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ORDER OF MASS

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Processional Hymn



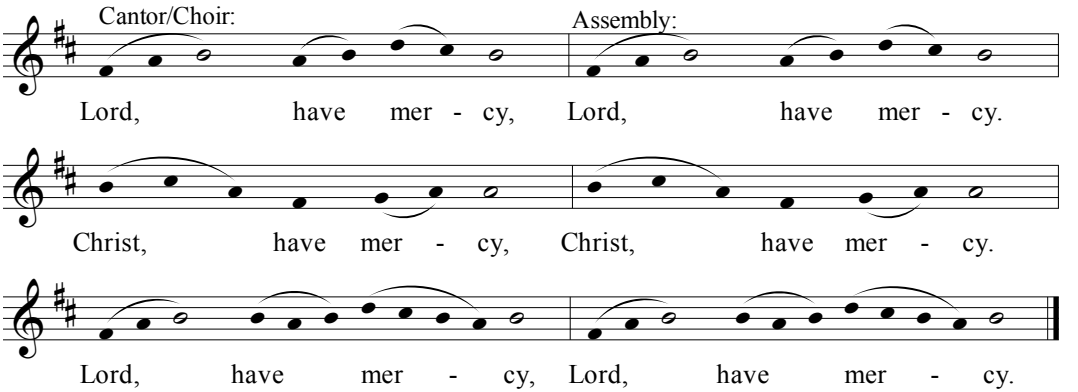
Greeting

Penitential Act

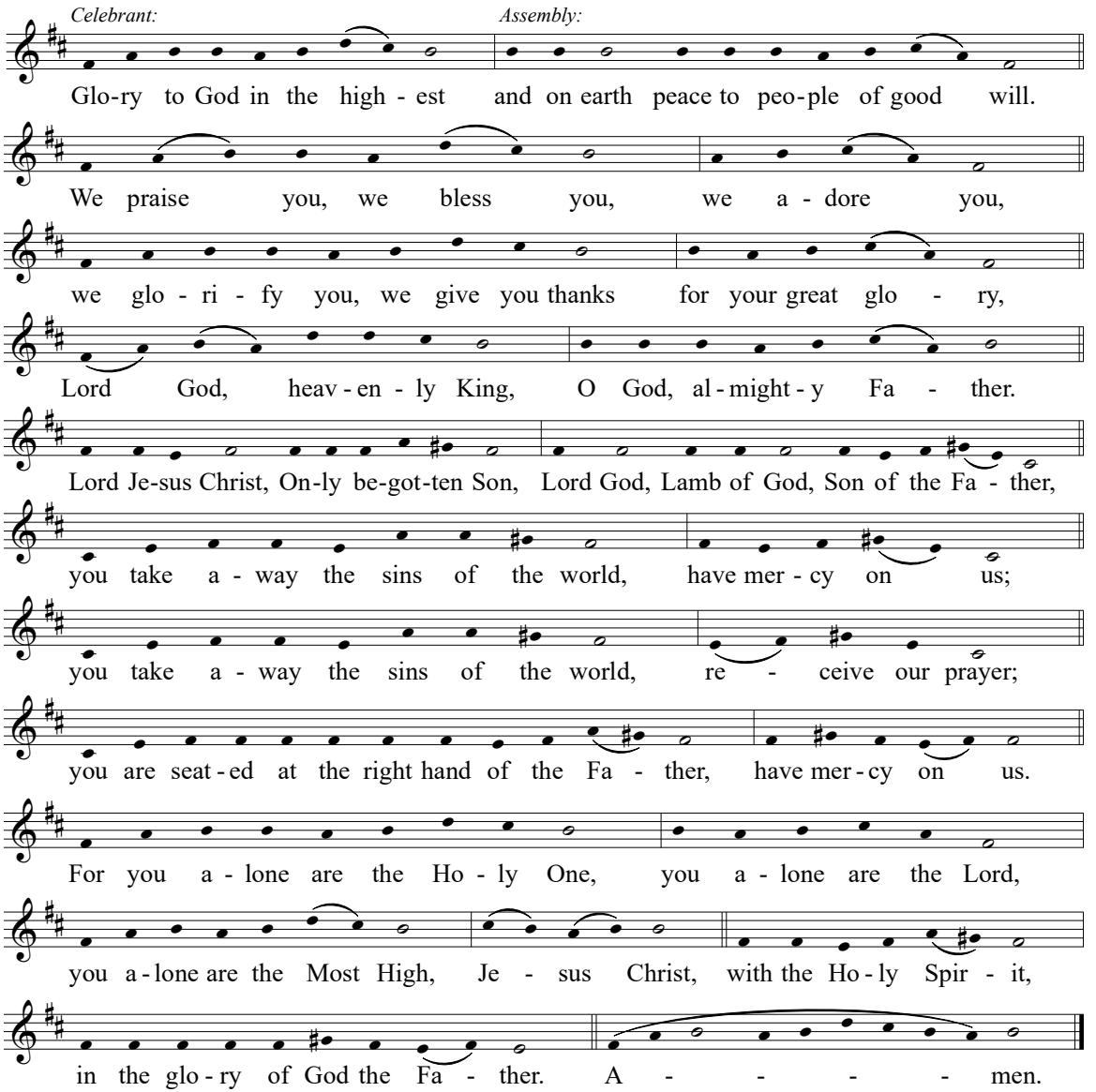
Assembly: I confess to almighty God,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all 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.



