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**THE ANGELUS** (*at 12:10 p.m. Mass*)

Celebrant: The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

Assembly: **And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.**

Celebrant: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you!

Blessed are you among women

and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

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

Celebrant: Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

Assembly: **Be it done unto me according to thy word.**

Celebrant: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you!

Blessed are you among women

and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

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

Celebrant: And the Word was made flesh.

Assembly: **And dwelt among us.**

Celebrant: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you!

Blessed are you among women

and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

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

Celebrant: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,

Assembly: **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Assembly: **Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,  
your grace into our hearts,  
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son  
was made known by the message of an Angel,  
may by his Passion and Cross  
be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.  
Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# ORDER OF MASS

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN



1. Sing we of the bless - ed Moth - er Who re - ceived the  
2. Sing we, too, of Mar - y's sor - rows, Of the sword that  
3. Sing a - gain the joys of Ma - ry When she saw the  
4. Sing the great - est joys of Ma - ry When on earth her



an - gel's word, And o - be - dient to the sum - mons  
pierced her through, When be - neath the cross of Je - sus  
ris - en Lord, And in prayer with Christ's a - pos - tles,  
work was done, And the Lord of all cre - a - tion



Bore in love the in - fant Lord; Sing we of the  
She his weight of suf - f'ring knew, Looked up - on her  
Wait - ed on his prom - ised word: From on high the  
Brought her to his heav'n - ly home: Vir - gin Mo - ther,



joys of Mar - y At whose breast that child was fed Who is  
Son and Sav - ior Reign - ing from the aw - ful tree, Saw the  
blaz - ing glo - ry Of the Spir - it's pres - ence came, Heav'n - ly  
Ma - ry bless - ed, Raised on high and crowned with grace, May your



Son of God e - ter - nal And the ev - er - last - ing Bread.  
price of our re - demp - tion Paid to set the sin - ner free.  
breath of God's own be - ing, To - kened in the wind and flame.  
Son, the world's re - deem - er, Grant us all to see his face.

## 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.

The musical notation is presented in 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'.

**Staff 1:** The 'Cantor/Choir' part begins with a half note on G4, followed by a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on B4, and a half note on C5. The 'Assembly' part begins with a half note on G4, followed by a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on B4, and a half note on C5.

**Staff 2:** The 'Cantor/Choir' part begins with a half note on G4, followed by a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on B4, and a half note on C5. The 'Assembly' part begins with a half note on G4, followed by a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on B4, and a half note on C5.

**Staff 3:** The 'Cantor/Choir' part begins with a half note on G4, followed by a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on B4, and a half note on C5. The 'Assembly' part begins with a half note on G4, followed by a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on B4, and a half note on C5.

Lyrics for all parts: Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

## 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

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab

## PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 45:10, 11, 12, 16



The queen stands at your right hand, ar - rayed in gold.

The queen takes her place at your right hand  
in gold of Ophir. *R.*

So shall the king desire your beauty;  
for he is your lord. *R.*

Hear, O daughter, and see; turn your ear,  
forget your people and your father's house. *R.*

They are borne in with gladness and joy,  
they enter the palace of the king. *R.*

## READING II

I Corinthians 15:20–27

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



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

Mary is taken up to heaven;  
a chorus of angels exults.

## GOSPEL

Luke 1:39–56

## 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.

### 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) *Assumpta est Maria in cælum*

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina  
(1525–1594)

*Assumpta est Maria in cælum;  
gaudent Angeli  
laudantes benedicunt Dominum.  
Gaudete et exsultate,  
omnes recti cordi,  
quia hodie Maria Virgo  
cum Christo regnat in æternum.*

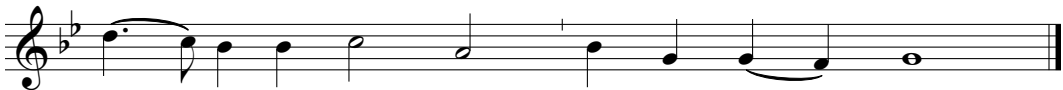
Mary is taken up to heaven;  
the angels rejoice  
as they praise and bless the Lord.  
Rejoice and be glad,  
all you of righteous heart,  
for today the Virgin Mary  
reigns with Christ in eternity.



1. Who is she as - cends so high, Next the heavn' - ly King,
2. Who is she a - dorned with light, Makes the sun her robe,
3. This is she in whose pure womb Hea - ven's Prince re - mained;
4. Heav'n she was, which held that fire, Whence the world took light,
5. She that did so clear - ly shine When our day be - gun,



'Round a - bout whom an - gels fly And her prais - es sing?  
At whose feet the queen of night Lays her chan - ging globe?  
There - fore in no earth - ly tomb Can she be con - tained.  
And to heav'n doth now as - pire, Flames with flames t'u - nite.  
See how bright her beams de - cline: Sit - ting with the Sun.



