

**BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE  
OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**



**SOLEMNITY OF THE  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
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# MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

*His Excellency*

**MOST REVEREND CHRISTOPHE PIERRE**

Apostolic Nuncio to the United States

*Celebrant and Homilist at Noon*



## ORDER OF CELEBRATION

### INTRODUCTORY RITES

#### PRELUDE

Ave Maria, Ave Maris Stella, Op. 5, No. 2

Jean Langlais  
*(1907-1991)*

#### INTROIT

I rejoice heartily in the Lord,  
in my God is the joy of my soul;  
for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation,  
and wrapped me in a mantle of justice,  
like a bride adorned with her jewels.

# PROCESSIONAL HYMN



1. Come, let us wor - ship and ac - claim our Ma - ker,
2. He who is might - y has done great things for her:
3. Eve by her sin brought death to all the liv - ing;
4. God has pre - pared her, clothed her with sal - va - tion,
5. "Hail, high - ly fa - vored!" thus the an - gel greets her;



Bound - less in po - wer, boun - ti - ful in mer - cy,  
First of these won - ders, which in song we hon - or,  
Ma - ry, the new Eve, sin - less and un - sin - ning,  
Made her a tem - ple where the Word in - car - nate  
Full - ness of grace as - sures a choice made free - ly;



Who has be - stow'd on Ma - ry e - ver - vir - gin  
Is her con - cep - tion, ho - ly and un - taint - ed  
Mends Eve's of - fense and of - fers to her chil - dren  
Finds a fit dwell - ing, fault - less and un - blem - ished,  
Humb - ly as - sent - ing, she through faith con - ceiv - ing



Grace with - out mea - - - - sure.  
Free from cor - rup - - - - tion.  
Hope of re - demp - - - - tion.  
Gra - cious and lov - - - - ing.  
Crush - es the ser - - - - pent.

6. East vies with West to magnify her greatness:  
“Higher than all the Cherubim in heaven,  
Matchless in glory, Seraphim excelling,  
God-bearing Virgin.”
  
7. Blest by the Most high, blest beyond all women,  
She is the fairest glory of Jerusalem –  
Israel’s gladness, honor of our people,  
Champion and guardian.
  
8. All generations, her own words fulfilling,  
Tell of her glory, bless her Name forever;  
Virgin and Mother, Queen and humble servant,  
Perfect disciple.
  
9. Worship and honor render to the Father.  
Praise to the Son and glory to the Spirit;  
Sing we with Mary hymns of adoration,  
Joy and thanksgiving.

## 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.

Cantor/Choir: Assembly:

Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

The first line of music features two staves. The left staff is labeled 'Cantor/Choir:' and the right staff is labeled 'Assembly:'. Both staves are in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter notes with a slur over the first four notes of each phrase, followed by a half note. The lyrics are 'Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.'

Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy.

The second line of music features two staves. Both staves are in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter notes with a slur over the first four notes of each phrase, followed by a half note. The lyrics are 'Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy.'

Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

The third line of music features two staves. Both staves are in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter notes with a slur over the first four notes of each phrase, followed by a half note. The lyrics are '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 - migh - ty 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**

Genesis 3:9-15, 20

**PSALM RESPONSE**

Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done mar'v - lous deeds.

**READING II**

Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Luke 1:28

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

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you;  
blessed are you among women.

**GOSPEL**

Luke 1:26-38

**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.

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# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

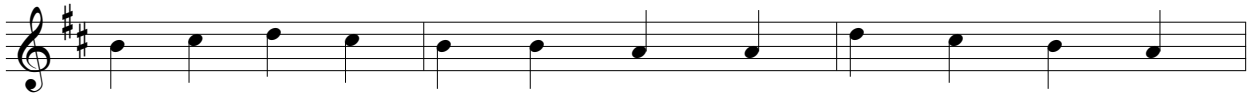
(Choir) *Ave Maria* à 5 voce      Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina  
(1525-1594)

*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.*

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.



