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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

12 APRIL 2026

THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

We invite you to join us for the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 11:45 a.m.

SIGN OF THE CROSS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE OUR FATHER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

THE HAIL MARY

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you;
blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

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

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

ON THE LARGE BEAD BEFORE EACH DECADE

Eternal Father,
I offer You the Body and Blood,
Soul and Divinity
of Your dearly beloved Son,
Our Lord, Jesus Christ,
in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

ON THE 10 SMALL BEADS OF EACH DECADE

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion,
have mercy on us and on the whole world.

AFTER FIVE DECADES, THE CONCLUDING DOXOLOGY (THREE TIMES):

**Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One,
have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

ORDER OF MASS

His Eminence

DONALD CARDINAL WUERL

Archbishop Emeritus of Washington

Principal Celebrant and Homilist at Noon

PRELUDE

Vigil Choral Prelude on *Llanfair*

9:00

McNeil Robinson

(1943–2015)

12:00

10:30 Cortège et Litanie

Marcel Dupré

(1886–1971)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



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



1. The strife is o'er the bat - tle done; Now is the
2. Death's might - iest pow'rs have done their worst, And Je - sus
3. He closed the yaw - ing gates of hell; The bars from
4. On the third morn he rose a - gain Glo - rious in



Vic - tor's tri - umph won; Now be the song of
has his foes dis - persed; Let shouts of praise and
heav'n's high por - tals fell; Let hymns of praise his
maj - es - ty to reign; O let us swell the



praise be - gun: Al - le - lu - ia!
joy out - burst: Al - le - lu - ia!
tri - umph tell: Al - le - lu - ia!
joy - ful strain: Al - le - lu - ia!

GREETING

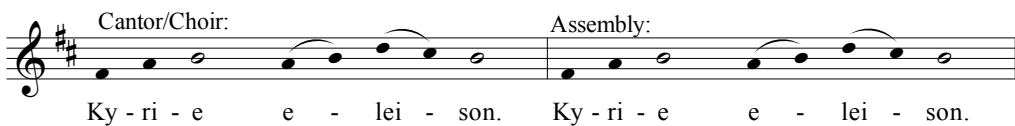
PENITENTIAL ACT

(12:00) 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: Lord Jesus, You conquered death – You are eternal victor:



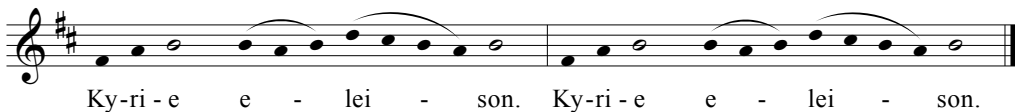
Musical notation for the Kyrie eleison chant. The notation is on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It is divided into two parts: 'Cantor/Choir:' and 'Assembly:'. The lyrics are 'Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.' The melody is a simple, rhythmic line with a slight rise and fall.

Cantor: Christ Jesus, You reign forever – You are eternal king:



Musical notation for the Christe eleison chant. The notation is on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are 'Chri - ste e - lei - son. Chri - ste e - lei - son.' The melody is a simple, rhythmic line with a slight rise and fall.

Cantor: Lord Jesus, You rule triumphant – You are eternal master:



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LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING I

Acts 2:42–47

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 118:2–4, 13–15, 22–24



Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is e - ver - last - ing.

READING II

I Peter 1:3–9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 20:29



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

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord;
blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

GOSPEL

John 20:19–31

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

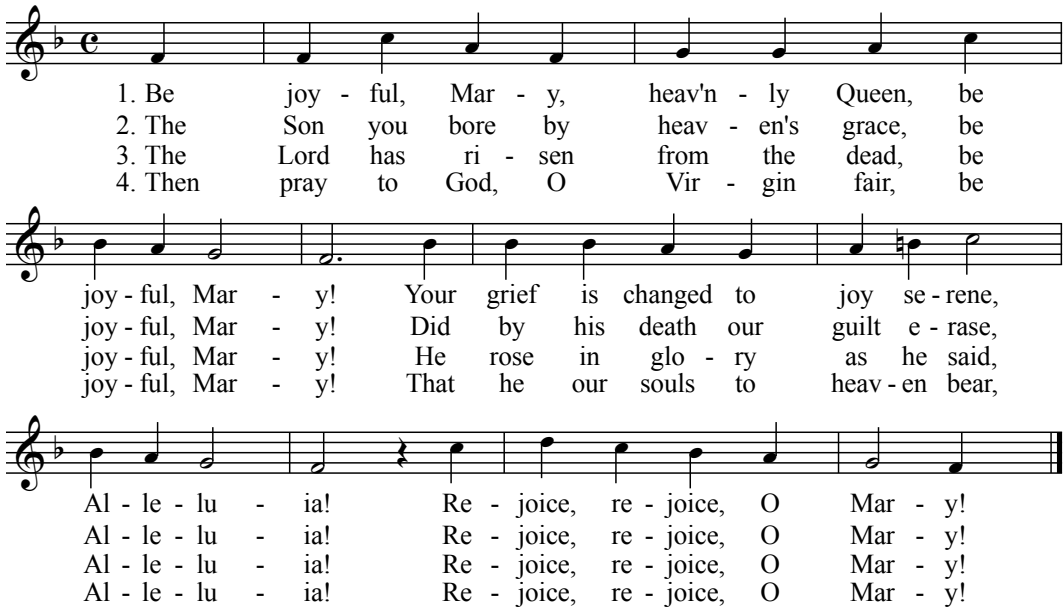
PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

