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His Eminence

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PRELUDE TO THE EUCHARIST

7:30	i. Allegro <i>from</i> Concerto in C Major, BWV 594/1	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)
10:30		
12:00		
9:00	Toccatà in C Major, BWV 564	J.S. Bach
4:30	A Prelude for Easter Morning	Gerald Near (b. 1942)

ORDER OF CELEBRATION

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - umph - ant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro-cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as his love, Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise him all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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.

The musical notation consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff is divided into two sections: 'Cantor/Choir:' and 'Assembly:'. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.' The second staff has the lyrics: 'Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy.' The third staff has the lyrics: 'Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.' The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a common time signature.

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 - might - y 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.

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING I

Acts 10:34a, 37–43

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23



This is the day the Lord has made; let us re - joice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, “The right hand of the Lord has struck with power;
for his mercy endures forever. the right hand of the Lord is exalted.
Let the house of Israel say, I shall not die, but live,
“His mercy endures forever.” **R.** and declare the works of the Lord.” **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the Lord has this been done;
it is wonderful in our eyes. **R.**

READING II

Colossians 3:1–4

EASTER SEQUENCE

Remain seated.



Assembly: 1. Chris-tians, praise the pas-chal vic-tim! Of-fer thank-ful sac-ri-fice!



Cantor: 2. Christ the Lamb has saved the sheep, Christ the just one paid the price,
Assembly: 3. Death and life fought bit - ter - ly For this won-drous vic - to - ry;



Re - con - cil - ing sin - ners to the Fa - ther.
The Lord of life who died reigns glo - ri - fied!



Cantor: 4. O Mar - y, come and say what you saw at break of day.
Assembly: 5. Bright an - gels tes - ti - fied, Shroud and grave clothes side by side!



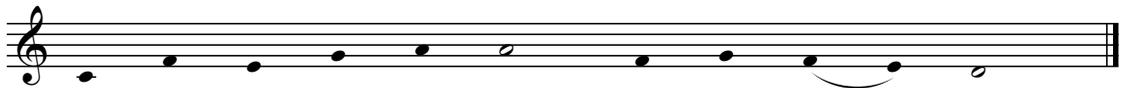
"The emp - ty tomb of my liv - ing Lord!
 "Yes, Christ my hope rose glo - ri - ous - ly.



I saw Christ Je - sus ri - sen and a - dored!
 He goes be - fore you in - to Ga - li - lee."



6. Share the good news, sing joy - ful - ly: His death is vic - to - ry!



Lord Je - sus, Vic - tor King, Show us mer - cy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

I Corinthians 5:7b-8a



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

Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed;
 let us then feast with joy in the Lord.

GOSPEL

John 20:1-9

HOMILY

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

*After words of introduction, the Celebrant addresses the assembly
and questions them on their faith in Christ Jesus and rejection of sin.*

To each question, the assembly responds: "I do."

ANTIPHON AT THE RITE OF SPRINKLING

I saw wa - ter flow - ing from the right side of the Tem - ple,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

It brought salvation,
and the people sang in joyful praise: alleluia. **R.**

And all to whom this water came were saved,
and they sang: alleluia. **R.**

Salvation granted
and preserved for us in heaven. Alleluia. **R.**

Lord, Jesus Christ, from your wounded side
flowed streams of living water. Alleluia. **R.**

The font of life,
flowing from the pierced side of Christ. Alleluia. **R.**

The world was washed of all its sin,
and all life made new again. Alleluia. **R.**

Life giving waters,
bringing joy and salvation. Alleluia. **R.**

Stretch forth your hand, Holy Church of God,
and welcome us in. Alleluia. **R.**

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

(Choir) *Let All the World in Every Corner Sing*

Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872–1958)

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!
The heavens are not too high, his praises there may fly;
the earth is not too low, his praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!
The Church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out,
but above all, the heart must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

(George Herbert, 1593–1632)



1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our vic - to - rious King.
2. Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
3. East - er tri - umph, East - er joy, This a - lone can sin de - stroy;



Who has washed us in the tide Flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
Is - rael's hosts tri - umph - ant go Through the wave that drowns the foe.
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free New - born souls in you to be.



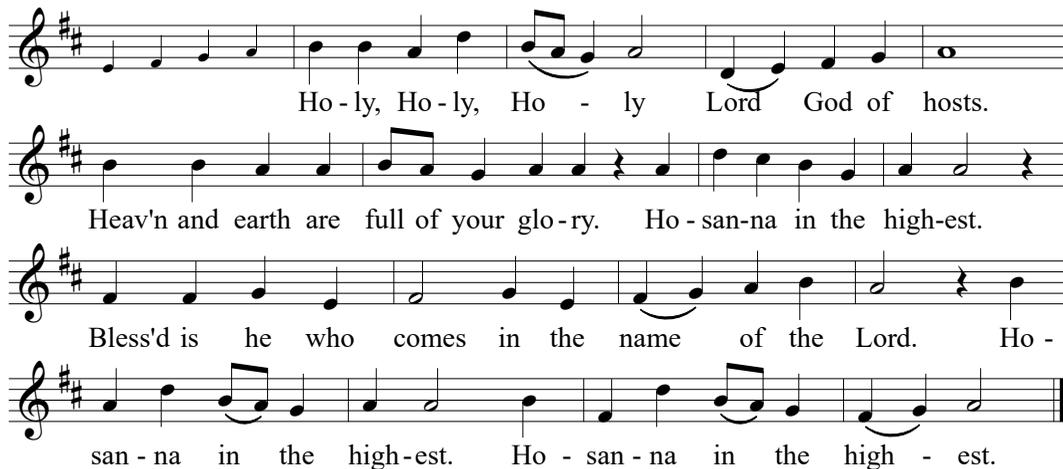
Praise we him, whose love di - vine Gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;
Fa - ther, who the crown shall give, Sav - ior, by whose death we live,



