

LOVE
One Another



THE SACRED TRIDUUM 2021
OF THE DEATH & RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church
FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA

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DEATH AND RESURRECTION
OF THE LORD
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HOLY THURSDAY

EVENING MASS *of the* LORD'S SUPPER 1

MISA VESPERTINA *de la* CENA *del* SEÑOR 1

GOOD FRIDAY

CELEBRATION *of the* LORD'S PASSION 11

VIERNES SANTO *de la* PASION *del* SEÑOR 11

HOLY SATURDAY

THE EASTER VIGIL 16

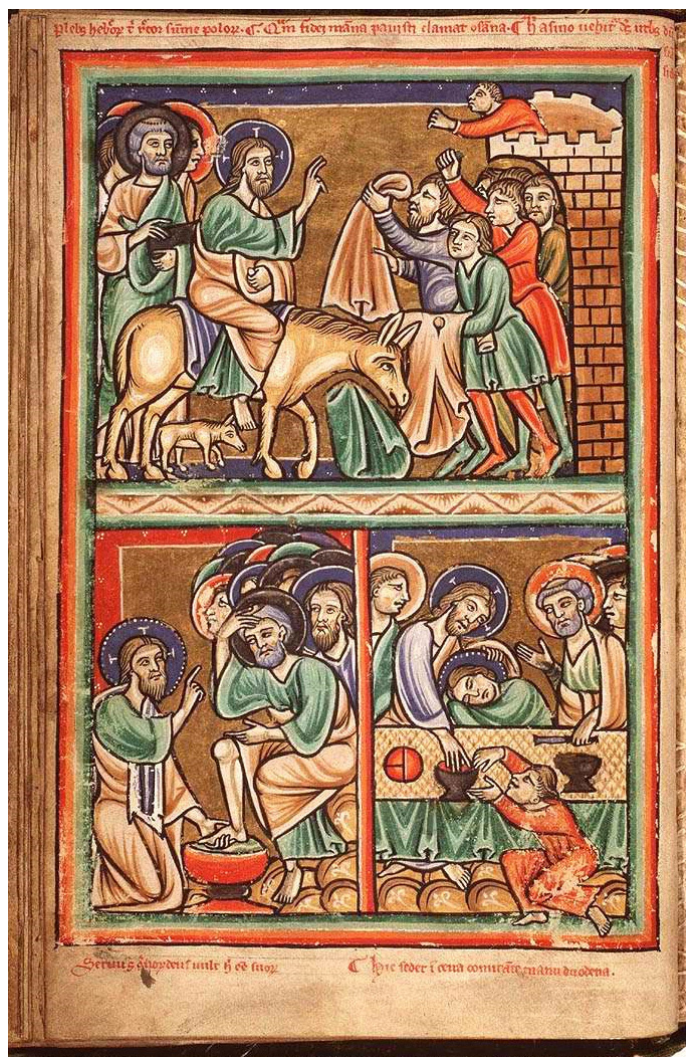
VIGILIA PASCUAL 16

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Miniature on vellum,
c. 1200:
Christ washes the feet
of his Apostles



"I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do."

John 13:15

CHORAL PRELUDE

If Ye Love Me (*Schola Antiqua*)

John 14:15-17; Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may abide with you forever,
even the spirit of truth.

INTRODUCTORY RITES



ENTRANCE SONG

Lift High the Cross

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim till

all the world a-dore his sa-cred name.

1. Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Sav-ior trod, Our
2. Led on their way by this tri-um-phant sign, The
3. Each new-born ser-vant of the Cru-ci-fied Bears
4. O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree, Your
5. So shall our song of tri-umph ev-er be: Praise

D.C.
King vic-to-rious, Christ, the Son of God.
hosts of God in con-qu'ring ranks com-bine.
on the brow the seal of him who died.
death has bought us life e-ter-nal-ly.
to the Cru-ci-fied for vic-to-ry!

PENITENTIAL ACT

KYRIE

Cantor, then all: Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son. Chri-ste, e-le-i-son. Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son.

GLORIA

1. Glory to God in the highest,
2. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you,
3. Lord God, heavenly King,
1. and on earth peace to people of good will.
2. we glorify you, }
we give you thanks for } your great glory,
3. O God, al - - - - - might - y Father.

4. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Be - got - ten Son,
 5. you take away the sins of the world,
 6. you take away the sins of the world,
 7. you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

4. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 5. have mercy on us;
 6. receive our prayer;
 7. have mercy on us.

8. For you a - lone are the Holy One,
 9. you alone are the Most High, } Jesus Christ,
 10. A - men,

8. you alone are the Lord,
 9. with the Holy Spirit, } in the glory of God the Father.
 10. A - men.

COLLECT

LITURGY of the WORD

FIRST READING *(proclaimed in Spanish)*

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall stand at the head of your calendar; you shall reckon it the first month of the year. Tell the whole community of Israel: On the tenth of this month every one of your families must procure for itself a lamb, one apiece for each household. If a family is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join the nearest household in procuring one and shall share in the lamb in proportion to the number of persons who partake of it. The lamb must be a year-old male and without blemish. You may take it from either the sheep or the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, and then, with the whole assembly of Israel present, it shall be slaughtered during the evening twilight. They shall take some of its blood and apply it to the two doorposts and the lintel of every house in which they partake of the lamb. That same night they shall eat its roasted flesh with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. This is how you are to eat it: with your loins girt, sandals on your feet and your staff in hand, you shall eat like those who are in flight. It is the Passover of the LORD. For on this same night I will go through the land of Egypt, striking down every firstborn of the land, both man and beast, and executing judgment on all the gods

En aquellos días, el SEÑOR les dijo a Moisés y a Aarón en tierra de Egipto: "Este mes será para ustedes el primero de todos los meses y el principio del año. Díganle a toda la comunidad de Israel: 'El día diez de este mes, tomará cada uno un cordero por familia, uno por casa. Si la familia es demasiado pequeña para comérselo, que se junte con los vecinos y elija un cordero adecuado al número de personas y a la cantidad que cada cual pueda comer. Será un animal sin defecto, macho, de un año, cordero o cabrito. Lo guardarán hasta el día catorce del mes, cuando toda la comunidad de los hijos de Israel lo inmolará al atardecer. Tomarán la sangre y rociarán las dos jambas y el dintel de la puerta de la casa donde vayan a comer el cordero. Esa noche comerán la carne, asada a fuego; comerán panes sin levadura y hierbas amargas. Comerán así: con la cintura ceñida, las sandalias en los pies, un bastón en la mano y a toda prisa, porque es la Pascua, es decir, el paso del SEÑOR. Yo pasaré esa noche por la tierra de Egipto y heriré a todos los primogénitos del país de Egipto, desde los hombres hasta los ganados. Castigaré a todos los dioses de Egipto, yo, el SEÑOR. La sangre les servirá de señal en las casas donde habitan ustedes. Cuando yo vea la

of Egypt—I, the LORD! But the blood will mark the houses where you are. Seeing the blood, I will pass over you; thus, when I strike the land of Egypt, no destructive blow will come upon you. This day shall be a memorial feast for you, which all your generations shall celebrate with pilgrimage to the LORD, as a perpetual institution.”

sangre, pasará de largo y no habrá entre ustedes plaga exterminadora, cuando hiera yo la tierra de Egipto. Ese día será para ustedes un memorial y lo celebrarán como fiesta en honor del SEÑOR. De generación en generación celebrarán esta festividad, como institución perpetua”.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Palabra de Dios.
Te alabamos, Señor.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 116(115):12-13, 15-16



Our blessing cup is a communion in the Blood of Christ.

How shall I make a return to the LORD for all the good he has done to me? The cup of salvation I will take up, and I will call up on the name of the LORD.

Precious in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones I am your servant, the son of your handmaid; you have loosed my bonds.

To you I will offer sacrifice of thanksgiving, and I will call on the name of the LORD. My vows to the LORD I will pay in the presence of all his people.

¿Cómo pagaré al SEÑOR todo el bien que me ha hecho? Alzaré la copa de la salvación, invocando su nombre.

Mucho le cuesta al SEÑOR la muerte de sus fieles. SEÑOR, yo soy tu siervo, hijo de tu esclava; rompiste mis cadenas.

Te ofreceré un sacrificio de alabanza, invocando tu nombre, SEÑOR. Cumpliré al SEÑOR mis votos, en presencia de todo el pueblo.

