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His Excellency

Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio

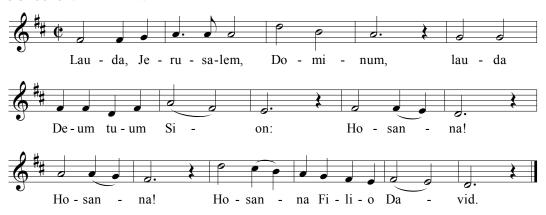
Archbishop for the Military Services, USA Principal Celebrant and Homilist at Noon

PRELUDE

Vigil	Le Banquet Céleste	Olivier Messiaen
10:30		(1908–1992)
12:00		
4:30		
9:00	Versets sur le <i>Pange Lingua</i>	Nicholas de Grigny
		(1672–1703)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



Praise the Lord, Jerusalem, Praise your God, Zion: Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David.

GREETING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. Assembly: And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

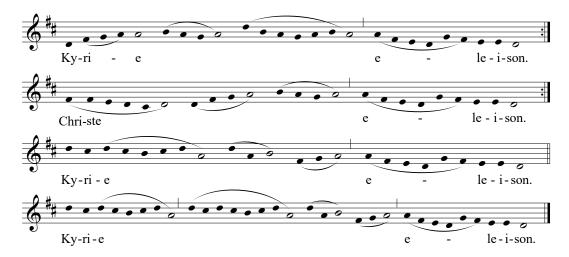
Assembly: I confess to almighty God,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Celebrant: May almighty God have mercy on us,

forgive us our sins,

and bring us to everlasting life.

Assembly: Amen.



GLORIA



LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING I Genesis 14:18–20

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4

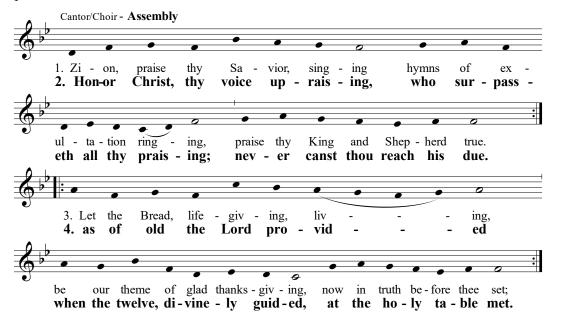


READING II

I Corinthians 11:23–26

All remain seated.

SEQUENCE





GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

GOSPEL Luke 9:11b–17

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.

PRAYER FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Almighty God, Father of all nations, for freedom you have set us free in Christ Jesus.

We praise and bless you for the gift of religious liberty, the foundation of human rights, justice, and the common good.

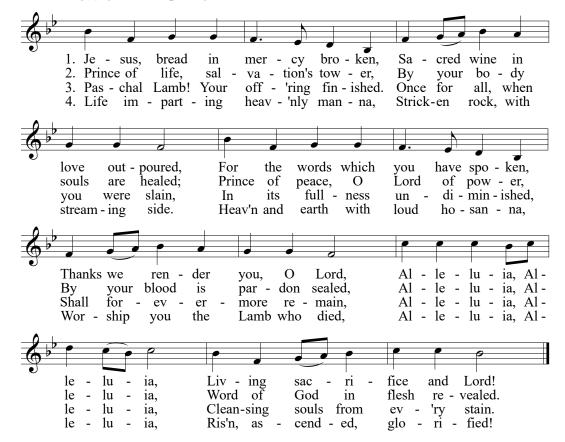
Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and promote our liberties; By your grace may we have the courage to defend them, for ourselves and for all those who live in this blessed land.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, our patroness, and in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS



(Choir) Lauda Sion

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

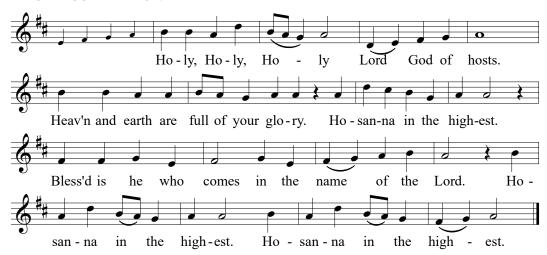
Lauda Sion salvatorem, Lauda ducem et pastorem, In hymnis et canticis. Praise, O Zion, your Savior, Praise your Prince and your Shepherd, Praise him with hymns and canticles.

Quantum potes, tantum aude: Quia maior omni laude, Nec laudare suffices. Make bold to praise him with all thy strength for he surpasses all praise; Never can you reach his due.

