Amusingly, we have sidewalk for the final steps. Where was that on Blantyre Rd?! Don't worry, there are much easier ~~roads~~ sidewalks in the coming days.

**Thursday, August 7**  
St. Katharine Drexel to Corpus Christi

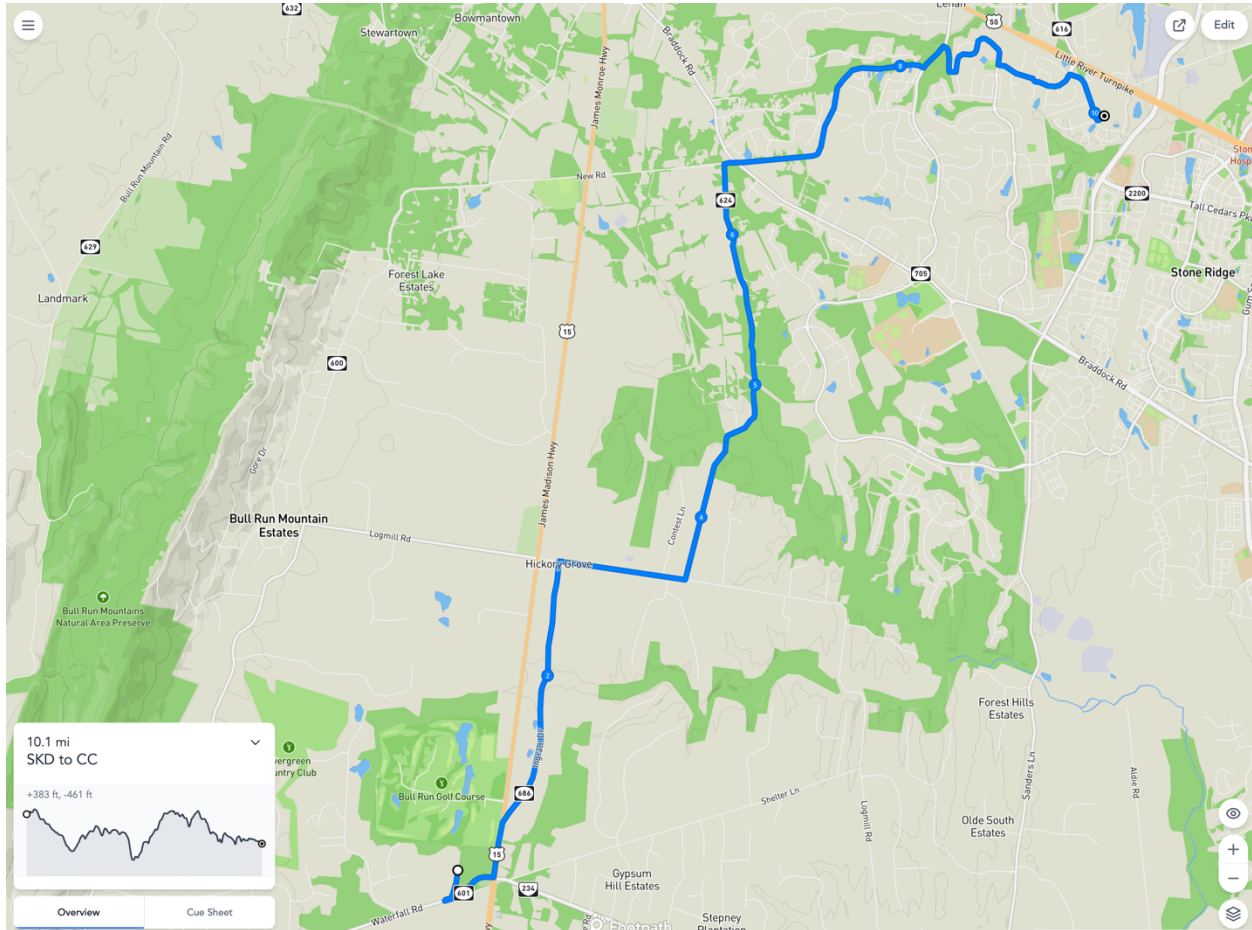
8:30am Morning Prayer and Mass at St. Katharine Drexel

*Afternoon* Arrive at Corpus Christi, late lunch together  
Tour of church, prayer and Talk #2

2:30pm Carpool back to Warrenton



Stage 2 Map



Basically a “rest day” after yesterday’s rigor.