SECOND READING (proclamado en inglés)

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Brothers and sisters: I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

Hermanos: Yo recibí del Señor lo mismo que les he transmitido: que el Señor Jesús, la noche en que iba a ser entregado, tomó pan en sus manos, y pronunciando la acción de gracias, lo partió y dijo: “Este es mi cuerpo, que se entrega por ustedes. Hagan esto en memoria mía”. Lo mismo hizo con el cáliz después de cenar, diciendo: “Este cáliz es la nueva alianza que se sella con mi sangre. Hagan esto en memoria mía siempre que beban de él”. Por eso, cada vez que ustedes comen de este pan y beben de este cáliz, proclaman la muerte del Señor, hasta que vuelva.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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Te alabamos, Señor.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 13:34



I give you a new commandment, says the Lord, love one another as I have loved you.

Les doy este mandamiento nuevo, dice el Señor, que se amen unos a otros como yo los he amado.

Before the feast of Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to pass from this world to the Father. He loved his own in the world, and he loved them to the end. The devil had already induced Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot, to hand him over. So, during supper, fully aware that the Father had put everything into his power and that he had come from God and was returning to God, he rose from supper and took off his outer garments. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel around his waist.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Master, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing, you do not understand now, but you will understand later." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "Unless I wash you, you will have no inheritance with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Master, then not only my feet, but my hands and head as well."

Jesus said to him, "Whoever has bathed has no need except to have his feet washed, for he is clean all over; so you are clean, but not all." For he knew who would betray him; for this reason, he said, "Not all of you are clean."

So when he had washed their feet and put his garments back on and reclined at table again, he said to them, "Do you realize what I have done for you? You call me 'teacher' and 'master,' and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Antes de la fiesta de la Pascua, sabiendo Jesús que había llegado la hora de pasar de este mundo al Padre y habiendo amado a los suyos, que estaban en el mundo, los amó hasta el extremo. En el transcurso de la cena, cuando ya el diablo había puesto en el corazón de Judas Iscariote, hijo de Simón, la idea de entregarlo, Jesús, consciente de que el Padre había puesto en sus manos todas las cosas y sabiendo que había salido de Dios y a Dios volvía, se levantó de la mesa, se quitó el manto y tomando una toalla, se la ciñó; luego echó agua en una jofaina y se puso a lavarles los pies a los discípulos y a secárselos con la toalla que se había ceñido.

Cuando llegó a Simón Pedro, éste le dijo: "Señor, ¿me vas a lavar tú a mí los pies?" Jesús le replicó: "Lo que estoy haciendo tú no lo entiendes ahora, pero lo comprenderás más tarde". Pedro le dijo: "Tú no me lavarás los pies jamás". Jesús le contestó: "Si no te lavo, no tendrás parte conmigo". Entonces le dijo Simón Pedro: "En ese caso, Señor, no sólo los pies, sino también las manos y la cabeza".

Jesús le dijo: "El que se ha bañado no necesita lavarse más que los pies, porque todo él está limpio. Y ustedes están limpios, aunque no todos". Como sabía quién lo iba a entregar, por eso dijo: 'No todos están limpios'.

Cuando acabó de lavarles los pies, se puso otra vez el manto, volvió a la mesa y les dijo: "¿Comprenden lo que acabo de hacer con ustedes? Ustedes me llaman Maestro y Señor, y dicen bien, porque lo soy. Pues si yo, que soy el Maestro y Señor, les he lavado los pies, también ustedes deben lavarse los pies los unos a los otros. Les he dado ejemplo, para que lo que yo he hecho con ustedes, también ustedes lo hagan".

Palabra de Señor.
Gloria a ti, Señor Jesús.

HOMILY

MANDATUM (THE WASHING of FEET)

Ubi Caritas (*Schola Antiqua*)

Ola Gjeilo

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

Donde hay caridad y amor, allí está Dios.

Where charity and love are, there is God.

Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.

El amor de Dios ha unido

The love of Christ has gathered us into one.

Exsultemus et in ipso iucundemur.

y nos llama a alabarle en una voz.

Let us rejoice and be glad in this love.

Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.