A - ve Ma - ri - a, Ma - ter De - i.

## 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

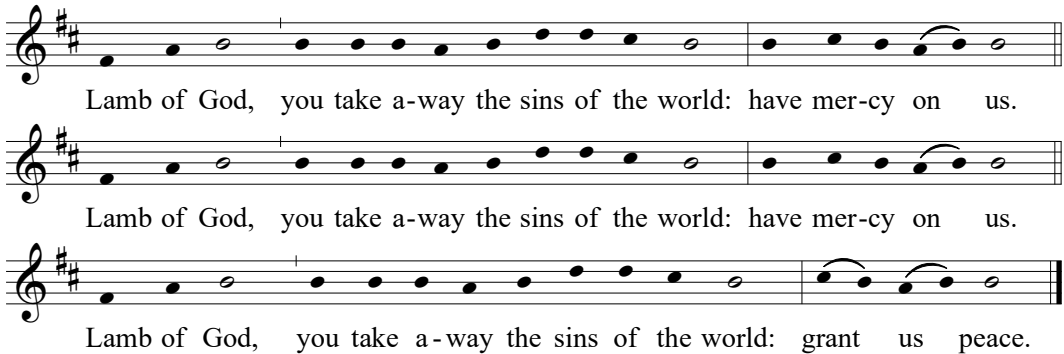
A - men, a - men, a - men.

# 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.

(Choir) *Missa Qual donna*  
Agnus Dei

Orlando di Lasso  
(1532–1594)

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

All generations will call me blessed,  
for he who is mighty has done great things for me.

*(Luke 1:48–49)*

## **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.

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## COMMUNION PROCESSION



(Choir) *Sicut lilium inter spinas*

Antoine Brumel  
(c. 1460–1512/3)

*Sicut lilium inter spinas,  
sic amica mea inter filias.*

Like a lily among thorns,  
so is my friend among women.

(*Song of Songs 2:2*)

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## MARIAN ANTIPHON

The Holy Mother of God is exalted in glory  
above the choirs of angels in the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia!



## 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  
as 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.

## LIGHTING OF CANDLES FOR PEACE

(Choir) *Ave Maria*

*Ave Maria, gratia plena,  
Dominus tecum,  
benedicta tu in mulieribus,  
et benedictus fructus  
ventris tui, Jesus.*

*Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,  
ora pro nobis peccatoribus  
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae.  
Amen.*

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Jacob Handl  
(1550–1591)

Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee!  
Blessed art thou amongst women,  
and blessed is the fruit  
of thy womb, Jesus.

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

## 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 through the childbearing  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
willed in his great kindness to redeem the human race,  
be pleased to enrich you with his blessing.

Assembly: Amen.

Celebrant: May you know always and everywhere  
the protection of her,  
through whom you have been found worthy  
to receive the author of life.

Assembly: Amen.

Celebrant: May you, who have devoutly gathered on this day,  
carry away with you the gifts of spiritual joys  
and heavenly rewards.

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 forth, the Mass is ended.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

MARIAN ANTIPHON (at 12:10 p.m. Mass)

Sal-ve Re-gi-na, Ma-ter mi-se-ri-cor-di-ae: Vi-ta, dul-ce - do,  
et spes no-stra, sal - ve. Ad te cla-ma-mus, ex-su-les,  
fi-li-i He-vae. Ad te sus-pi-ra-mus, ge-men-tes et flen-tes  
in hac la-cri-ma-rum val-le. E-ia er-go, Ad-vo-ca-ta no-stra,  
il-los tu-os mi-se-ri-cor-des o-cu-los ad nos con-ver-te. Et Je - sum,  
be-ne-dic-tum fruc-tum ven-tris tu-i, no-bis post hoc ex-si-li-um  
o-sten - de. O cle - mens: O pi - a:  
O dul - cis Vir-go Ma - ri - a.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

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



1. Hail, ho - ly Queen en - throned a - bove, O Ma - ri - a.
2. The cause of joy to all be - low, O Ma - ri - a.
3. O gen - tle, lov - ing, ho - ly one, O Ma - ri - a.



Hail, Queen of mer - cy and of love, O Ma - ri - a.  
The spring through which all gra - ces flow, O Ma - ri - a.  
The God of light be - came your Son, O Ma - ri - a.



Tri - umph, all ye Cher - u - bim, Sing with us, ye  
An - gels, all your prais - es bring, Earth and heav - en  
Tri - umph, all ye Cher - u - bim, Sing with us, ye



Ser - a - phim, Heav'n and earth re - sound the hymn:  
with us sing, All cre - a - tion ech - o - ing:  
Ser - a - phim, Heav'n and earth re - sound the hymn:



Sal - ve, sal - ve, sal - ve, Re - gi - na.  
Sal - ve, sal - ve, sal - ve, Re - gi - na.  
Sal - ve, sal - ve, sal - ve, Re - gi - na.

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