We will turn out of the SKD parking lot and take the sidewalk across US-15. There is a 7-Eleven on the corner, if you need any food or water for the day. Taking a left, walk north along the far right side of the road while paying attention to traffic approaching from behind. In about a third of a mile, bear right onto Ingram Dr which parallels US-15 for 2 miles. At Logmill Rd, turn right and continue for nearly 1 mile. This is another fast road with little shoulder, but you are well-practiced in road safety after yesterday’s experience on Blantyre.

At just over 3 miles for the day, turn left on Little River Rd. At the bottom of this road is a creek crossing—you may have to remove your socks and shoes—as the road becomes Peach Orchard Ln. Enjoy the (likely) quiet, gravel lane.

Peach Orchard Ln ends at Lenah Rd. Turn right and carefully cross Braddock Rd to continue on Lenah Rd. You will walk on Lenah Rd for more than a mile and a half to its end. Turn left on Trailhead Dr, and now pay attention...

Less than 0.1 mi along Trailhead Dr and as the road bends to the left, you will come across a trail access on the right side of the road. It is marked by a 3-ft white post and a small clearing, which might be overgrown. If you cross a stream on Trailhead, you've gone too far. Take the trail away from the road and in just more than 0.1 mi you should find yourself walking between two houses into a neighborhood.

Turn left on Audubon Trail Dr as you stroll through the neighborhood. Another left on Lenah Mill Blvd will take you to a roundabout; continue straight. Before you reach Little River Turnpike, turn right on Marrwood Dr. In a few steps, you'll see Corpus Christi on your left!

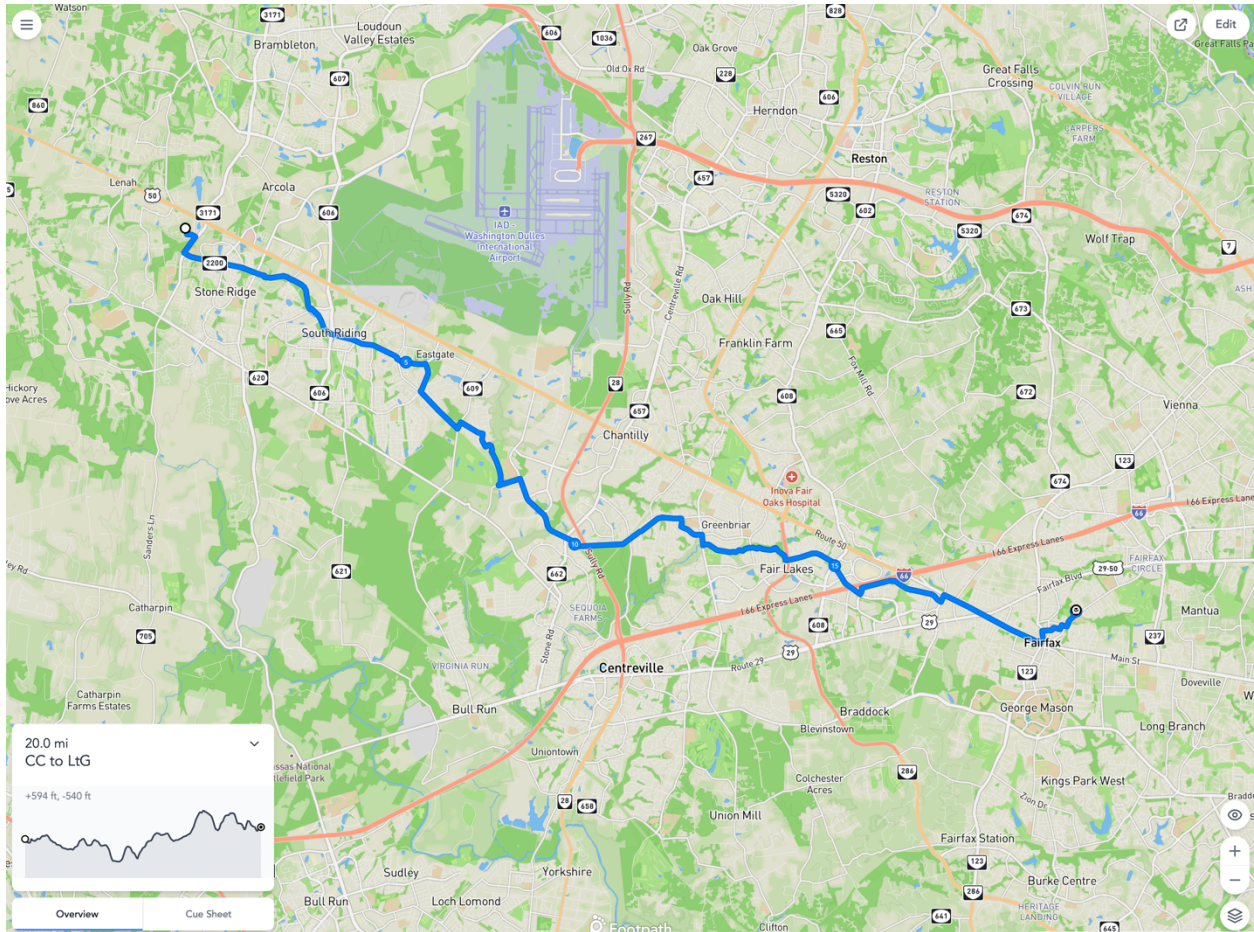
**Friday, August 8**  
Corpus Christi to St. Leo the Great