(attr. Thomas Aquinas, 1225–1274)

PREFACE DIALOGUE

PREFACE ACCLAMATION



MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



GREAT AMEN

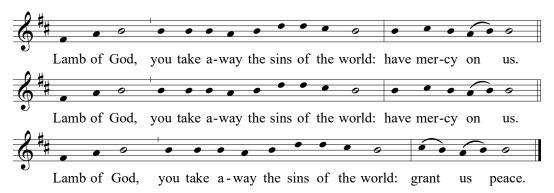


COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER

Doxology

LITANY AT THE BREAKING OF BREAD



(Choir) Communion Service in F Major Agnus Dei Harold Darke (1888–1976)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

(John 6:57)

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 PROCESSION



(Choir) Ave Verum Corpus

Colin Mawby (1936–2019)

Ave verum corpus natum de Maria virgine: vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine, cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine, esto nobis prægustatum in mortis examine. O dulci, O pie, O Jesu, fili Mariæ. Hail, True body
born of the Virgin Mary:
having truly suffered,
sacrificed on the cross for man,
whose pierced side
flowed water and blood,
be for us a foretaste
in the test of death.
O sweet, O loving,
O Jesus, Son of Mary.

(ascr. Innocent VI, 1282–1362)

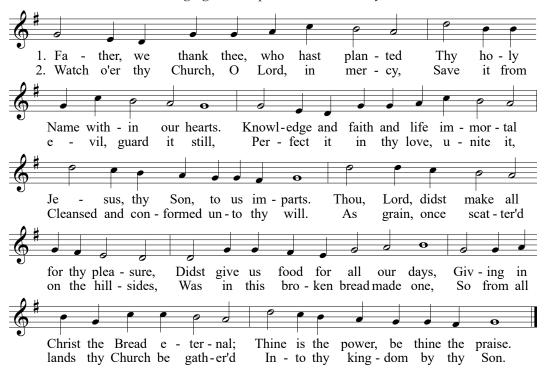
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A procession will follow the conclusion of the Mass at Noon. Please see the following pages for more information.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL HYMN

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



Postlude

Vigil	Grand Chœur, Op. 84	Alexandre Guilmant
10:30		(1837–1911)
9:00	Caprice sur les grands jeux from Suite du Deuxième Ton	Louis-Nicolas Clérambault
4:30		(1676–1749)

SOLEMN PROCESSION WITH THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT NOON

The Church points to the annual procession on the feast of Corpus Christi as being of special importance and meaning for the pastoral life of a city. It is therefore appropriate to continue this practice of a Eucharistic procession to express our common faith and adoration.

The Blessed Sacrament is placed in the monstrance, the concluding prayer is spoken, and the Sacrament is incensed. The assembly joins the ministers of the altar in the singing of the Pange Lingua.

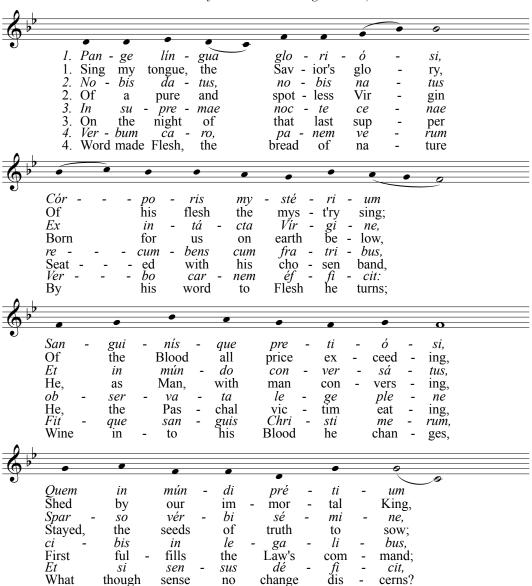
The faithful follow the ministers in procession through the East Door and proceed to the plaza before the main doors of the Basilica, where an altar has been erected. The Sacrament is again incensed, and a reading follows. After the prayer and blessing with the Sacrament, the choir begins the Corpus Christi acclamation: **Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat!** The assembly joins with full voice.

The procession continues around the porch to the West (Mercy) Door, entering there and moving to the Crypt Church.

Upon arrival at the Crypt Church, the Sacrament is again incensed. The celebrant and the ministers exit in silence. Musical adoration begins, followed by time for personal adoration. The period of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament continues until Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 4:00 P.M.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

(Verses 1–4 are repeated until the Blessed Sacrament is placed on the altar. Then the final verses are sung in Latin.)





Fru ctus tris ró si ven ge ne Des world's tined for the re demp tion, Su i то ras in cotus Then he closed in sol emn or der ci hum tur hae du de nae Then food all His breth as to ren Ad fir man dum cor sin сé On the heart be in earn est



Rex fu dit ef From a no ble Mi ro clau sit Won drous ly his dat suis Gives him self with la des Faith her les son

- gen ti um. womb to spring. di orne. life of woe. i bus. man his own hand. cit. suquick ly learns.
- 5. Tantum ergo Sacraméntum Venerémur cérnui:
 Et antíquum documéntum Novo cedat ritui:
 Praestet fides suppleméntum Sénsuum deféctui.
- 6. Genitóri, Genitóque Laus et jubilátio, Salus, honor, virtus quoque Sit et benedíctio: Procedénti ab utróque Compar sit laudátio. Amen.