Gives his Bod - y for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
With sin - cer - i - ty and love Eat we man - na from a - bove.
Spir - it, guide through all our days, Three in One, your name we praise.

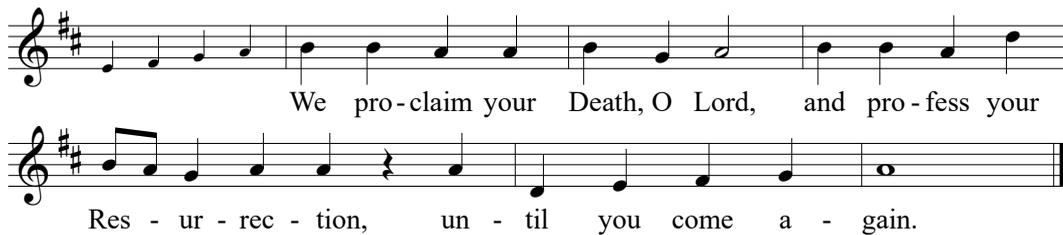
PREFACE DIALOGUE

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

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

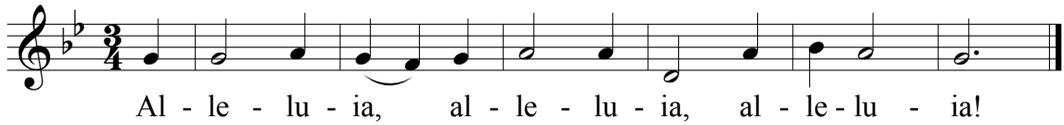
Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

(1 Corinthians 5:7-8)

COMMUNION PROCESSION

Ye Sons and Daughters

arr. Benjamin LaPrairie
(b. 1981)



(Choir) *Hallelujah* from *Messiah*

Georg Frideric Händel
(1685–1759)

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

The kingdom of this world
Is become the kingdom of our Lord,
And of His Christ, and of His Christ;
And He shall reign for ever and ever,
For ever and ever, forever and ever,

King of kings, and Lord of lords,
King of kings, and Lord of lords,
And Lord of lords,
And He shall reign,
And He shall reign forever and ever,
King of kings, forever and ever,
And Lord of lords,
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

And He shall reign forever and ever,
King of kings! and Lord of lords!
And He shall reign forever and ever,
King of kings! and Lord of lords!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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.

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 almighty God bless you
through today's Easter Solemnity
and, in his compassion,
defend you from every assault of sin.

Assembly: Amen.

Celebrant: And may he, who restores you to eternal life
in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten,
endow you with the prize of immortality.

Assembly: Amen.

Celebrant: Now that the days of the Lord's Passion have drawn to a close,
may you who celebrate the gladness of the Paschal Feast
come with Christ's help, and exulting in spirit,
to those feasts that are celebrated in eternal joy.

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. The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a -
2. Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a -
3. Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be -



broad; the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the
right the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of
gin, the round world keep high tri - umph, and



Pass - o - ver of God. From death to life e - ter - nal,
re - sur - rec - tion light; And, lis - tening to his ac - cents,
all that is there - in; Let all things seen and un - seen



from earth un - to the sky, our Christ hath brought us
may hear so calm and plain his own "All hail!" and,
their notes to - geth - er blend, for Christ the Lord is



o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
ri - sen, our joy that hath no end.

POSTLUDE

7:30 Fugue in C Major, BWV 564/3

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

9:00 Rondo in G

John Bull
(1562–1628)

10:30 v. Toccata from Symphony No. 5, Op. 42

Charles-Marie Widor
(1844–1937)

12:00

4:30

EASTER AT THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

27 April 2025

The Great Upper Church

4:30 P.M. (Vigil)

7:30 A.M. (Crypt Church), 9:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M., 4:30 P.M.

CONFESSIONS

10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and 2:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

1:15 P.M. to 2:15 P.M. (in Spanish)

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

11:45 A.M.

SOLEMN MASS

12:00 NOON

His Eminence

DONALD CARDINAL WUERL

Archbishop Emeritus of Washington

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DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET IN SPANISH

2:00 P.M.

SOLEMN MASS IN SPANISH

2:30 P.M.

REVEREND KEVIN LENIUS

Celebrant and Homilist



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We invite you to join us in celebrating Sung Vespers

Sundays in Easter at 4:00 P.M.

(excluding Easter Sunday)

4:30 P.M. Mass following

Great Upper Church

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