(Choir) *Christus resurgens ex mortuis*

Gregorio Allegri
(1582–1652)

*Christus resurgens ex mortuis
iam non moritur,
mors illi ultra non dominabitur
quod enim mortuus est peccato,
mortuus est semel,
quod autem vivit,
vivit Deo,
mortuus est semel propter delicta nostra,
et resurrexit propter
justificationem nostram, alleluia.*

Christ being raised from the dead
now dies no more; death will have
no more dominion over him,
he that died to sin,
he died once,
insofar as he lives however,
he lives to God.
He died once for our sins
and rose again
for our justification. Alleluia.



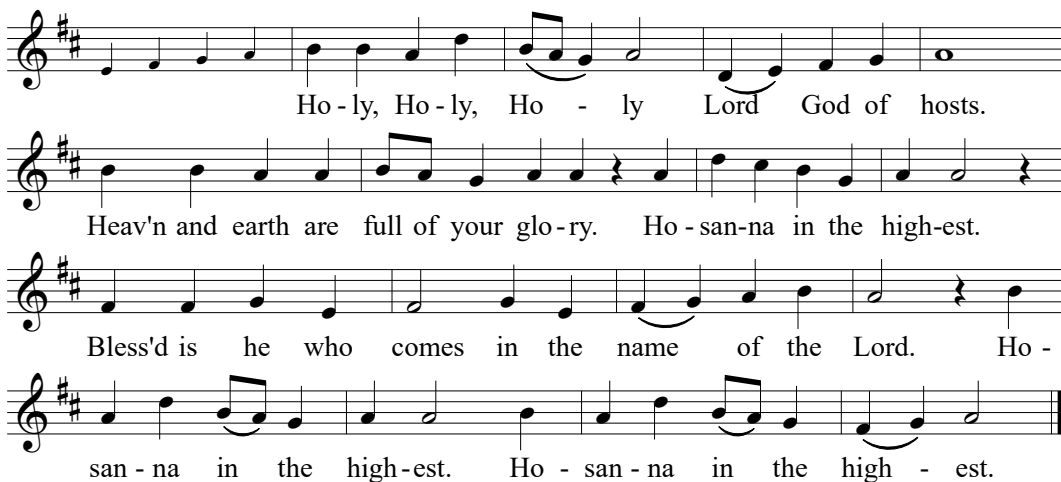
1. Be joy - ful, Mar - y, heav'n - ly Queen, be
2. The Son you bore by heav - en's grace, be
3. The Lord has ri - sen from the dead, be
4. Then pray to God, O Vir - gin fair, be

joy - ful, Mar - y! Your grief is changed to joy se - rene,
joy - ful, Mar - y! Did by his death our guilt e - rase,
joy - ful, Mar - y! He rose in glo - ry as he said,
joy - ful, Mar - y! That he our souls to heav - en bear,

Al - le - lu - ia! Re - joice, re - joice, O Mar - y!
Al - le - lu - ia! Re - joice, re - joice, O Mar - y!
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Al - le - lu - ia! Re - joice, re - joice, O Mar - y!