Temeremos y amaremos al Dios vivo

Let us revere and love the living God,

Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

y de todo corazón le alabaremos.

and from the heart let us sincerely love.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER (GENERAL INTERCESSIONS)

Response:

Lord, hear our prayer; De-us ex-au-di
nos; Se-ñor, es-cú-cha-nos.

For the Church, the household of faith redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb, may she celebrate these three days as a festival of deliverance and new life. We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer...**

Por el mundo, el cual Dios amó suficiente para mandar a Su único Hijo, para que el Espíritu Santo ate juntas a todas las personas en amor del uno por el otro y por Dios. Roguemos al Señor. **Lord, hear our prayer...**

For those soon to be baptized into Christ's paschal mystery, may their death in those saving waters give them a full share in the risen life of Christ. We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer...**

Por aquellos que ya son uno con nosotros en el Bautismo y que pronto participarán en la plenitud de nuestra fe, para que sus viajes a través de los Sacramentos Pascuales les traigan un sentido profundo de la presencia de Dios en sus vidas. Roguemos al Señor. **Lord, hear our prayer...**

For those whose works of charity and ministry in this community fulfill Christ's example of humility and service, may Christ's gift of Eucharist sustain their gift of love to others. We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer...**

Por nuestros sacerdotes, ordenados para presidir en el altar el sacrificio y la cena de Cristo, para que ellos puedan cumplir el amor que celebran en estos misterios a través de unas vidas de sacrificio. Roguemos al Señor. **Lord, hear our prayer...**

For all of us gathered here for this celebration, may our joy and hope in Christ strengthen us for the work in Christ which lies ahead. We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer...**

Por los miembros de nuestra comunidad que están enfermos, o con dolor, que están afligidos, o sufriendo en alguna forma, para que Dios los fortalezca y les dé paz a través de Su Espíritu; y por aquellos que han muerto, para que ellos puedan regocijarse para siempre en la fiesta eterna del cordero en cielo. Roguemos al Señor. **Lord, hear our prayer...**

LITURGY of the EUCHARIST



SONG during the PREPARATION of the GIFTS

Pescador de Hombres

Estrofas/Verses

1. Tú	has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla,	no has bus - ca - do
2. Tú	sa - bes bien lo que ten - go;	en mi bar - ca
3. Tú	ne - ce - si - tas mis ma - nos,	mi can - san - cio
4. Tú,	pes - ca - dor de o - tros la - gos,	an - sia e - ter - na
1. Lord,	<i>you have come to the sea-shore,</i>	<i>nei - ther search - ing for</i>
2. Lord,	<i>see my goods, my pos - ses - sions;</i>	<i>in my boat you find</i>
3. Lord,	<i>take my hands and di - rect them.</i>	<i>Help me spend my - self</i>
4. Lord,	<i>as I drift on the wa - ters,</i>	<i>be the rest - ing place</i>

1. ni a sa-bios ni a ri - cos; tan só - lo quie - res
 2. no hay o - ro ni es - pa - das, tan só - lo re - des
 3. que a o - tros des - can - se, a - mor que quie - ra
 4. de al-mas que es-pe - ran, a - mi - go bue - no,
 1. the rich nor the wise, de - sir - ing on - ly
 2. no pow - er, no wealth. Will you ac - cept, then,
 3. in seek - ing the lost, re - turn - ing love for
 4. of my rest - less heart, my life's com - pan - ion,

Estribillo/Refrain

1. que yo te si - ga.
 2. y mi tra - ba - jo.
 3. se - guir a - man - do.
 4. que a - sí me lla - mas.
 1. that I should fol - low.
 2. my nets and la - bor?
 3. the love you gave me.
 4. my friend and ref - uge.

} Se-ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los
 } O Lord, with your eyes set up -

o - jos, son - ri - en - do has di - cho mi
 on me, gent - ly smil - ing, you have spo - ken my
 nom - bre, en la a - re - na he de - ja - do mi bar - ca,
 name; all I longed for I have found by the wa - ter,
 jun - to a ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.
 at your side, I will seek oth - er shores.

ORATE, FRATRES

PRIEST: Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),
 that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable
 to God, the almighty Father.

