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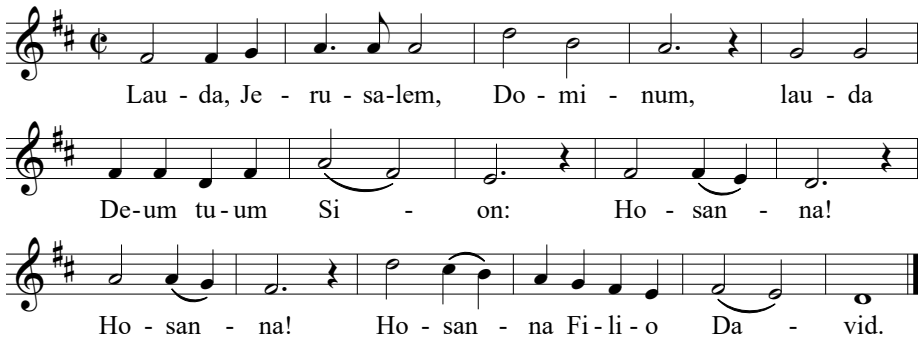
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INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



*Praise the Lord, Jerusalem,
Praise your God, Zion:
Hosanna! Hosanna!
Hosanna to the Son of David.*

GREETING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

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.

KYRIE (at Noon Mass)

Musical notation for the Kyrie (at Noon Mass). It consists of three staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below each staff.

Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

Chri - ste, e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

GLORIA

Musical notation for the Gloria. It consists of ten staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is more complex and varied than the Kyrie, with lyrics written below each staff.

Glo-ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o. Et in ter-ra pax ho-mi-ni-bus bo-nae vo-lun - ta - tis.

Lau-da - mus te. Be-ne-di-ci-mus te. A-do-ra - mus te. Glo-ri-fi-ca-mus te.

Gra-ti-as a-gi-mus ti - bi pro-pter ma-gnam glo-ri-am tu-am. Do-mi-ne De-us,

Rex cae - les-tis, De-us Pa-ter om - ni - po - tens. Do-mi-ne Fi-li u-ni-ge-ni-te,

Je - su Chri-ste. Do-mi-ne De-us, Agnus De-i, Fi-li-us Pa - tris. Qui tol - lis pec -

ca-ta mun - di, mi-se-re - re no-bis. Qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di, su-sci-pe de -

pre-ca-ti-o-nem no - stram. Qui se-des ad dex-ter-am Pa - tris, mi-se-re-re

no - bis. Quo-ni-am tu so-lus San - ctus. Tu so-lus Do - mi - nus.

Tu so-lus Al - tis - si-mus, Je - su Chri-ste. Cum San-cto Spi - ri -

tu, in glo-ri-a De-i Pa - tris. A - - - - men.

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING I

Isaiah 55:6–9

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 145:2–3, 8–9, 17–18



READING II

Philippians 1:20c–24, 27a

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Acts 16:14b



Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1–16a

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.

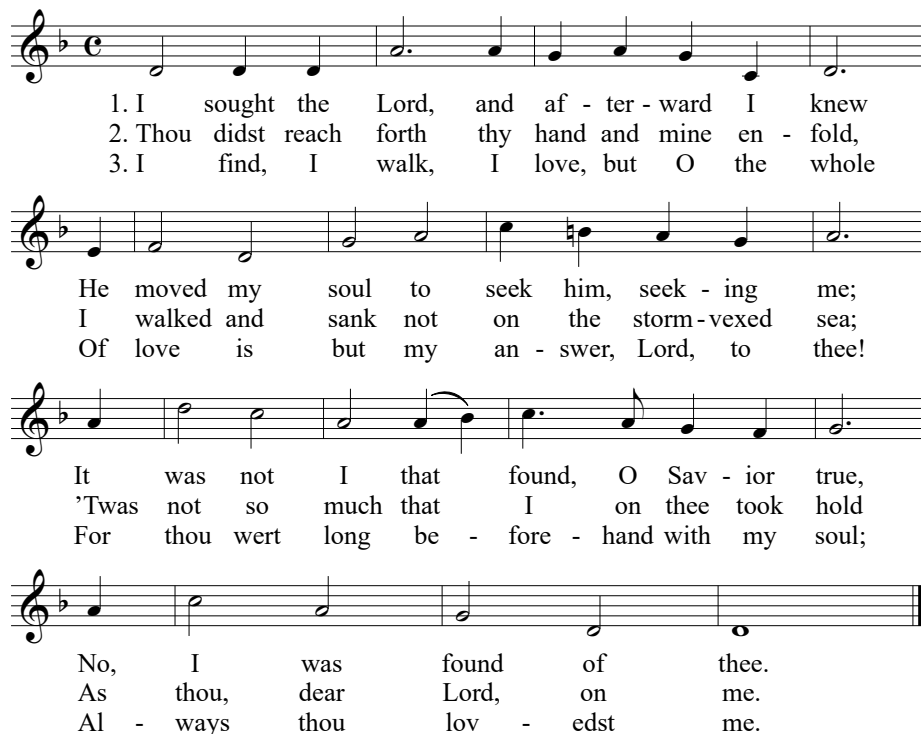
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
 I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
 and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS



1. I sought the Lord, and af - ter - ward I knew
 2. Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine en - fold,
 3. I find, I walk, I love, but O the whole

He moved my soul to seek him, seek - ing me;
 I walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea;
 Of love is but my an - swer, Lord, to thee!