7:30am *Optional Holy Hour at Corpus Christi*  
8:30am Mass at Corpus Christi

*Late afternoon* Arrive at St. Leo the Great  
5:00pm Evening Prayer and Talk #3  
Dinner (**cheese pizza and salad?**)  
6:30pm Carpool back to Warrenton



Stage 3 Map



With the exception of a stone's-throw length of road, today is all sidewalks!

As you walk out the front of Corpus Christi, turn left on Marrwood Dr and descend to Northstar Blvd. Cross at the crosswalk (we'll have the assistance of these signals throughout the day), then turn right. At the first intersection—and without crossing over—turn left. You are now on Tall Cedars Pkwy. Continue along this road for nearly 5 miles. Twice you will need to cross the road at an intersection to take advantage of the available sidewalk. You'll begin by walking on the left of the road, cross to

the right (recommended at Gum Spring Rd), then back to the left side of the road (at Planting Field Dr).

Turn right on Edgewater St. At the roundabout, turn left on Poland Rd. You'll notice that the sidewalk ends within sight of the upcoming intersection. Take the road for the short stretch. At the dead-end, turn left on Pleasant Valley Rd. This sidewalk *also* runs out, but you'll find more sidewalk on the other side of the fence you've just met. Turn right on Cub Run Rd into a neighborhood. Left on Samuel Pine Rd and descend to the cul-de-sac where you'll find a trail on the left side. Follow this trail to the left and at the first trail intersection—before you reach the Cub Run Rec Center—turn right. This trail should dump you out on Old Lee Rd. Cross the road and turn left on the sidewalk up the hill. At the intersection, turn right on Stonecroft Blvd.

*Note: for a slightly more adventurous and more wooded route, turn right on Pleasant Valley Rd. and enter a park. Take the trail to your left and follow it until it connects with the above-mentioned trail west of Westfield High School. Use your GPS and map to navigate through the woods.*

Continue on Stonecroft Blvd as it crosses Westfields Blvd (great place to find some lunch and/or coffee!), then climbs up and over Sully Rd/US-28. Continue onto Poplar Tree Rd. You might slide left into the parking lot as the sidewalk comes to an end; at the end of the parking lot you'll find a trail through the woods. The trail emerges at Walney Rd; cross this road carefully! In a few blocks, you'll find a lovely trail that parallels Poplar Tree Rd on the right side of the road. Turn right on Fallen Oak Dr, left on Pt Pleasant Dr, then cross Stringfellow Rd using the crosswalk. Having crossed to the far side, turn left. In less than 0.25 mi, turn left on the Rocky Run Stream Valley Trail. Back into the woods! If you cross Rocky Run on Stringfellow Rd, you've gone too far.