PEOPLE: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
 for the praise and glory of his name,
 for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

PRAYER *over the* OFFERINGS

The Eucharistic Prayer

PREFACE DIALOGUE

Priest *People*

The Lord be with you. And with your spir-it.

Priest *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest *People*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right and just.

SANCTUS

San-ctus, San-ctus, San-ctus Dó-mi-nus De-us Sá-
 ba-oth. Ple-ni sunt coe-li et ter-ra gló-ri-a tu-a.
 Ho-sán-na in ex-cél-sis. Be-ne-dí-ctus qui ve-nit in
 nó-mi-ne Dó-mi-ni. Ho-sán - na in ex-cél - sis.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

All:
 Mor-tem tu - am an-nun-ti - á-mus, Dó - mi-ne, et tu - am
 re-sur-re-cti - ó-nem con-fi - té - mur, do - nec vé - ni - as.

AMEN

Communion Rite

THE LORD'S PRAYER (English)

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, hal-lowed be thy name;
 thy king-dom come; thy will be done on earth as it
 is in heav-en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread;
 and for-give us our tres-pass-es as we for-give those who
 tres-pass a-gainst us; and lead us not in-to temp-
 ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil.

PRIEST: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil...
 our Savior, Jesus Christ.

For the king-dom, the pow'r, and the
 glo-ry are yours, now and for ev-er.

THE SIGN of PEACE

PRIEST: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**

BREAKING of the BREAD



A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no - bis.



A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no - bis.



A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa - cem.

THE INVITATION to HOLY COMMUNION

PRIEST: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

PEOPLE: **Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION SONG

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

REFRAIN



You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart With gift of fin-est wheat, Come

Fine VERSES



give to us, O sav-ing Lord, The bread of life to eat. 1. As when the

2. With joy - ful

3. Is not the

4. The mys-t'ry

5. You give your



1. shep - herd calls his sheep, They know and heed his voice; So

2. lips we sing to you Our praise and grat - i - tude, That

3. cup we bless and share The blood of Christ out-poured? Do

4. of your pres-ence, Lord, No mor - tal tongue can tell: Whom

5. self to us, O Lord; Then self - less let us be, To

to Refrain



1. when you call your fam-'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re-joice.

2. you should count us wor-thy, Lord, To share this heav'n-ly food.

3. not one cup, one loaf, de - clare Our one-ness in the Lord?

4. all the world can - not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.

5. serve each oth - er in your name In truth and char - i - ty.

Ave verum corpus (Schola Antiqua)

Wolfgang A. Mozart

Ave verum corpus,
natum de Maria Virgine;
vere passum immolatum
in cruce pro homine.
Cujus latus perforatum
unda fluxit sanguine.
Esto nobis pregustatum
in mortis examine.
O dulcis, O pie,
O Jesu Fili Marie.

Hail true body,
born of the Virgin Mary,
who truly suffering was sacrificed
on the cross for mankind.
Whose pierced side flowed
with a tide of blood.
Be to us a foretaste [of heaven]
when we suffer the trial of death.
O Sweet, O gentle,
O Jesus Son of Mary.

Salve, Verdadero Cuerpo
nacido de la Virgen María,
verdaderamente atormentado,
sacrificado en la cruz por la humanidad,
de cuyo costado perforado
fluyó agua y sangre;
Sé para nosotros un anticipo
en el trance de la muerte.
¡Oh, Jesús dulce, oh, Jesús piadoso,
oh, Jesús, hijo de María!

PRAYER after COMMUNION

THE TRANSFER of the MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

When the Communion Rite is concluded, the Blessed Sacrament that is to be reserved for distribution on Good Friday is solemnly carried to the Altar of Repose back at St. Mary. All are invited to participate in the procession. If you intend to participate, please follow the procession out of the Expo Center to your cars and drive to the church, where we will meet to conclude the procession, and remain for Adoration.

