Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception



The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 November 2026

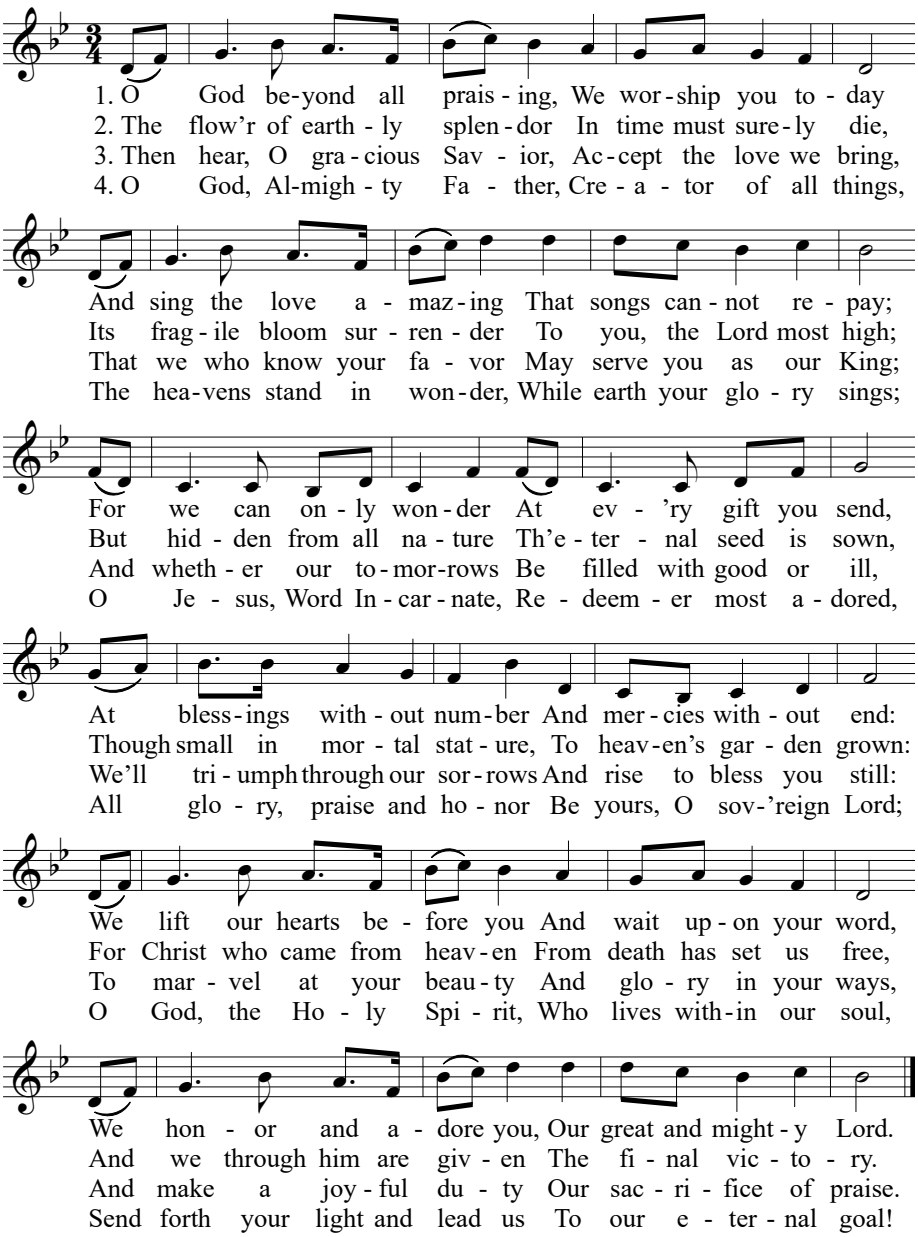
ORDER OF MASS

Prelude

Vigil	Prelude in B Minor, BWV 544/1	Johann Sebastian Bach
10:30		*(1685–1750)*
9:00	Ciacona	Johann Pachelbel
		(1653–1706)
12:00	Prelude and Fugue in B Minor, BWV 544	J.S. Bach
4:30	Variations on a theme in d	Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck
		(1562–1621)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Processional Hymn



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



(Choir) *Communion Service in A minor* Harold Darke
Kyrie eleison; Gloria in excelsis Deo *(1888–1976)*

Collect

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading I Wisdom 6:12–16

Psalm Response Psalm 63:2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8



Reading II I Thessalonians 4:13–18

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 24:42a, 44



Stay awake and be ready!
For you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

Gospel Matthew 25:1–13

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.