Gloria

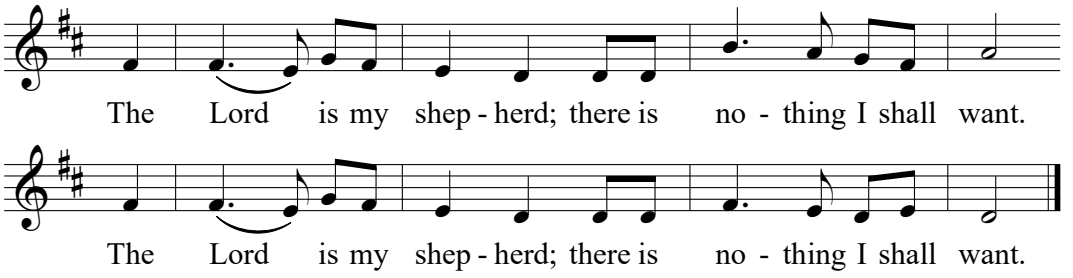


Collect

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading I Ezekiel 34:11–12, 15–17

Psalm Response Psalm 23:1–2, 2–3, 5–6



Reading II I Corinthians 15:20–26, 28

Gospel Acclamation Mark 11:9, 10



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

Gospel Matthew 25:31–46

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.

Preparation of the Gifts



(Choir) *King of Glory, King of Peace*

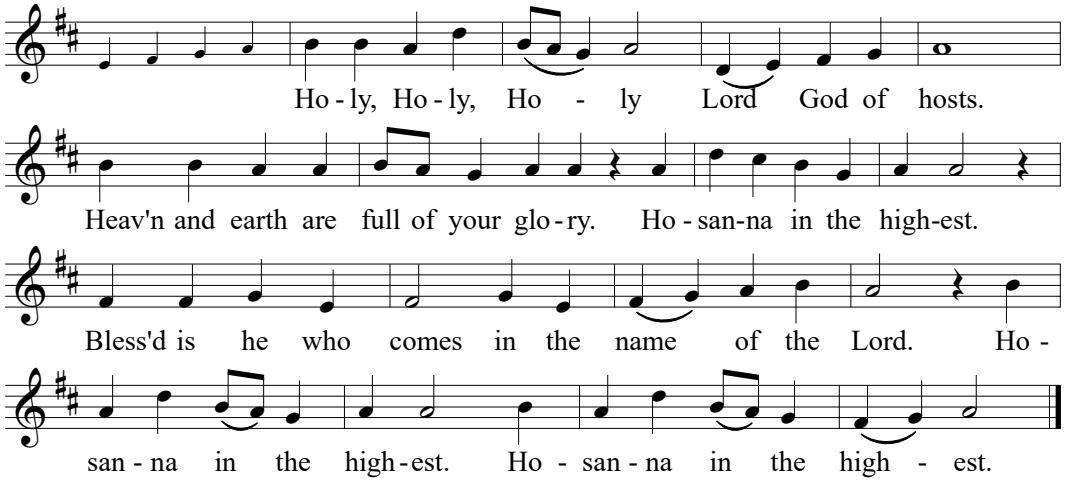
Harold W. Friedell
(1905–1958)

King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
And, that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast,
Thou hast spared me.
Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee,
And the cream of all my heart I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
Thou didst clear me,
And alone, when they replied,
Thou didst hear me.

