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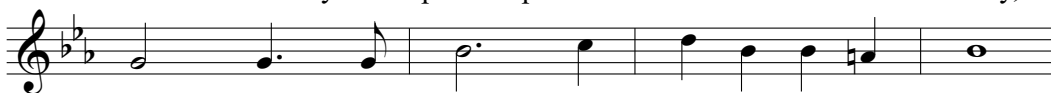
ORDER OF MASS

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



1. God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y hand
2. Your love di - vine has led us in the past,
3. From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence,
4. Re - fresh your peo - ple on their toil - some way,



Leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
In this free land by you our lot is cast;
Your might - y arm our ev - er sure de - fense;
Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;



Of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
Be our strong rul - er, guar - dian, guide and stay,
Your true re - lig - ion in our hearts in - crease,
Fill all our lives with heav'n-born love and grace,



Our grate - ful songs be - fore your throne a - rise.
Your word our law, your paths our cho - sen way.
Your boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
Un - til at last, we meet be - fore your face.

PRESENTING OF THE COLORS

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM



O say can you see by the dawn's ear - ly light,
What so proud - ly we hailed at the twi - light's last gleam - ing,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the per - il - ous fight,
O'er the ram - parts we watched, were so gal - lant - ly stream - ing?
And the rock - et's red glare, the bombs burst - ing in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
O say does that Star-Spang - led Ban - ner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

The musical score is written on eight staves in 3/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The lyrics are aligned with the notes. Some notes are circled with dashed lines, corresponding to the first letter of a word in each line: 'O', 'W', 'W', 'O', 'A', 'G', 'O', and 'O'.

RETIRING OF THE COLORS

GREETING

Archbishop: Peace 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.**

Archbishop: 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 two sharps (F# and C#). The notation is divided into two parts: Cantor/Choir and Assembly. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Cantor/Choir: Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

Assembly: Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING I

I Corinthians 9:16–19, 22b–27

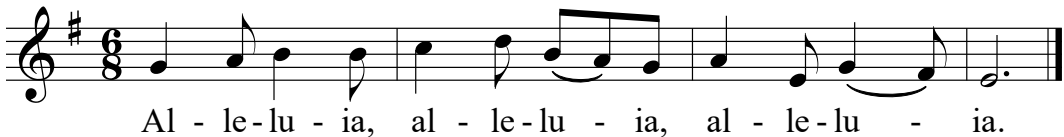
PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 85:7–8, 9, 11–12



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 15:12



This is my commandment:
love one another as I love you.

Deacon: The Lord be with you.
Assembly: **And with your spirit.**

Deacon: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.
Assembly: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

John 15:12–17

HOMILY

Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio
Archbishop for the Military Services, USA

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

God our Father, Giver of life,
we entrust the United States of America
to Your loving care.

You are the rock
on which this nation was founded.
You alone are the true source
of our cherished rights
to life, liberty,
and the pursuit of happiness.
Reclaim this land for Your glory
and dwell among Your people.

Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts
of our nation's leaders.
Open their minds
to the great worth of human life
and the responsibilities
that accompany human freedom.
Remind Your people that
true happiness is rooted
in seeking and doing Your will.

Through the intercession of
Mary Immaculate,
Patroness of our land,
grant us the courage
to reject the "culture of death".
Lead us into a new millennium of life.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

(Choir) *Antiphon*

Before the Lord we bow, the God who reigns above
and rules the world below in boundless power and love.
Our thanks we bring in joy and praise,
our hearts we raise to heaven's high King.

(Francis Scott Key, 1779–1843, alt.)

