

BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE
OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

20 JULY 2025

ORDER OF MASS

PRELUDE

Vigil Prelude in C Major, BWV 547

10:30

12:00

9:00 Aria

Johann Sebastian Bach

(1685–1750)

Joseph Jongen

(1873–1953)

Herbert Howells

(1892–1983)

4:30 Rhapsody No. 1 in D-flat Major, Op. 17

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, We wor-ship you to-day
2. The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor In time must sure-ly die,
3. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, Ac-cept the love we bring,
4. O God, Al-migh-ty Fa-ther, Cre-a-tor of all things,



And sing the love a-maz-ing That songs can-not re-pay;
Its frag-ile bloom sur-ren-der To you, the Lord most high;
That we who know your fa-vor May serve you as our King;
The hea-vens stand in won-der, While earth Your glo-ry sings;



For we can on-ly won-der At ev-'ry gift you send,
But hid-den from all na-ture Th'e-ter-nal seed is sown,
And wheth-er our to-mor-rows Be filled with good or ill,
O Je-sus, Word In-car-nate, Re-deem-er most a-dored,



At bless-ings with-out num-ber And mer-cies with-out end:
Though small in mor-tal stat-ure, To heav-en's gar-den grown:
We'll tri-umph through our sor-rows And rise to bless you still:
All glo-ry, praise and ho-nor Be Yours, O sov-'reign Lord;



We lift our hearts be-fore you And wait up-on your word,
For Christ who came from heav-en From death has set us free,
To mar-vel at your beau-ty And glo-ry in your ways,
O God, the Ho-ly Spi-rit, Who lives with-in our soul,



We hon-or and a-dore you, Our great and might-y Lord.
And we through him are giv-en The fi-nal vic-to-ry.
And make a joy-ful du-ty Our sac-ri-fice of praise.
Send forth Your light and lead us To our e-ter-nal goal!

GREETING

PENITENTIAL ACT

Assembly: I confess to almighty God,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Celebrant: May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

Assembly: Amen.

GLORIA



Celebrant: *Assembly:*

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you,

we glo - rify you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,

Lord God, heav'n - ly King, O God, almight-y Fa - ther.

Lord Je - sus Christ, Only Be-got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,

Son of the Fa-ther, you take away the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer-cy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir - it,

in the glory of God the Father. A - - - men.

(Choir) *Missa Prima Sexti Toni*
Kyrie eleison, Gloria in excelsis Deo

Giovanni Croce
(c. 1557–1609)

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING I

Genesis 18:1–10a

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 15:2–3, 3–4, 5



READING II

Colossians 1:24–28

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 8:15



Blessed are they who have kept the word with a generous heart
and yield a harvest through perseverance.

GOSPEL

Luke 10:38–42

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

(All bow during these two lines.)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

THE 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.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS



1. Word of God, come down on earth, Liv - ing rain from
2. Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
3. Word that caused blind eyes to see, Speak and heal our

heav'n de - scend - ing; Touch our hearts and bring to birth
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
mor - tal blind - ness: Deaf we are: our heal - er be;

Faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
Cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, Sav - ing Word, the
Loose our tongues to tell your kind - ness. Be our Word in

we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
world re - stor - ing, Speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.
pit - y spok - en, Heal the world, by our sin bro - ken.

(Choir) *Exultate justi*

Orlando di Lasso
(1532–1594)

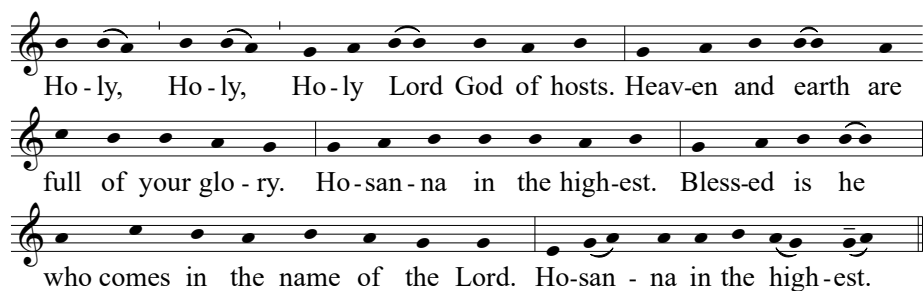
*Exultate justi in Domino:
rectos decet collaudatio.
Confitemini Domino in cithara:
in psalterio decem chordarum psallite illi.
Cantate ei canticum novum:
bene psallite ei in vociferatione.
Quia rectum est verbum Domini,
et omnia opera eius in fide.*

Sing ye righteous unto the Lord;
for the Lord is worthy to be praised.
Praise the Lord God of hosts and bless his name
with the harp and the psaltery.
Sing his praises, sing him a new song.
With the psaltery praise him, and sing unto him with gladness;
for the word of thy Lord and God is true,
and all of the works of the Lord God are steadfast.