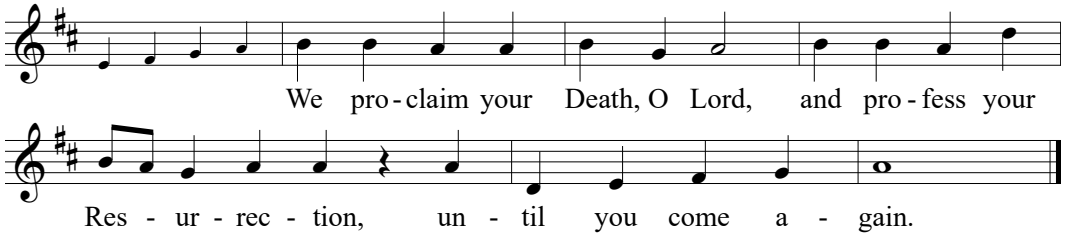
Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
In my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
To enroll thee;
Eternity's too short, too short
To extol thee, to extol thee.

(George Herbert, 1593–1633)

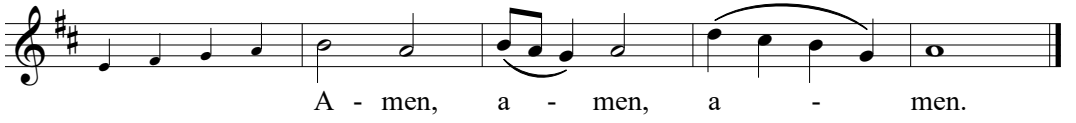
Preface Acclamation



Memorial Acclamation



Great Amen



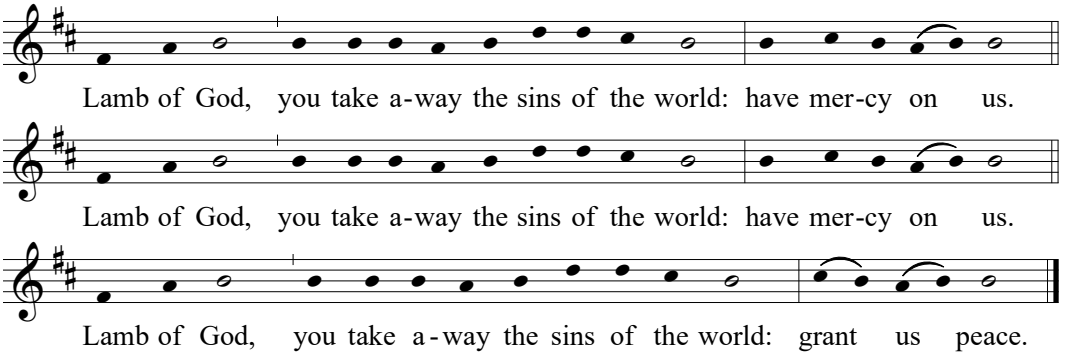
COMMUNION RITE

Lord's Prayer

Doxology

Sign of Peace

Litany at the Breaking of Bread

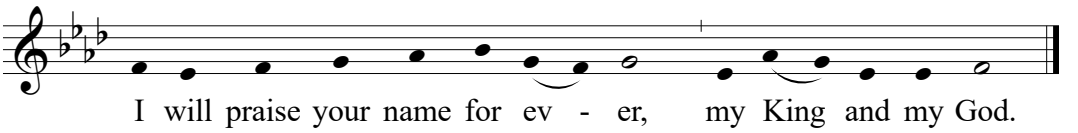


Communion Antiphon

The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

(Psalm 29:10–11)

Communion Procession



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

(Choir) *Jesu, Rex admirabilis* — Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina *(1525–1594)*

Jesu! Rex admirabilis	Jesus, wondrous king
et triumphator nobilis,	and noble conqueror,
dulcedo ineffabilis,	unutterable sweetness,
totus desiderablis.	wholly desirable.
Mane nobiscum Domine	Remain with us, Lord,
et nos illustra lumine,	and shine your light upon us,
pulsa mentis caligine,	drive away the darkness of our minds,
mundum reple dulcedine.	fill the world with sweetness.

(Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, 1090–1153)

(Choir) *The Call* — Ralph Vaughan Williams *(1872–1958)*

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a Way, as gives us breath:
such a Truth, as ends all strife: such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my strength: such a Light, as shows a Feast:
such a Feast, as mends in length: such a strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a Joy, as none can move:
such a Love, as none can part: such a Heart, as joys in love.

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Prayer after Communion

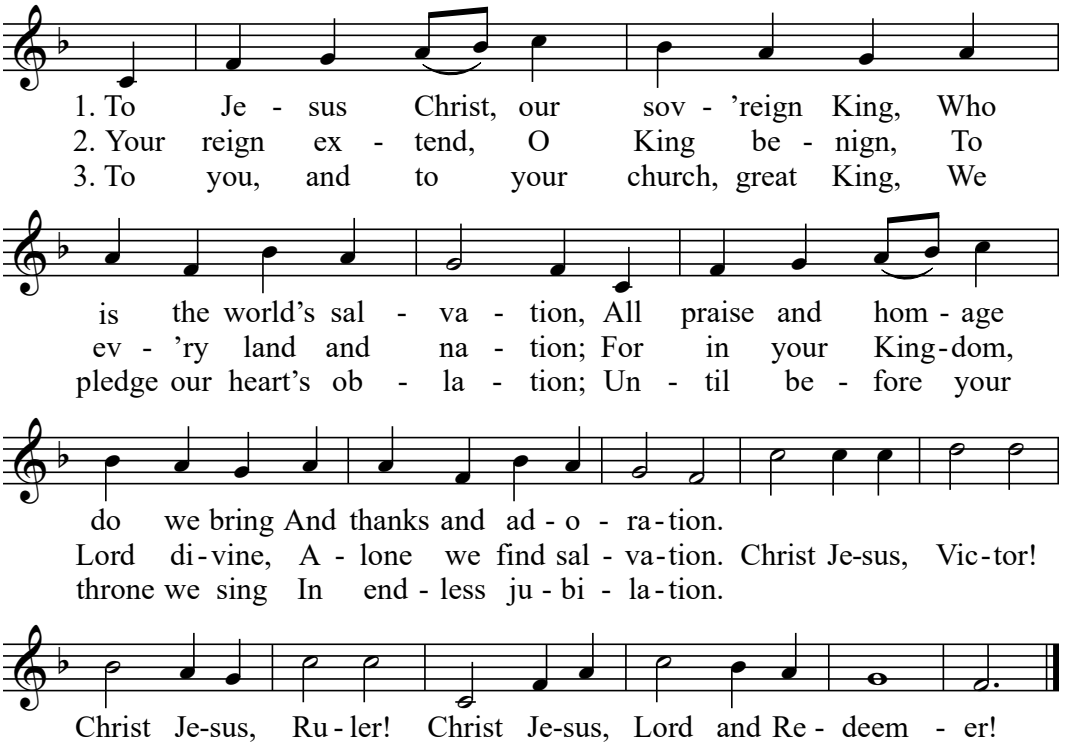
Blessing and Dismissal

Marian Antiphon *(at Noon Mass)*



Recessional Hymn

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



Thanksgiving Day

November 26

9:00 a.m. ◆ Crypt Church

Solemn Mass at 12:00 noon ◆ Great Upper Church
Reverend Monsignor Walter R. Rossi
Rector of the Basilica
Celebrant and Homilist

There will be no Confessions on Thanksgiving Day.
The Basilica will close at 3:00 p.m.

Sung Vespers at the Basilica

We invite you to join us in celebrating Sung Vespers
Sundays in Advent at 4:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m. Mass following

November 29, December 6, 13, 20
Great Upper Church

All are welcome to this special celebration of
Evening Prayer during the Season of Advent

In Concert

Choral Music for the Christmas Season

Choir of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
Peter Latona, *conductor*

December 19, 2026 ◆ 6:00 p.m.
Great Upper Church
Free and open to the public

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