How to describe the route along Rocky Run? There are many turns to avoid. Your best bet will be to follow the stage map. If you find yourself in a neighborhood, you've taken a wrong turn. You should cross the stream three times. At the second crossing, you immediately turn right and cross the stream the third and final time. Climbing up and out of the woods, you'll find yourself at Monument Dr. Turn left, under the Fairfax County Pkwy, and continue on Monument Dr.

After crossing over I-66, you'll want to turn onto Random Hills Rd. You can take the stairs on your left down past the commuter garage or simply continue to Government Center Pkwy, turn left, then a right on Random Hills Rd. When this road runs into a shopping center (quick break 2.5 mi from the finish?), turn left on Waples Mill Rd and then right on Fairfax Blvd/Rte 50. Getting close!

After crossing Jermantown Rd you will arrive at a major intersection. You will want to continue straight, but you'll do so by crossing to the left side of the road (at the Mattress Warehouse), then immediately crossing again (towards the T-Mobile store). Continue up the hill, you're now on Main St. Turn left on North St, which will promptly curve to the right and parallel Main St. Enjoy walking through the City of Fairfax Historic District! Turn left on Blenheim Blvd and continue for a little more than half a mile. St. Leo the Great will be on your left!

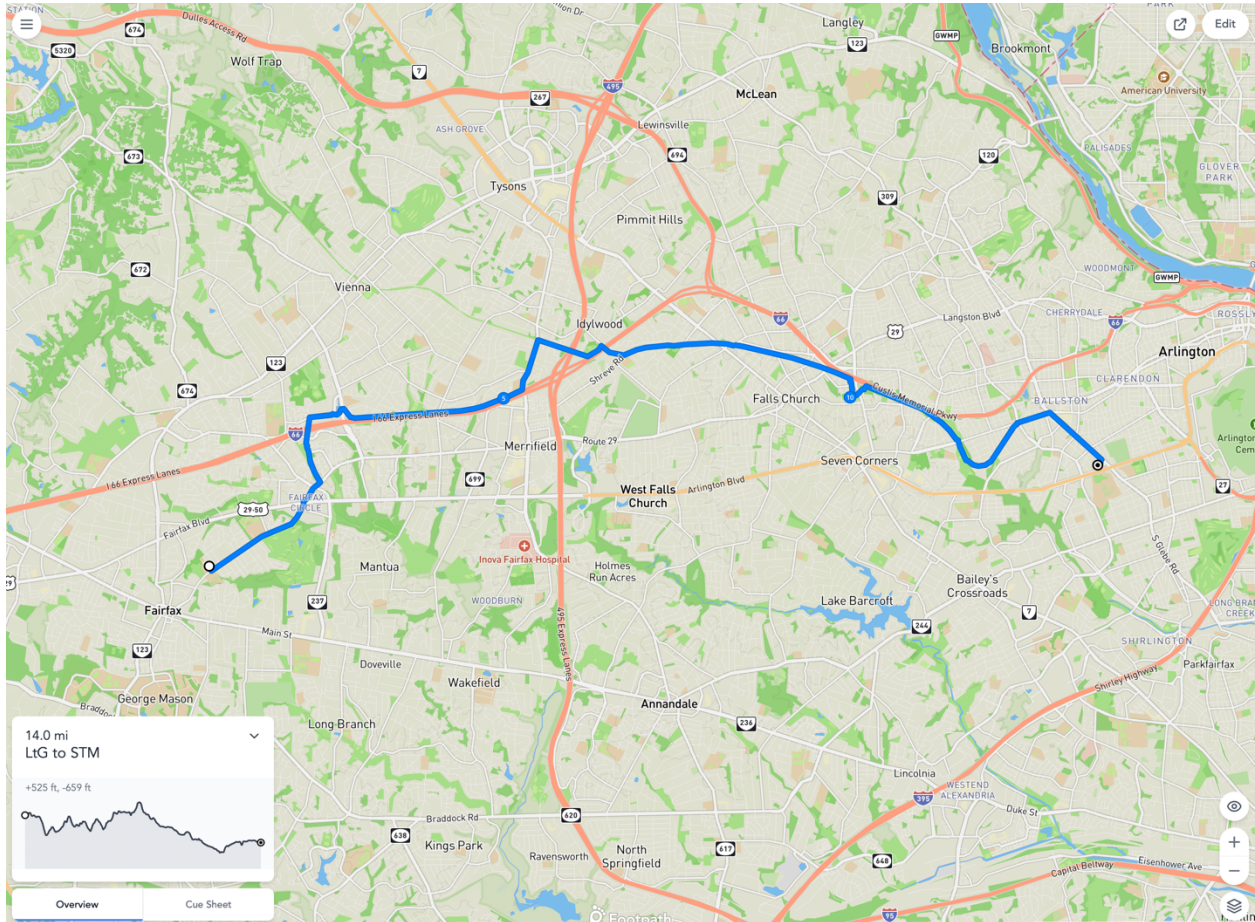
## Saturday, August 9

St. Leo the Great to the Cathedral of St. Thomas More

9:00am Blessing of Pilgrims at St. Leo  
Afternoon Arrive at St. Thomas More  
3:00pm *Optional Confession*  
4:30pm Vigil Mass



Stage 4 Map



The last day. At once bittersweet and a great triumph! We might be joined by many pilgrims for this final stage. If you arrive to the Cathedral by 3pm, you might enjoy Dunkin or McDonalds before beginning the fast for Holy Communion.

Leaving St. Leo the Great, turn left on Blenheim Blvd and make your way to the roundabout, which you'll pass through and continue on the other side. After crossing Blake Ln (with an IHOP on your right), look for the Fairfax City Connector Trail on your left (if you reach Cir Woods Dr, you've gone too far). Turn left on the trail, follow it until it spits out onto Vaden Dr. Turn left, crossing I-66, then turning right on Country Creek Rd/Virginia Center Blvd. At the end of the Metro parking lot, turn

right and find the 66 Parallel Trail. Follow this, crossing Nutley St and doing just as it says along I-66.