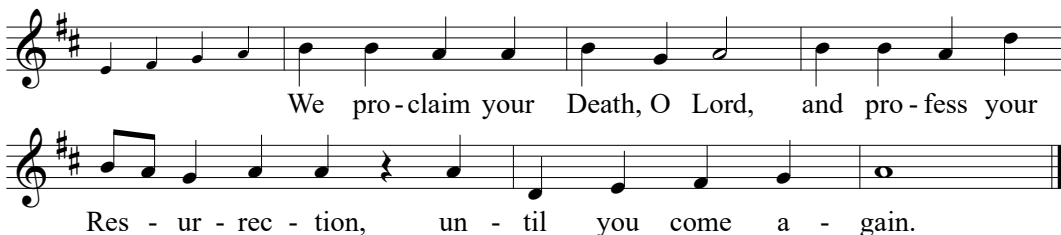
PREFACE DIALOGUE

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



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

GREAT AMEN



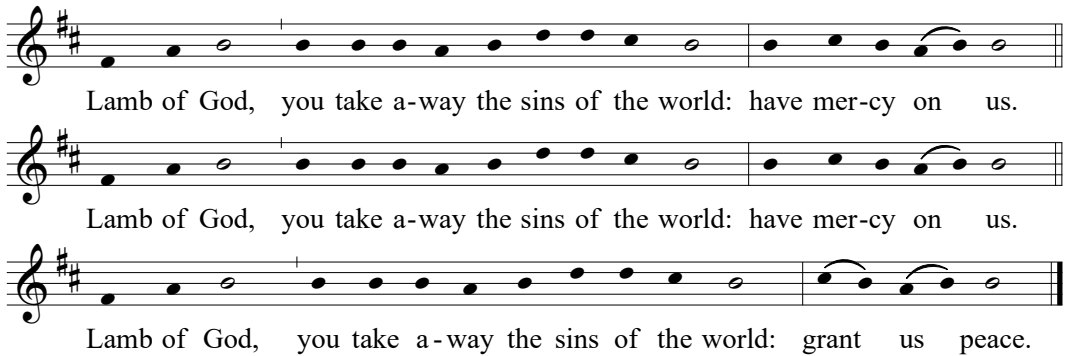
A - men, a - men, a - men.

COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER & DOXOLOGY

SIGN OF PEACE

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.

(Choir) *Missa Brevis*
Agnus Dei

Peter Latona
(b. 1968)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

(John 20:27)

COMMUNION PROCESSION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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.

(Choir) *Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love*

Ned Rorem
(1923–2022)

Sing, my soul, His wondrous love,
Who, from yon bright throne above,
Ever watchful over our race,
Still to man extends His grace.

Heaven and earth by Him were made,
All is by His scepter swayed;
What are we that He should show
So much love to us below?

God, the merciful and good,
Bought us with the Savior's blood,
And, to make our safety sure,
Guides us by His spirit pure.

Sing, my soul, adore His name;
Let His glory be thy theme:
Praise Him till He calls thee home,
Trust His love for all to come.

(Choir) *This Joyful Eastertide*

Charles Wood
(1866–1926)

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!
My Love! the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.
Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain: but now is Christ arisen.

My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber;
Till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.
Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain: but now is Christ arisen.

Death's flood hath lost his chill, since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.
Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain: but now is Christ arisen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SOLEMN BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

Deacon: Bow down for the blessing.

Celebrant: May God, who by the Resurrection of his Only Begotten Son
was pleased to confer on you
the gift of redemption and of adoption,
give you gladness by his blessing.

Assembly: Amen.

Celebrant: May he, by whose redeeming work
you have received the gift of everlasting freedom,
make you heirs to an eternal inheritance.

Assembly: Amen.

Celebrant: And may you, who have already risen with Christ
in Baptism through faith,
by living in a right manner on this earth,
be united with him in the homeland of heaven.

Assembly: Amen.

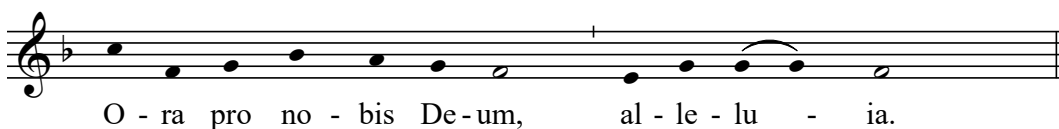
Celebrant: And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

Assembly: Amen.

Deacon: 
Go in peace, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Assembly: 
Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

MARIAN ANTIPHON (at Noon Mass)



*Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
The Son you merited to bear, alleluia,
Has risen as he said, alleluia.
Pray to God for us, alleluia.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN

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



1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!



All on earth with an - gels say, Al - le - lu - ia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed head; Al - le - lu - ia!



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
Death in vain for - bids him rise; Al - le - lu - ia!
Made like him, like him we rise. Al - le - lu - ia!



Sing, O heav'ns, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!
Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Al - le - lu - ia!

POSTLUDE

Vigil iii. March *from* Symphony No. 3, Op. 13

9:00

Charles-Marie Widor
(1844–1937)

10:30 iv. Allegro assai vivace *from* Organ Sonata No. 1 in F minor, Op. 65

12:00

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809–1847)

4:30

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