(Choir) *God Is My Strong Salvation*

Halsey Stevens
(1908–1989)

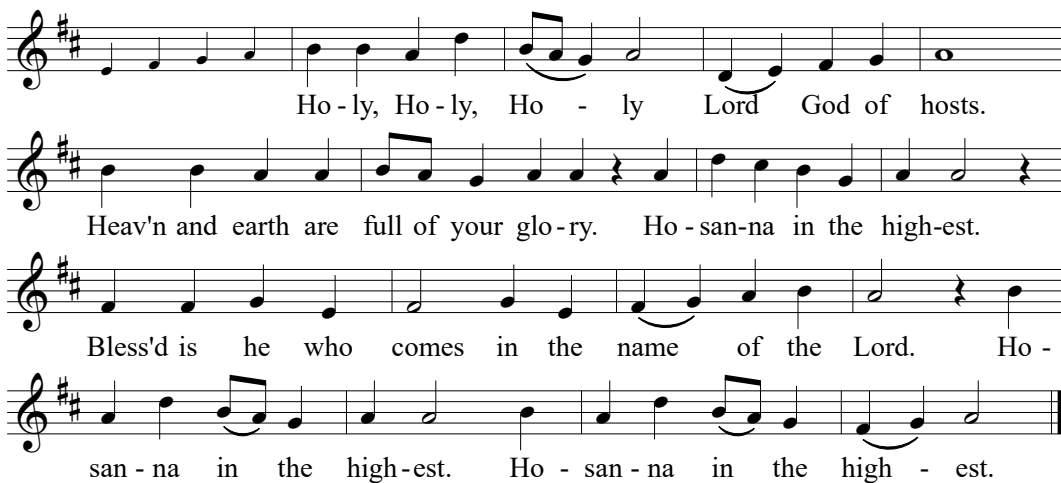
God is my strong salvation,
what foe have I to fear?
In darkness and temptation
my light, my help is near.
Though hosts encamp around me,
firm in the fight I stand;
What terror can confound me
with God at my right hand?

Place on the Lord reliance,
my heart with courage wait;
His truth be thine affiance
when faint and desolate;
His might thy heart shall strengthen,
his love thy joy increase.
Thy day shall mercy lengthen,
the Lord will give thee peace.

*(Psalm 27:1–3, 14,
James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.)*

PREFACE DIALOGUE

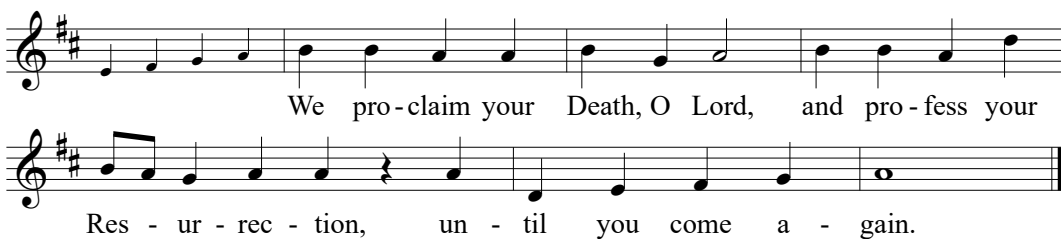
PREFACE ACCLAMATION



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.

The musical score for the Preface Acclamation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a whole note, the second with a half note, the third with a half note, and the fourth with a half note. The lyrics are: "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.

The musical score for the Memorial Acclamation is written on two staves in G major. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a half note, and the second with a whole note. The lyrics are: "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.

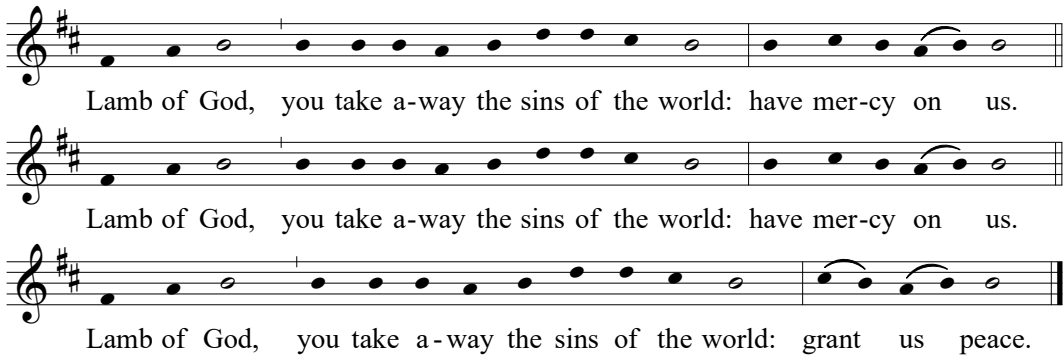
The musical score for the Great Amen is written on one staff in G major. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The staff ends with a whole note. The lyrics are: "A - men, a - men, a - men."