HYMN for the PROCESSION

Pange lingua gloriosi

1. Pan - ge lin - gua glo - ri - ó - si Cór - po - ris my - sté - ri - um,
2. No - bis da - tus, no - bis na - tus, Ex in - tá - cta Vir - gi - ne,
3. In su - pré - mae no - cte cae - nae, Re - cúm - bens cúm frá - tri - bus,
4. Ver - bum - ca - ro, pa - nem ve - rum, Ver - bo car - nem éf - fi - cit:

San - gui - nis - que pre - ti - ó - si, Quem in mun - di pré - ti - um
Et in mun - do con - ver - sá - tus, Spar - so ver - bi sé - mi - ne,
Ob - ser - vá - ta le - ge ple - ne, Ci - bis in le - gá - lí - bus,
Fit - que san - guis Chri - sti me - rum, Et si sen - sus dé - fi - cit,

Fru - ctus ven - tris ge - ne - ró - si Rex ef - fú - dit gén - ti - um.
Su - i mo - ras in - co - lá - tus, Mí - ro clau - sit ór - dí - ne.
Ci - bum tur - bae du - o - dé - nae, Se dat su - is má - ni - bus.
Ad fir - mán - dum cor sin - cé - rum, So - la fí - des súf - fi - cit.

Once we all arrive to the Church and the Blessed Sacrament is placed on the Altar of Repose, we will begin singing Tantum Ergo as the Blessed Sacrament is incensed.

1. Tan - tum er - go Sac - ra - mén - tum Ve - ne - ré - mur cér - nu - i:
2. Ge - ni - tó - ri, Ge - ni - tó - que Laus et ju - bi - lá - ti - o,

Et an - tí - quum do - cu - mén - tum No - vo ce - dat rí - tu - i:
Sa - lus, ho - nor, vir - tus quo - que Sit et be - ne - dí - ctí - o:

Prae - stet fí - des sup - ple - mén - tum Sén - su - um de - fé - ctu - i.
Pro - ce - dén - ti ab u - tró - que Com - par sit lau - dá - ti - o.



CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

THE SACRED TRIDUUM OF THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



*Miniature on vellum,
c. 1200:
Crucifixion*



*When Jesus wept, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound.
Traditional*

We gather today commemorating the death of our Lord. The church is bare, the tabernacle empty, because this one day of the year the presence of Jesus is not felt. He has died, and according to the Church's ancient tradition, Mass is not celebrated today. Nonetheless, the Church gathers to listen to the story of his passion and death in the Gospel of Saint John, to venerate the holy cross upon which hung our salvation, and to receive his Body and Blood reserved from the Mass of the Last Supper, last night.

COLLECT

LITURGY of the WORD



FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25



SECOND READING

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Philippians 2:8-9



Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every other name.

PROCLAMATION *of the* PASSION

John 18:1—19:42

HOMILY

SOLEMN INTERCESSIONS

1. For Holy Church.
2. For the Pope.
3. For all orders and degrees of the faithful.
4. For catechumens.
5. For the unity of Christians.
6. For the Jewish people.
7. For those who do not believe in Christ.
8. For those who do not believe in God.
9. For those in public office.
10. For those in tribulation.

MEDITATION SONG

O Sacred Head Surrounded

1. O Sa - cred Head sur - round - ed By crown of pierc - ing
 2. I see your strength and vig - or All fad - ing in the
 3. In this, your bit - ter pas - sion, Good Shep - herd, think of

thorn! O bleed - ing Head, so wound - ed, Re -
 strife, And death with cru - el rig - or, Be -
 me With your most sweet com - pas - sion, Un -

viled and put to scorn! The pow'r of death comes
 reav - ing you of life; O ag - o - ny and
 worth - y though I be: Be - neath your cross a -

o'er you, The glow of life de - cays, Yet
 dy - ing! O love to sin - ners free! Je -
 bid - ing For ev - er would I rest, In

an - gel hosts a - dore you, And trem - ble as they gaze.
 sus, all grace sup - ply - ing, O turn your face on me.
 your dear love con - fid - ing, And with your pres - ence blest.

VENERATION of the HOLY CROSS



An ancient liturgical text reads: "See here the true and most revered Tree. Hasten to kiss it and to cry out with faith: You are our help, most revered Cross." For many centuries the Church has solemnly venerated the relic or image of the Cross on Good Friday. It is the glorious, life-giving Cross that the faithful venerate. They approach singing, and make a simple genuflection or perform some other appropriate sign of reverence according to local custom, for example, kissing the cross or touching their forehead to the wood of the cross. **This afternoon, as you approach the Cross, please show your reverence with a solemn bow.**

Priest or Deacon
 Be-hold the wood of the Cross, on which hung the salvation of the

All
 world. . . R. Come, let us a-dore.

