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His Eminence

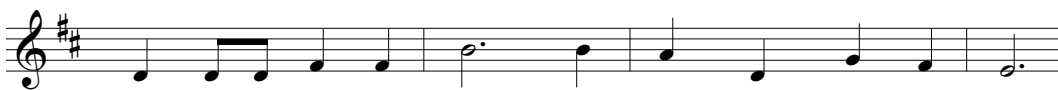
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Apostolic Nuncio to the United States of America

Principal Celebrant and Homilist

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on the throne;
2. Crown him the Vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
3. Crown him the Son of God, be - fore the worlds be - gan,
4. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
5. Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave,



Hark, how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own:
Whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
And ye who tread where he hath trod, crown Him the Son of Man;
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be pray'r and praise.
And rose vic - tor - ious in the strife for those he came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
Fruit of the mys - tic rose, as of that rose the stem;
Who ev - 'ry grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast,
His reign shall know no end, and round his pier - cèd feet
His glo - ries now we sing, who died, and rose on high,



And hail him as thy matchless King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
The root, whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the Babe of Beth - le - hem.
And takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
Fair flow'rs of pa - ra - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
Who died e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

GREETING

Cardinal: 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.

Cardinal: 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 of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is for the Cantor/Choir and the second for the Assembly. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy." The third staff continues the melody with the lyrics: "Christ, have mercy, Christ, have mercy." The final staff concludes with the lyrics: "Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy." The notation includes treble clefs, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and various note values (quarter, eighth, and half notes) with slurs and ties.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING I

Acts 4:13–21

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 118:1 and 14–15ab, 16–18, 19–21



I will give thanks to you, for you have an - swered me.

EASTER SEQUENCE

Remain seated.



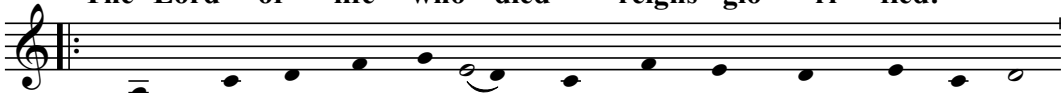
Assembly: **1. Chris-tians, praise the pas-chal vic-tim! Of-fer thank-ful sac-ri-fice!**



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.



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

Psalm 118:24



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

This is the day the LORD has made;
let us be glad and rejoice in it.

GOSPEL

Mark 16:9–15

HOMILY

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GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Most Holy and Immaculate Virgin,
Mother of Jesus and loving mother,
being his mother, you shared in his universal kingship.
The prophets and angels proclaim him King of Peace.

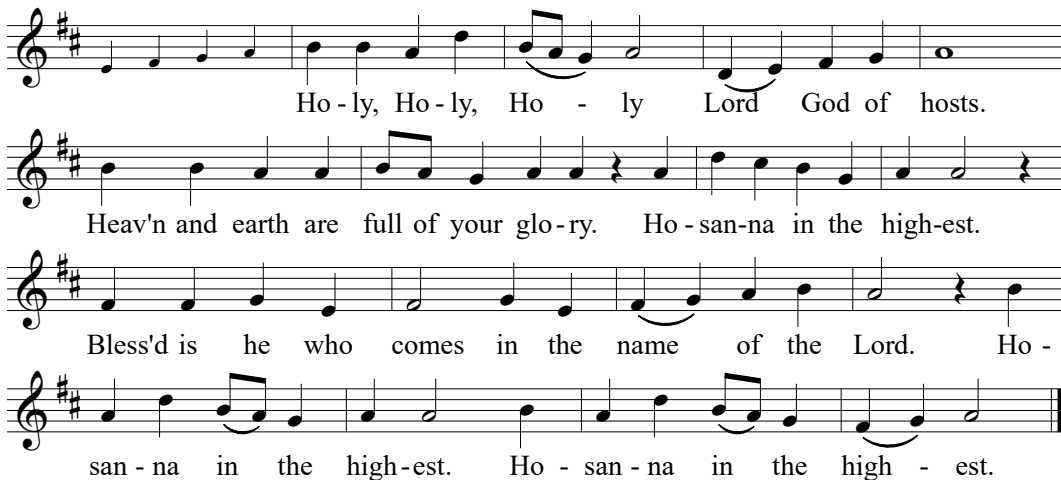
With loving fervor in our hearts,
we salute and honor you as Queen of Peace.
We pray that your intercession may protect us and all people
from hatred and discord,
and direct our hearts into the way of peace and justice
which your Son taught and exemplified.