1. The God whom earth and sea and sky A -  
2. O Moth - er blest! the cho - sen shrine Where -  
3. Blest in the mes - sage Ga - briel brought; Blest  
4. O Lord, the Vir - gin - born, to you E -



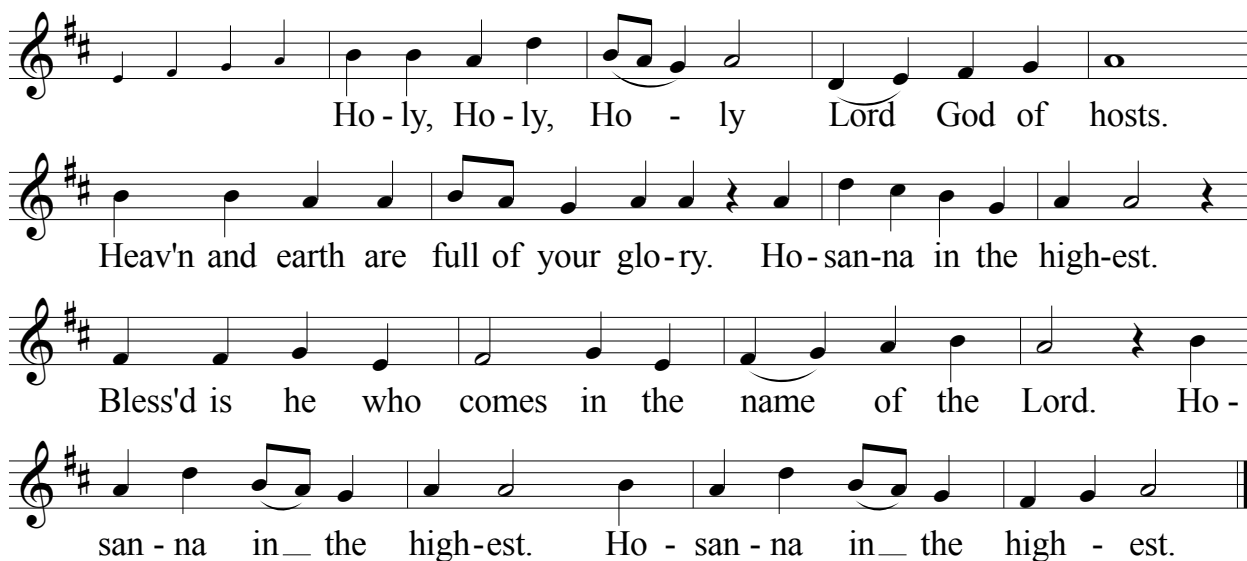
dore and praise and mag - ni - fy, Whose might they claim, whose  
in the ar - chi - tect di - vine, Whose hand con - tains the  
in the work the Spir - it wrought; Most blest, to bring to  
ter - nal praise and laud are due, Whom with the Fa - ther



love they tell, In Mar - y's bod - y comes to dwell.  
earth and sky, Has come in hu - man form to lie:  
hu - man birth The long de - sired of all the earth.  
we a - dore And Spir - it blest for ev - er - more.

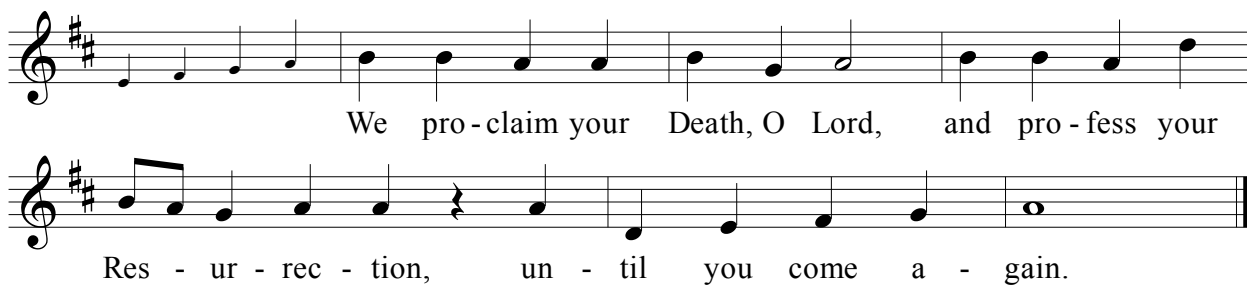
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## PREFACE ACCLAMATION