(Psalm 33:1–4)

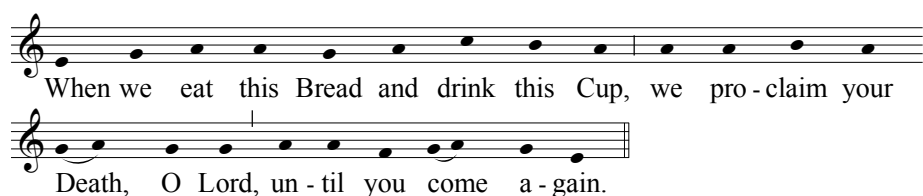
PREFACE DIALOGUE

PREFACE ACCLAMATION



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro - claim your
Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

GREAT AMEN



A - men, A - men, A - men.

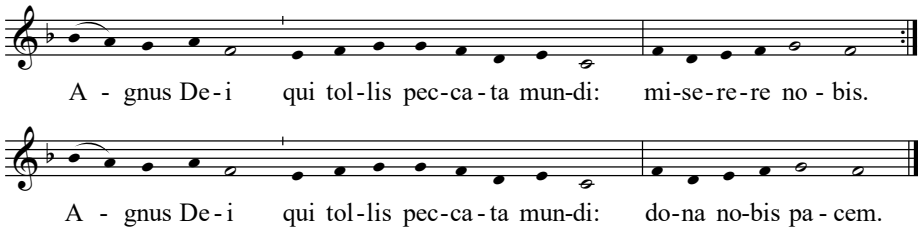
COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER

DOXOLOGY

SIGN OF PEACE

LITANY AT THE BREAKING OF BREAD



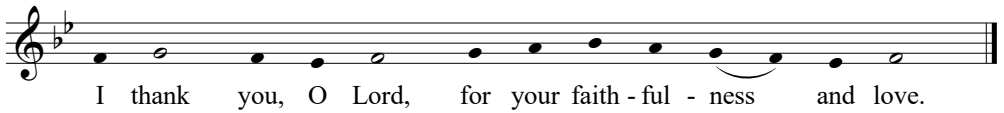
A - gnus De-i qui tol-lis pec-ca - ta mun-di: mi-se-re-re no - bis.

A - gnus De-i qui tol-lis pec-ca - ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa - cem.

(Choir) *Missa Prima Sexti Toni*
Agnus Dei

Giovanni Croce
(c. 1557–1609)

COMMUNION PROCESSION



I thank you, O Lord, for your faith - ful - ness and love.

(Choir) *Optimam partem elegit sibi Maria*

Jacquet of Mantua
(1483–1559)

*Optimam partem elegit sibi Maria,
quæ non auferetur ab ea in æternum.*

Mary has chosen for herself the best part
which shall never be taken from her.

(Luke 10:42)

GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

For Catholics

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

For Our Fellow Christians

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 § 4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 § 3).

For Non-Christians

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

For Those Not Receiving Holy Communion

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1996

(Choir) *One thing have I desired of the Lord*

Herbert Sumsion
(1899–1995)

One thing have I desired of the Lord,
which I will require:
e'en that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to behold the fair beauty of the Lord,
and to visit his temple.

(Psalm 27:4)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

MARIAN ANTIPHON (at Noon Mass)

Sal-ve Re-gi-na, Ma-ter mi-se-ri-cor-di-ae: Vi-ta, dul-ce - do,
et spes no-stra, sal - ve. Ad te cla-ma-mus, ex-su-les,
fi-li-i He-vae. Ad te sus-pi-ra-mus, ge-men-tes et flen-tes
in hac la-cri-ma-rum val-le. E-ia er-go, Ad-vo-ca-ta no-stra,
il-los tu-os mi-se-ri-cor-des o-cu-los ad nos con-ver-te. Et Je - sum,
be-ne-dic-tum fruc-tum ven-tris tu-i, no-bis post hoc ex-si-li-um
o-sten - de. O cle - mens: O pi - a:
O dul - cis Vir-go Ma - ri - a.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

*We ask you to respect our custom of standing in place
and singing the complete Recessional Hymn.*



1. Christ is the King! O friends, re-joice: Broth-ers and sis-ters,
2. O mag-ni-fy the Lord, and raise An-thems of joy and
3. O Chris-tian wom-en, Chris-tian men, All the world o-ver,
4. Christ through all a-ges is the same: Place the same hope in



with one voice Let the world know he is your choice.
ho-ly praise For Christ's brave saints of an-cient days.
seek a-gain The Way dis-ci-ples fol-lowed then.
his great name, With the same faith his word pro-claim.



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

POSTLUDE

Vigil iii. March *from* Sonata Breve

10:30

12:00

9:00 Fanfare-Toccata

4:30 Carillon de Westminster

Gerald Near

(b. 1942)

Thomas Richner

(1911–2008)

Louis Vierne

(1870–1937)

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