We ask your maternal care for our Holy Father,
who works to reconcile the nations in peace.
We seek your guidance for our president and our leaders
that they strive for world peace.

Glorious Queen of Peace,
grant us peace in our hearts, harmony in our families,
and concord throughout the world.
Immaculate Mother, as patroness of our beloved country,
watch over us, and protect us with your motherly love. Amen.

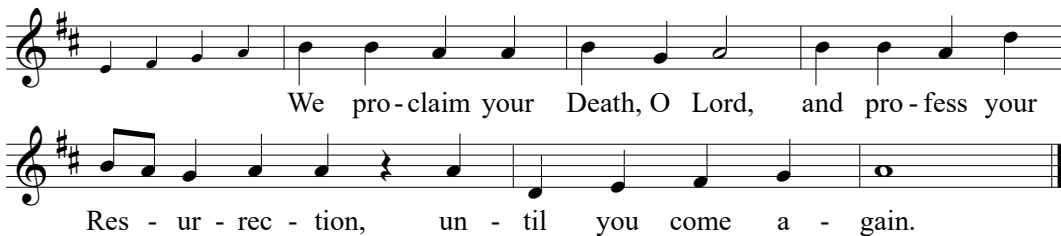
PREFACE DIALOGUE

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.

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

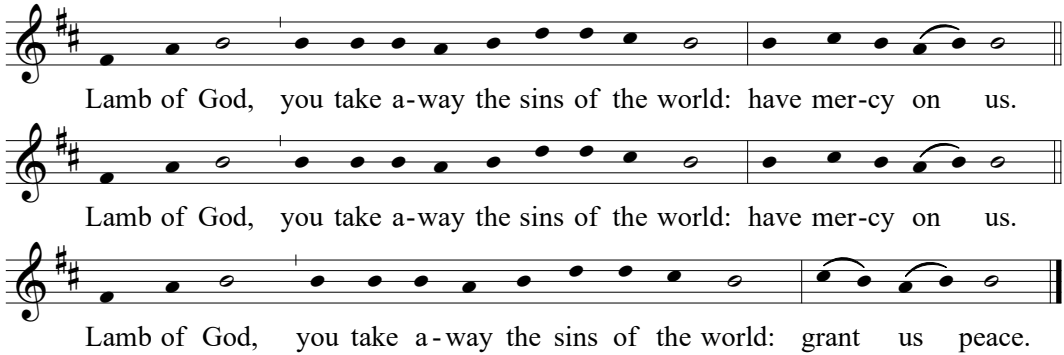
All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

COMMUNION 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.

COMMUNION PROCESSION



God is love, and where true love is, God him-self is there.

(Choir) *Da nobis pacem*

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809–1847)

*Da nobis pacem, Domine, da pacem perdurare,
nam nullus est qui valide pro nobis possit stare
quam tu, nostra spes et salus.*

Give us peace, Lord, a lasting peace,
No one but you can fight for us
For thou art our hope and our salvation.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SOLEMN BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Cardinal: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

Deacon: Bow down for the blessing.

Cardinal: May the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Assembly: Amen.

Cardinal: 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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

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



1. Judge e - ter - nal, throned in splen - dor, Lord of lords and
2. Still the wea - ry folk are pin - ing for the hour that
3. Crown, O God, thine own en - deav - or; cleave our dark-ness



King of kings, With thy liv - ing fire of judg - ment,
brings re - lease, And the ci - ty's crowd - ed clang - or
with thy sword; Feed all those who do not know thee



purge this land of bit - ter things; Sol - ace all its
cries a - loud for sin to cease; And the home - steads
with the rich - ness of thy word; Cleanse the bod - y



wide do - min - ion with the heal - ing of thy wings.
and the wood - lands plead in si - lence for their peace.
of this na - tion through the glo - ry of the Lord.

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3, 10, 17, 24 May
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