At Gallows Rd (2 mi from the Nutley St crossing), turn left. In a few blocks, turn right on the Washington & Old Dominion Trail. Enjoy this wide footpath but be aware of likely heavy cycling and foot traffic! Whenever possible, walk to the far right of the trail and avoid walking in the oncoming lane entirely.

After crossing Wilson Rd, look for a train caboose parked near a soccer field on the left. You should continue past the soccer field, then take a left onto the Bluemont Junction Trail. This will swing south and again north, dumping you out on Wilson Rd. Turn right, soon another right on Glebe Rd. Shortly you should be seeing the Cathedral in the distance! Less than a mile to go, and the Cathedral of St. Thomas More will be on your right.

## PRAYERS FOR THE PILGRIMAGE

### Psalm 15

Lord, who shall be admitted to your tent  
and dwell on your holy mountain?

He who walks without fault;  
he who acts with justice  
and speaks the truth from his heart;  
he who does not slander with his tongue;

He who does no wrong to his brother,  
who casts no slur on his neighbour,  
who holds the godless in disdain,  
but honours those who fear the Lord;

he who keeps his pledge, come what may;  
who takes no interest on a loan  
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.  
Such a one will stand firm forever.

### Psalm 24

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,  
the world and all its peoples.

It is he who set it on the seas;  
on the waters he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?  
Who shall stand in his holy place?

The man with clean hands and pure heart,  
who desires not worthless things,  
(who have not sworn so as to deceive their  
neighbor.)

He shall receive blessings from the Lord  
and reward from the God who saves him.

Such are the ones who seek him,  
seek the face of the God of Jacob.

O gates, lift high your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is the king of glory?  
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,  
the Lord, the valiant in war.

O gates, lift high your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is he, the king of glory?  
He, the Lord of armies,  
he is the king of glory.

## Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place,  
Lord, God of hosts.

My soul is longing and yearning,  
is yearning for the courts of the Lord.  
My heart and my soul ring out their joy  
to God, the living God.

The sparrow herself finds a home  
and the swallow a nest for her brood;  
she lays her young by your altars,  
Lord of hosts, my king and my God.