It was not I that found, O Sav - ior true,
 'Twas not so much that I on thee took hold
 For thou wert long be - fore - hand with my soul;

No, I was found of thee.
 As thou, dear Lord, on me.
 Al - ways thou lov - edst me.

(Choir) *Ave Maria*

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
(1525–1594)

*Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus tecum,
benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus
ventris tui, Jesus.*

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee!
Blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.

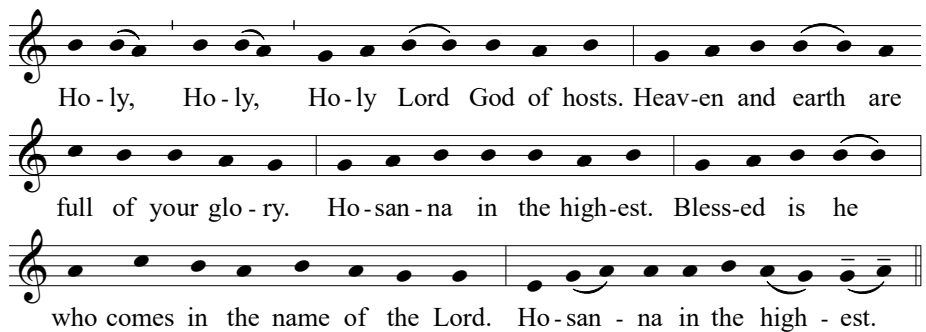
*Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
ora pro nobis peccatoribus
nunc et in hora mortis nostræ.
Amen.*

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

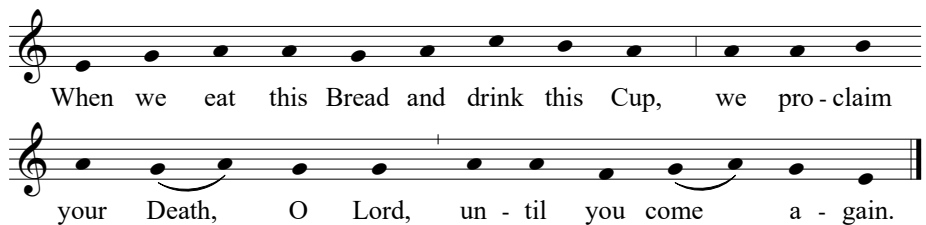
PREFACE

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



GREAT AMEN



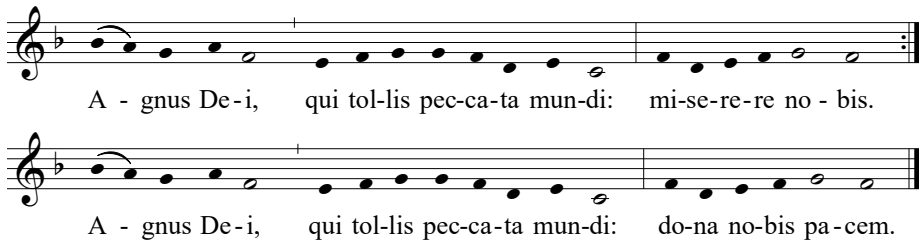
COMMUNION RITE

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Graciousness is poured out upon your lips,
for God has blessed you for ever more.

(Psalm 45:3)

COMMUNION PROCESSION



Taste and see the good - ness of the Lord.

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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) *Beata es, virgo Maria*

Giovanni Gabrieli
(c. 1557–1612)

*Beata es, virgo Maria, Dei genitrix,
quæ credidisti omnia:
perfecta sunt in te quæ dicta sunt tibi:
Ecce, exaltata es super choros angelorum.
Intercede pro nobis ad Dominum Deum tuum.*

Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, Mother of God,
who trusted all things:
accomplished in you are the things told to you:
behold, you are exalted above the choirs of angels.
Intercede for us with the Lord your God.

(Choir) *Jesu that dost in Mary dwell*

Ned Rorem
(1923–2022)

Jesu that dost in Mary dwell
Be in thy servants' hearts as well,
In the spirit of thy holiness,
In the fullness of thy force and stress,
In the very ways that thy life goes
And virtues that thy pattern shows,
In sharing of thy mysteries;
And every power in us that is
Against that power put under feet
In the Holy Ghost the Paraclete
To the glory of the Father. Amen.

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.

*Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy,
our life, our sweetness, and our hope.
To you we cry, poor banished children of Eve;
to you we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.
Turn, then, most gracious advocate,
your eyes of mercy toward us;
and after this, our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN

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

1. Im - ma - cu - late Mar - y, your prais - es we
2. In hea - ven the bless - ed your glo - ry pro -
3. Your name is our pow - er, your vir - tues our
4. We pray for the Church, our true mo - ther on

sing; You reign now with Je - sus, our
claim; On earth we, your chil - dren, in -
light; Your love is our com - fort, your
earth; And ask you to watch o'er the

Sa - vior and King. A - ve, A - ve, A - ve, Ma -
voke your fair name.
pray'rs are our might.
land of our birth.

ri - a! A - ve, A - ve, Ma - ri - a!

POSTLUDE

9:00	Trumpet Tune	David Johnson (1922–1987)
10:30	Grégoriennes Toccata, Fugue, et Hymne sur Ave Maris Stella, Op. 28	Flor Peeters (1903–1986)
12:00	Fugue in G major, BWV 541/2	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)
4:30		



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