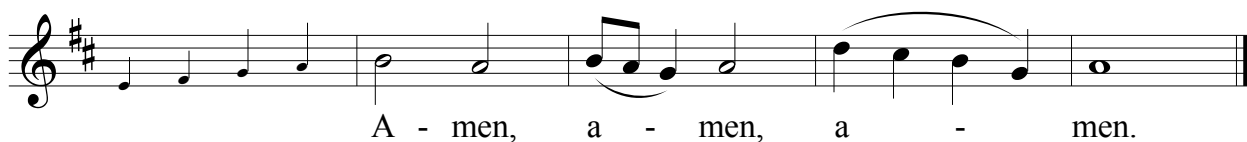
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.  
Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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

## 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.

## AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Glorious things are spoken of you, O Mary,  
for from you arose the sun of justice, Christ our God.



# COMMUNION PROCESSION



(Choir) *Ave Maris Stella*

Plainsong, Mode I, IX c.

Claudio Monteverdi

(1567-1643)

*Ave, maris stella,  
Dei Mater alma,  
Atque semper Virgo,  
Felix caeli porta.*

Hail, star of sea,  
God's loving Mother  
and ever a Virgin,  
happy Gate of Heaven.

*Sumens illud Ave  
Gabrielis ore,  
Funda nos in pace,  
Mutans Hevae nomen.*

You who received that "Ave"  
from Gabriel's lips,  
establish us in peace,  
reversing the name "Eva."

*Virgo singularis,  
Inter omnes mitis,  
Nos, culpis solutos,  
Mites fac et castos.*

Virgin without equal,  
meek beyond all others,  
win us pardon for our sins,  
and make us meek and pure.

*Vitam praesta puram,  
Iter para tutum,  
Ut, videntes Jesum,  
Semper collaetemur.*

Grant a pure life,  
prepare a safe journey,  
so that, seeing Jesus,  
we may ever rejoice together.

*Sit laus Deo Patri,  
Summo Christo decus,  
Spiritui Sancto,  
Tribus honor unus.  
Amen.*

To God the Father be praise,  
to Christ most high and  
to the Holy Spirit be glory;  
To the three be equal honor.  
Amen.

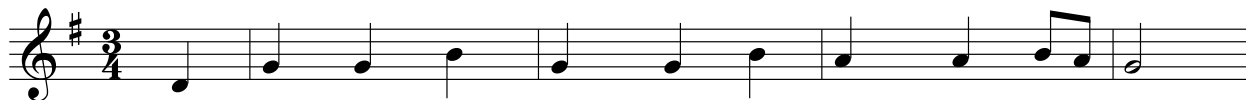
*(Hymn at II Vespers, Common of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary; anonymous IX c.;  
translation, Rev. Joseph Connelly, 1963, alt.)*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

# RECESSIONAL HYMN

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



1. Im - ma - cu - late Mar - y, your prais - es we sing;
2. Pre - des - tined for Christ by e - ter - nal de - cree,
3. To you by an an - gel, the Lord God made known
4. Most blest of all wom - en, you heard and be - lieved,
5. The an - gels re - joiced when you brought forth God's Son;



You reign now in splen - dor with Je - sus our King.  
God willed you both vir - gin and moth - er to be.  
The grace of the Spir - it, the gift of the Son.  
Most blest in the fruit of your womb then con - ceived.  
Your joy is the joy of all a - ges to come.



A - ve, A - ve, A - ve, Ma - ri - a. A - ve, A - ve, Ma - ri - a.

## POSTLUDE

Tocatta, Fugue, et Hymne sur Ave Maris Stella, Op. 28

Flor Peeters  
(1903-1986)

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