They are happy, who dwell in your house,  
for ever singing your praise.  
They are happy, whose strength is in you,  
in whose hearts are the roads to Zion.

As they go through the Bitter Valley  
they make it a place of springs  
(the autumn rain covers it with blessings).  
They walk with ever growing strength,  
they will see the God of gods in Zion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer,  
give ear, O God of Jacob.  
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,  
look on the face of your anointed.

One day within your courts  
is better than a thousand elsewhere.  
The threshold of the house of God  
I prefer to the dwellings of the wicked.

For the Lord God is a rampart, a shield;  
he will give us his favour and glory.  
The Lord will not refuse any good

to those who walk without blame.

Lord, God of hosts,  
happy the one who trusts in you!

## Psalm 95

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord.

A mighty God is the Lord,  
a great king above all gods.  
In his hands are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his.  
To him belongs the sea, for he made it  
and the dry land shaped by his hands.

Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
“Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my  
work.

For forty years I was wearied of these people  
and I said: ‘Their hearts are astray,  
these people do not know my ways.’  
Then I took an oath in my anger:  
‘Never shall they enter my rest.’”

## Psalm 118

Alleluia!

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love endures for ever.

Let the sons of Israel say:  
“His love endures for ever.”

Let the sons of Aaron say:  
“His love endures for ever.”

Let those who fear the Lord say:  
“His love endures for ever.”

I called to the Lord in my distress;  
he answered and freed me.  
The Lord is at my side; I do not fear.  
what can man do against me?  
The Lord is at my side as my helper;  
I shall look down on my foes.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in men;  
it is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in princes.

The nations all encompassed me;  
in the Lord's name I crushed them.  
They compassed me, compassed me about;  
in the Lord's name I crushed them.  
They compassed me about like bees;  
they blazed like a fire among thorns.  
In the Lord's name I crushed them.

I was thrust down, thrust down and falling,  
but the Lord was my helper.  
The Lord is my strength and my song;  
he was my saviour.  
There are shouts of joy and victory  
in the tents of the just.

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me.  
The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.  
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,  
but not doomed to die.

Open to me the gates of holiness:  
I will enter and give thanks.  
This is the Lord's own gate  
where the just may enter.  
I will thank you for you have answered  
and you are my saviour.

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad.

O Lord, grant us salvation;  
O Lord, grant success.  
Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is he who comes.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
the Lord God is our light.

Go forward in procession with branches  
even to the altar.  
You are my God, I thank you.  
My God, I praise you.  
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;  
for his love endures for ever.

## Psalm 122

I rejoiced when I heard them say:  
“Let us go to God’s house.”  
And now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city  
strongly compact.  
It is there that the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel’s law it is,  
there to praise the Lord’s name.  
There were set the thrones of judgment  
of the house of David.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:  
“Peace be to your homes!  
May peace reign in your walls,  
in your palaces, peace!”

For love of my brethren and friends  
I say: “Peace upon you.”  
For love of the house of the Lord  
I will ask for your good.

## Psalm 136

Alleluia!  
O give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love endures for ever.  
Give thanks to the God of gods  
for his love endures for ever.  
Give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
for his love endures for ever;

who alone has wrought marvelous works,  
for his love endures for ever;  
whose wisdom it was made the skies,  
for his love endures for ever;  
who fixed the earth firmly on the seas,  
for his love endures for ever.

It was he who made the great lights,  
for his love endures for ever;  
the sun to rule in the day,

for his love endures for ever;  
the moon and the stars in the night,  
for his love endures for ever.

The first-born of the Egyptians he smote,  
for his love endures for ever.  
He brought Israel out from the midst,  
for his love endures for ever;  
arm outstretched, with power in his hand,  
for his love endures for ever.

He divided the Red Sea in two,  
for his love endures for ever;  
he made Israel pass through the midst,  
for his love endures for ever;  
he flung Pharaoh and his force in the sea,  
for his love endures for ever.

Through the desert his people he led,  
for his love endures for ever.  
Nations in their greatness he struck,  
for his love endures for ever.  
Kings in their splendour he slew,  
for his love endures for ever.

Sihon, king of the Amorites,  
for his love endures for ever;  
and Og, the king of Bashan,  
for his love endures for ever.