Come, adore this wondrous presence; Bow to Christ, the source of grace! Here is kept the ancient promise Of God's earthly dwelling place! Sight is blind before God's glory, Faith alone may see his face.

Glory be to God the Father, Praise to his coequal Son, Adoration to the Spirit, Bond of love, in Godhead one! Blest be God by all creation Joyously while ages run! Amen.

(Saint Thomas Aquinas, 1225–1274, tr. James Quinn, S.J., 1919–2010)



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 6:24–35

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

And when they found him across the sea they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

Jesus answered them and said,

"Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled.

Do not work for food that perishes

but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you.

For on him the Father, God, has set his seal."

So they said to him,

"What can we do to accomplish the works of God?"

Jesus answered and said to them,

"This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent."

So they said to him,

"What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you?

What can you do?

Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written:

He gave them bread from heaven to eat."

So Jesus said to them,

"Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.

For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

So they said to him,

"Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them,

"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger,

and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

BENEDICTION

Archbishop: You have given them bread from heaven.

Assembly: Having all sweetness within it.

Archbishop: Let us pray.

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion,

grant us, we pray,

so to revere the sacred mysteries

of your Body and Blood

that we may always experience in ourselves

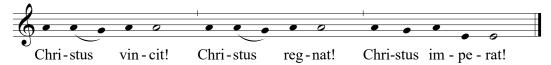
the fruits of your redemption.

Who live and reign for ever and ever.

Assembly: Amen.

CORPUS CHRISTI ACCLAMATION

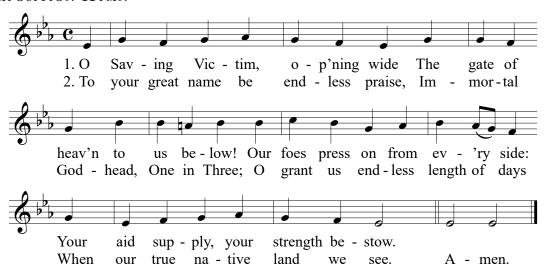
(This ancient acclamation, naming Christ as Victor, Ruler and Conqueror is begun by the choir and repeated three times by the assembly.)



(Carillon) Acclamations on Christus vincit (1964)

Robert Grogan (b. 1939)

EXPOSITION HYMN



The faithful are encouraged to remain and adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

MUSIC IN ADORATION OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

CHOIR OF THE BASILICA

Dr. Peter Latona, Director

Caro mea vere est cibus

Pierre de Manchicourt *(c. 1510–1564)*

Caro mea vere est cibus, et sanguis meus vere est potus. Qui manducat meam carnem, et bibit meum sanguinem, vivet in æternum.

Hic est panis, qui de caelo descendit. Non sicut manducaverunt patres vestri manna in deserto, et mortui sunt. Qui manducat hunc panem, vivet in æternum.

My flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, shall live for ever.

This is that bread, which came down from heaven. Not as your fathers did eat manna in the desert, and are now dead. He that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

(Communion Motet and Responsory, Feast of Corpus Christi; John 6:56–57, 59) Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and stand with fear and trembling, and lift itself above all earthly thought.

For the King of kings and Lord of lords, Christ our God, cometh forth to be our oblation, and to be given for Food to the faithful.

Before Him come the choirs of angels with every principality and power; the Cherubim with many eyes, and winged Seraphim, who veil their faces as they shout exultingly the hymn: Alleluia!

(Liturgy of Saint James)

Pues Dios te da sus despojos

Juan Bautista Comes (1568–1643)

Pues Dios te da sus despojos aquesto sólo has de hacer: creer y cerrar los ojos, abrir la boca y comer. En esto está su sosiego, si a tanto bien tu alma aspira: porque ninguno al sol mira, que no quede en todo ciego. Come y quita tus antojos, porque aquí sólo has de hacer: creer y cerrar los ojos, abrir la boca y comer.

May God grant you his morsels. This is all you need do: believe and close your eyes, open your mouth and eat. In this lies your peace: if your soul aspires to such good; for no one looks at the sun without going wholly blind. Eat, rid yourself of your notions, for this is all you need do: believe and close your eyes, open your mouth and eat.

(Anonymous, XVII c.)

Tantum ergo Sacramentum Veneremur cernui: Et antiquum documentum Novo cedat ritui: Præstet fides supplementum Sensuum defectui.

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