## CBI Opening Prayer Service – November 1, 2014

### CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: O Lord, open my lips.

*ALL*: And my mouth will proclaim your praise.

Leader: Dear God, today we celebrate all the saints in heaven; especially those unknown to us.

Please help us to respond to your call for sainthood. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

**OPENING SONG:** "Be Not Afraid" – Bob Dufford, SJ

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Psalm 8)

## ALL/REFRAIN: O LORD, our God, how awesome is your name through all the earth!

Leader: I will sing of your majesty above the heavens with the mouths of babes and infants.

You have established a bulwark against your foes, to silence enemy and avenger. (Refrain)

Leader: When I see your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and stars that you set in place.

What is man that you are mindful of him, and a son of man that you care for him? (Refrain)

Leader: Yet you have made him little less than a god, crowned him with glory and honor.

You have given him rule over the works of your hands, put all things at his feet: (Refrain)

### **READING** (Exodus 3:1-10)

A reading from the Book of Exodus: Meanwhile Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian. Leading the flock beyond the wilderness, he came to the mountain of God, Horeb. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him as fire flaming out of a bush. When he looked, although the bush was on fire, it was not being consumed. So Moses decided, "I must turn aside to look at this remarkable sight. Why does the bush not burn up?" When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to look, God called out to him from the bush: Moses! Moses! He answered, "Here I am." God said: Do not come near! Remove your sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father, he continued, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

But the LORD said: I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have heard their cry against their taskmasters, so I know well what they are suffering. Therefore I have come down to rescue them from the power of the Egyptians and lead them up from that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey.... Now indeed the outcry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen how the Egyptians are oppressing them. Now, go! I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.

## **INTERCESSIONS**

All/Response: Glory and praise to you, O God.

Leader: That world leaders may be enlightened so they rule with compassion and respect all people. (Response)

Leader: That all people of good will may work together against the increasing threat to conscience rights and religious liberty. (*Response*)

Leader: That the poor and disenfranchised may not be forgotten by those in power or those who have more than they need. *(Response)* 

Leader: That those who are severely and chronically ill and their families and caregivers may find the strength and comfort they need. (*Response*)

Leader: For the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed; particularly, those who have died in the past year. That their families may experience your loving comfort in their grief. (*Response*)

### **CONCLUDING PRAYER:**

All: Holy God, thank you for the gift of the saints who serve us as examples of your love and mercy. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## Be Not Afraid

Based on Is 43:2-3; Lk 6:20ff

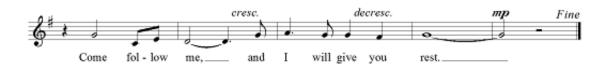












**Verse 2:** If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown. If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed. If you stand before the pow'r of hell, and death is at your side: Know that I am with you, through it all. (Refrain)

Verse 3: Blessed are your poor, for the Kingdom shall be theirs. Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh. And if wicked ones insult and hate you all because of Me, Blessed, blessed are you! (Refrain)

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## **READING** (Exodus 34:27-35)

A reading from the book of Exodus:

Then the LORD said to Moses: Write down these words, for in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel. So Moses was there with the LORD for forty days and forty nights, without eating any food or drinking any water, and he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the ten words. As Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant in his hands, he did not know that the skin of his face had become radiant while he spoke with the LORD. When Aaron, then, and the other Israelites saw Moses and noticed how radiant the skin of his face had become, they were afraid to come near him. Only after Moses called to them did Aaron and all the leaders of the community come back to him. Moses then spoke to them. Later, all the Israelites came up to him, and he enjoined on them all that the LORD had told him on Mount Sinai. When Moses finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. Whenever Moses entered the presence of the LORD to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out again. On coming out, he would tell the Israelites all that he had been commanded. Then the Israelites would see that the skin of Moses' face was radiant; so he would again put the veil over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD.



### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Psalm 31)

ALL/REFRAIN: In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

Leader: In your righteousness deliver me; incline your ear to me; make haste to rescue me! (Refrain)

Leader: Be my rock of refuge, a stronghold to save me. For you are my rock and my fortress;

for your name's sake lead me and guide me. (**Refrain**)

Leader: Free me from the net they have set for me, for you are my refuge.

Into your hands I commend my spirit; you will redeem me, Lord, God of truth. (**Refrain**)

Leader: You hate those who serve worthless idols, but I trust in the Lord. I will rejoice and be glad in your

mercy, once you have seen my misery, and gotten to know the distress of my soul. You will not

abandon me into enemy hands, but will set my feet in a free and open space. (Refrain)

### **CONCLUDING PRAYER:**

Leader:

O God, go before us.

Like a cloud that shields us from the hot sun And a fire that gives light for the way,

And a fire that gives light for the way

Go before us we pray.

O God, go behind us.

Like a cloud that hides us from our enemies,

Or a fire that wards off the wild things,

Go behind us, we pray.

ALL:

God before us,

God behind us,

God within us,

God our way through the flood.

Lead us,

Guide us,

Shield us,

Defend us this day. Amen.

**CONCLUDING SONG:** "For All the Saints"

# FOR ALL THE SAINTS



Text: 10 10 10 with alleluias; William W. How, 1823-1897, alt. Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958.