He let Israel inherit their land,  
for his love endures for ever.  
On his servant their land he bestowed,  
for his love endures for ever.

He remembered us in our distress,  
for his love endures for ever.  
And he snatched us away from our foes,  
for his love endures for ever.  
He gives good to all living things,  
for his love endures for ever.  
To the God of heaven give thanks,  
for his love endures for ever.

## THE LITANY OF THE SAINTS

Other names may be added, especially of saints connected with the particular Church.

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

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Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Christ hear us.

Christ graciously hear us.

God, the Father of heaven,

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

God the Holy Spirit,

Holy Trinity, one God,

Christ hear us.

Christ graciously hear us.

have mercy on us.

have mercy on us.

have mercy on us.

have mercy on us.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

St Michael,

All you Holy Angels and Archangels,

pray for us.

pray for us.

pray for us.

St John the Baptist,

St Joseph,

pray for us.

pray for us.

St Peter and St Paul,

St Andrew,

St John,

All you holy Apostles and Evangelists,

pray for us.

pray for us.

pray for us.

pray for us.

St Mary Magdalen,

All you holy disciples of the Lord,

pray for us.

pray for us.

St Stephen,

St Ignatius of Antioch,

St Laurence,

St Perpetua and St Felicity,

St Agnes,

All you holy martyrs of Christ,

pray for us.

pray for us.

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St Gregory the Great,

St Augustine,

St Athanasius,

pray for us.

pray for us.

pray for us.

St Basil, pray for us.  
St Martin, pray for us.  
St Cyril and St Methodius, pray for us.  
St Benedict, pray for us.

St Francis, pray for us.  
St Dominic, pray for us.  
St Francis Xavier, pray for us.  
St Philip Neri, pray for us.  
St John Mary Vianney, pray for us.  
St Catherine of Siena, pray for us.  
St Teresa of Avila, pray for us.  
All you holy Saints of God, pray for us.

Lord, be merciful. Lord, save your people.  
From all evil, Lord, save your people.  
From all sin, Lord, save your people.  
From everlasting death, Lord, save your people.  
By your holy Incarnation, Lord, save your people.  
By your death and resurrection, Lord, save your people.  
By the coming of the Holy Spirit, Lord, save your people.

Be merciful to us sinners. Lord, hear our prayer.  
Console and enlighten Lord, hear our prayer.  
your holy Church.  
Protect the Pope, bishops Lord, hear our prayer.  
and all ministers of your Gospel. Lord, hear our prayer.  
Send new workers into your vineyard. Lord, hear our prayer.  
Grant the whole world justice and peace. Lord, hear our prayer.  
Help and comfort all Lord, hear our prayer.  
who endure trial and suffering.  
Guard and strengthen in your service Lord, hear our prayer.  
the entire people consecrated to you.

Jesus, Son of the living God, Jesus, Son of the living God,  
hear our prayer. hear our prayer.

# Pilgrims of Hope

## Hymn for the Jubilee Year 2025

Original text: Pierangelo Sequeri

English translation: Andrew Wadsworth

Music: Francesco Meneghello

With Confidence (♩ = c. 69)

### INTRODUCTION

Organ

### REFRAIN

Like a flame my hope is\_\_ burn - ing, may my song a - rise\_ to\_\_ you: Source of

life that has\_\_ no\_\_ end - ing, on life's path I trust in\_\_ you.

# Pilgrims of Hope

## VERSES

1. Ev - 'ry na - tion, tongue, and\_ peo - ple find a light with - in\_ your Word. Scat - tered  
2. God, so ten - der and\_ so\_ pa - tient, dawn of hope, you care for\_ all. Heav'n and  
3. Raise your eyes, the wind is\_ blow - ing, for our God is born in\_ time. Son made

1. frag - ile sons and\_ daugh - ters find a home in your dear\_ Son.\_\_\_\_  
2. earth are re - cre - a - ted by the Spir - it of Life set free.\_\_\_\_  
3. man for you and\_ man - y who will find\_ the way in\_ him.\_\_\_\_

*to Refrain*

## JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,  
may the *faith* you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of *charity* enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within  
both humanity and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen