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OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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ORDER OF CELEBRATION

PRELUDE

iv. Prière du Christ montant vers son Père
from L'Ascension

Olivier Messiaen
(1908-1992)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

INTROIT

*Viri Galilaei, quid admiramini
aspicientes in caelum?*

*Quemadmodum vidistis eum
ascendentem in caelum,
ita veniet, alleluia.*

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder
at the heavens?

This Jesus whom you saw
ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

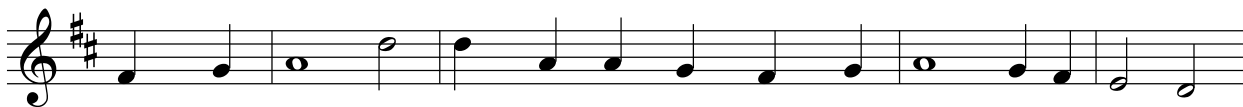
PROCESSIONAL HYMN



1. A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the
2. The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up - on the Mount of
3. To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up-
4. O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, All praise to you let



world shall ring: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be-
Ol - ives stand. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! And with his faith-ful
on the sky?" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav-ior!"
earth ac - cord: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! You are, while end-less



fore un - trod. As - cends un - to the throne of God.
fol - l'wers see Their Lord as-cend in maj - es - ty. Al-le - lu - ia!
Thus they say, "This is his glo-rious tri - umph day!"
a - ges run, With Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

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.

Cantor/Choir: Assembly:

Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

The first line of music is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It is divided into two measures. The first measure is labeled 'Cantor/Choir:' and the second 'Assembly:'. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.' are written below the staff, with hyphens under 'mer' and 'cy' to indicate a long note.

Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy.

The second line of music is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It is divided into two measures. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics 'Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy.' are written below the staff, with hyphens under 'mer' and 'cy' to indicate a long note.

Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

The third line of music is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It is divided into two measures. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.' are written below the staff, with hyphens under 'mer' and 'cy' to indicate a long note.

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 - ri - fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, O God, al - migh - ty Fa - ther.

Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly be - got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,

you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us;

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

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

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,

with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

(12:00) *Service in G*

Francis Jackson

Kyrie eleison, Gloria in excelsis (*b. 1917*)

COLLECT

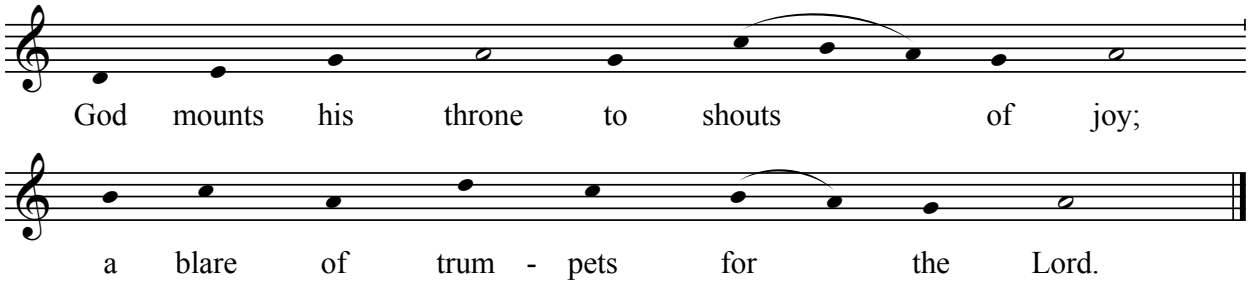
LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING I

Acts 1:1-11

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9



God mounts his throne to shouts of joy;
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

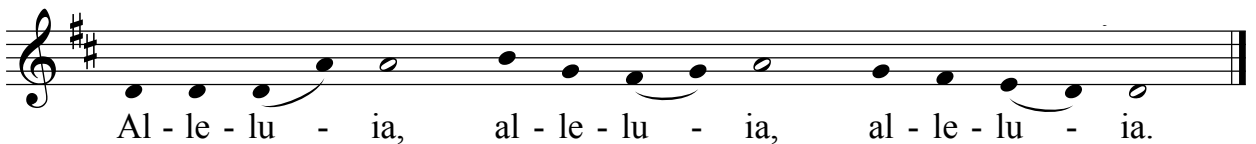
The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, rhythmic style with quarter and eighth notes. The second staff continues the melody, also in treble clef and one sharp key signature. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

READING II

Ephesians 1:17-23

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 28:19a, 20b



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

The musical notation is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is simple and rhythmic, using quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

Go and teach all nations, says the Lord;
I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: A reading from the holy Gospel
according to N.

Assembly: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Mark 16:15-20

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.

NOVENA PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come, Spirit of Wisdom, dispose our hearts
to know and value the things of heaven
above the things of earth
and show us the way to salvation.

Come, Spirit of Understanding,
enlighten our minds to the mysteries of salvation
and grant that we may come to a fuller knowledge of you.

Come, Spirit of Counsel,
guide us in the way of your commandments.
Incline us to do good.
Keep us from evil and bring us to everlasting life.

Come, Spirit of Fortitude, strengthen us in every trial
and help us in our struggle against evil.
Never let us be parted from you.

Come, Spirit of Knowledge,
help us to see beyond the passing joys of this world
to the glories you have prepared for us.

Come, Spirit of Piety,
stir up our hearts to true holiness and love of you.
May we always seek you in spirit and in truth.

Come, Spirit of the Fear of the Lord,
teach us ever to set the Lord before us
and to avoid whatever is displeasing to you.
Bring us all one day to the fullness of your love.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now
and will be forever. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

(Choir) *Ascendens Christus in altum*

Tomás Luis
de Victoria
(1548-1611)

*Ascendens Christus in altum, Alleluia:
Captivam duxit, captivitatem, Alleluia.
Dedit dona hominibus, Alleluia.*

Christ, ascending on high, Alleluia:
Has led captivity captive, Alleluia.
He has given gifts to humankind, Alleluia.

PREFACE

Celebrant: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the almighty
Father.

Assembly: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your
hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good
and the good of all his holy Church.

PREFACE DIALOGUE

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

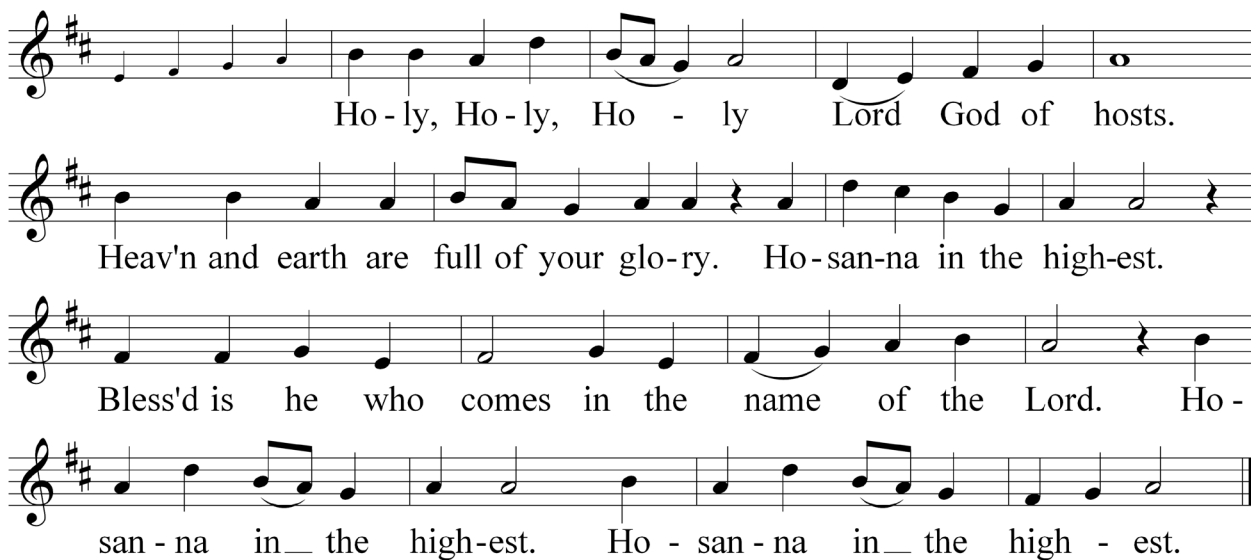
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

Assembly: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Assembly: It is right and just.

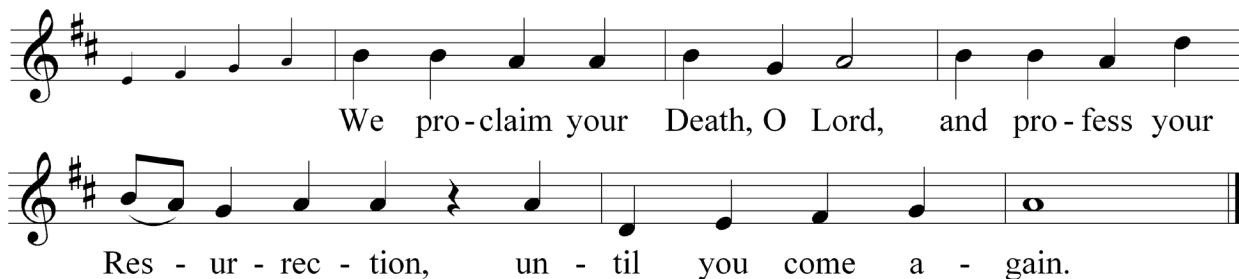
PREFACE ACCLAMATION



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

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: The mystery of faith.



We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your
Res - ur - rec - tion, un - til you come a - gain.

GREAT AMEN



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

COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER

DOXOLOGY

SIGN OF PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

LITANY AT THE BREAKING OF BREAD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away
the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called
to the supper of the Lamb.

Assembly: Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

COMMUNION PROCESSION

(Choir) *Ascendit Deus in jubilatione* Jakob Handl
(1550-1591)

Ascendit Deus in jubilatione
Alleuia,
et Dominus in voce tubae,
Alleluia.

God ascends with shouts of gladness,
Alleluia.
The Lord with the sound of the trumpet.
Alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

Celebrant: Go forth, the Mass is ended.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Vigil Prelude in D Major, BWV 532/1

12:00

9:00 Grand Chorus, Op. 84

4:30 Sortie-Improvisée

J.S. Bach

(1685-1750)

Alexandre Guilmant

(1837-1911)

Andrew Vu

(b. 1990)

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