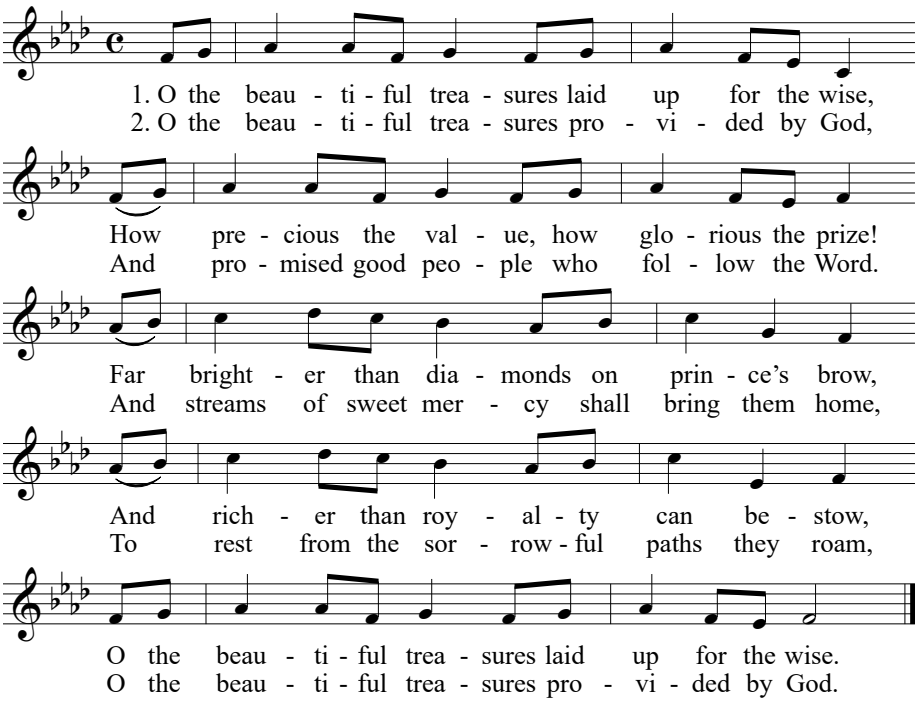
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

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



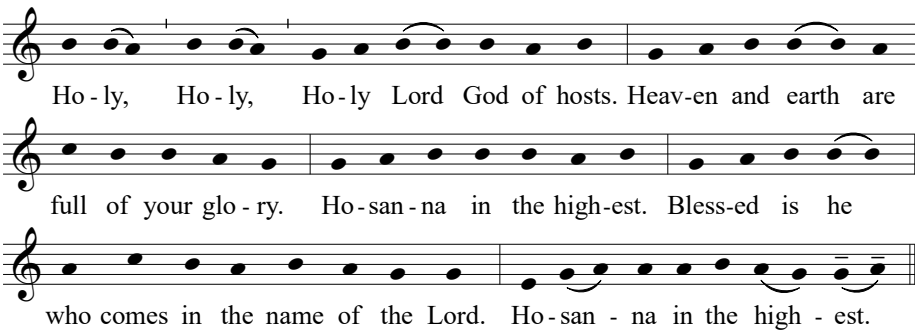
(Choir) *Audivi vocem de cælo venientem* — Thomas Tallis *(c. 1505–1585)*

Audivi vocem de cælo venientem:
venite omnes virgines sapientissime.
Oleum recondite in vasis vestris
dum sponsus advenerit.
Media nocte clamor factus est:
ecce sponsus venit.

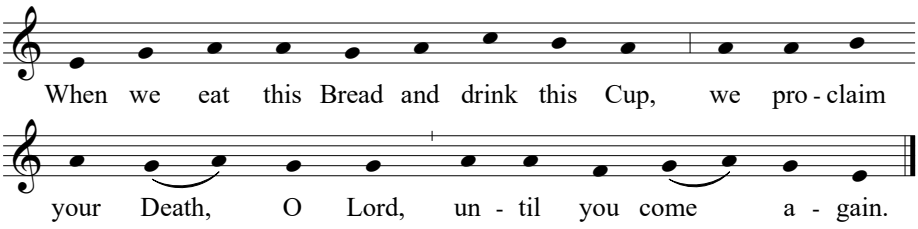
I heard a voice coming from heaven:
"Come, all you wisest virgins.
Store up oil in your vessels
until the bridegroom comes."
At midnight there was a cry:
"Behold, the bridegroom comes."

(Matthew 25:4–6)

Preface Acclamation



Memorial Acclamation



Great Amen



COMMUNION RITE

Lord's Prayer

Doxology

Sign of Peace

Litany at the Breaking of Bread



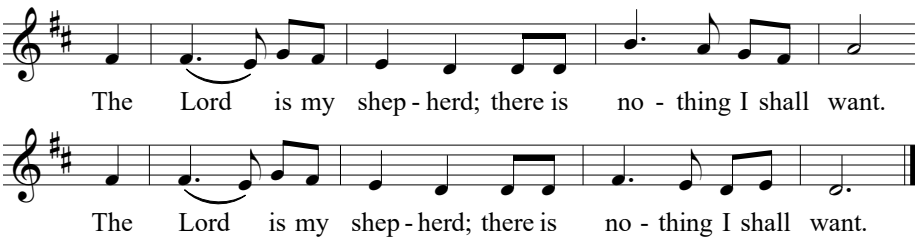
(Choir) *Communion Service in A minor* — Harold Darke
Agnus Dei — *(1888–1976)*

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,
near restful waters he leads me.

(Psalm 23:1–2)

Communion Procession



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) *They That Wait upon the Lord* — Gerald Near *(b. 1942)*

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings as eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

(Isaiah 40:31)

(Choir) *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth* — Thomas Tomkins *(1572–1656)*

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shalt stand
at the latter day upon the earth.
And though after my skin worms destroy this body,
yet in my flesh shall I see God:
whom I shall see for myself,
and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.

(Job 19:25–27)

Prayer after Communion

Blessing and Dismissal

Marian Antiphon *(at Noon Mass)*



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.



Postlude

Vigil	Fugue in B Minor, BWV 544/2	Johann Sebastian Bach
10:30		*(1685–1750)*
9:00	Toccata *from* Suite Gothique	Léon Boëllmann
12:00		*(1862–1897)*
4:30		

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