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

Peace I leave with you,
my peace I give you, says the Lord.

(John 14:27)

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

COMMUNION PROCESSION



1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3. Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, With my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

(Choir) *The Lord, the Lord, the Lord Is My Shepherd*

African American Spiritual
arr. Paul Nicholson (1963–2023)

The Lord, the Lord, the Lord is my shepherd,
The Lord is my shepherd and I shall not want.

He brings me rest in green, green pastures,
He leads me to the still, still waters,
He guides me along his own right way,
The Lord is my shepherd and I shall not want.

My fear is gone for he is with me,
His rod and staff bring comfort sure;
His goodness and mercy shall follow me,
The Lord is my shepherd and I shall not want.

(Psalm 23)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SOLEMN BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Archbishop: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: **And with your spirit.**

Deacon: Bow down for the blessing.

Archbishop: May God the Father who has called us
to be one human family
fill your hearts with deep longing
for peace and harmony.

Assembly: **Amen.**

Archbishop: May the Son of God who came to share our life
and make us children of the one Father
enable you to grow in wisdom and grace
before God and the human family.

Assembly: **Amen.**

Archbishop: And may the Holy Spirit who is the bond of love
between the Father and the Son
unite in love all here present;
may he be the bond of love among you,
our nation, and all peoples.

Assembly: **Amen.**

Archbishop: 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 forth, the Mass is ended.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

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



1. O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, For am - ber waves of
2. O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, Whose stern, im - pas - sion'd
3. O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved In lib - er - a - ting
4. O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream That sees be - yond the



grain, For pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties
stress A thor - ough - fare for free - dom beat
strife, Who more than self their coun - try loved,
years Thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam,



A - bove the fruit - ed plain! A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca!
A - cross the wil - der - ness! A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca!
And mer - cy more than life! A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca!
Un - dimm'd by hu - man tears! A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca!



God shed his grace on thee, And crown thy good with
God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw, Con - firm thy soul in
May God thy gold re - fine, Till all suc - cess be
God shed his grace on thee, And crown thy good with



broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea.
self - con - trol, Thy lib - er - ty in law.
no - ble - ness, And ev - 'ry gain di - vine.
broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea.

RELICS OF SAINT BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is pleased to welcome the Relics of Saint Bernadette Soubirous and an Immersive Lourdes Experience from September 18 to 20, 2026.

Veneration of the Relics of Saint Bernadette Soubirous

September 18 to 20, 2026

Great Upper Church

September 18 – 9:00 A.M. to 11:45 A.M. & 1:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

September 19 – 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

*September 20 – Relics will remain in the Lower Sanctuary
through the Closing Mass*

Lourdes Immersive Experience

September 18 and 19, 2026

Chapel of Our Lady of Lourdes

September 18 – 9:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. & 1:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

September 19 – 9:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Lourdes Conference

September 18, 2026 ♦ 2:00 P.M.

Great Upper Church

Reverend Jim Phalan, C.S.C.

English-Speaking Chaplain, Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes

Masses in the Great Upper Church

Opening Mass

September 18, 2026 ♦ 12:10 P.M.

ROBERT ARCHBISHOP McELROY

Archbishop of Washington

Principal Celebrant and Homilist

Mass and Candlelight Procession

September 19, 2026 ♦ 4:30 P.M.

MOST REVEREND TIMOTHY P. BROGLIO

Archbishop for the Military Services, USA

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Broadcast live on the Eternal Word Television Network

Closing Mass

September 20, 2026 ♦ 12:00 P.M.

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Apostolic Nuncio to the United States

Principal Celebrant and Homilist

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