SONGS during the VENERATION

The Reproaches (Schola Antiqua)

text: Roman Missal, music: James C. Morrison

Antiphon I
 My people, my people, what have I done to you?
 Or how have I grieved you? Answer me!

Verse 1
 Because I led you out of the land of Egypt,
 you have prepared a Cross for you Savior.

Antiphon II
 Hagios o Theos, Holy is God,
 Hagios Ischyros, Holy and Mighty,
 Hagios Athanatos, eleison himas.
 Holy and Immortal One, have mercy on us.

Verse 2
 Because I led you out through the desert forty years,
 and fed you with manna and brought you into a land of plenty,
 you have prepared a Cross for you Savior.

Verse 3
 What more should I have done for you and have not done?
 Indeed, I planted you as my most beautiful chosen vine
 and you have turned very bitter for me,
 for in my thirst you gave me vinegar to drink
 and with a lance you pierced your Savior's side.

Antiphon 1
My people, my people, what have I done to you?
Or how have I grieved you? Answer me!

Verse 4
I scourged Egypt for your sake
with its firstborn sons,
and you couraged me and handed me over.

Verse 7
I went before you in a pillar of cloud,
and you led me into Pilate's palace.

Verse 10
I struck down for you the kings of the Canaanites,
and you struck my head with a reed.

Verse 5
I led you out from Egypt
as Pharaoh lay sunk in the Red Sea,
and you handed me over to the chief priests.

Verse 8
I fed you with manna in the desert,
and on me you rained blows and lashes.

Verse 11
I put in your hand a royal scepter,
and you put on my head a crown of thorns.

Verse 6
I opened up the sea before you,
and you opened my side with a lance.

Verse 9
I gave you saving water from the rock to drink,
and for drink you gave me gall and vinegar.

Verse 12
I exalted you with great power,
and you hung me on the scaffold of the Cross.

Sing, My Tongue, the Song of Triumph

1. Sing, my tongue, the song of triumph;
Tell the story far and wide;
Tell of dread and final battle,
Sing of Savior crucified;
How upon the cross a victim,
Vanquishing in death, he died.
2. Eating of the tree forbidden,
Man had sunk in Satan's snare,
When our pitying Creator
Did this second tree prepare;
Destined, many ages later,
That first evil to repair.
3. Such the order God appointed
When for sin he would atone;
To the serpent thus opposing
Schemes yet deeper than his own;
Thence the remedy procuring,
Whence the fatal wound had come.
4. So, when now at length the fullness
Of the sacred time drew nigh,
Then the Son, the world's Creator,
Left his Father's throne on high;
From a Virgin's womb appearing,
Clothed in our mortality.
5. All within a lowly manger,
Lo, a tender babe he lies!
See his gentle virgin Mother
Lull to sleep his infant cries!
While the limbs of God incarnate
Round with swathing bands she ties.
6. Thus did Christ to perfect manhood
In our mortal flesh attain:
Then of his free choice he goes on
To a death of bitter pain;
He, the Lamb upon the altar
Of the Cross, for us is slain.
7. He endured the nails, the spitting,
Vinegar and spear and reed;
From that holy body broken
Blood and water both proceed;
Earth and stars and sky and ocean
By that flood from stain are freed.
8. Faithful Cross, above all other,
One and only noble Tree!
None in foliage, none in blossom,
None in fruit your peer may be;
Sweet the wood and sweet the iron,
And your load, most sweet is he!
9. Bend your boughs, O Tree of glory!
All you rigid branches, bend!
For a while the ancient temper
That your birth bestowed, suspend;
And the King of earth and heaven
Gently on your bosom tend.
10. Tree, which solely was found worthy
The world's Victim to sustain.
Harbor from the raging tempest!
Ark, that saved the world again!
Tree, with sacred blood anointed
Of the Lamb for sinners slain.
11. Blessing, honor, everlasting,
to the immortal Trinity;
to the Father, Son, and Spirit,
equal praises ever be;
glory through the earth and heaven
to Trinity in Unity. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION



THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE INVITATION to HOLY COMMUNION

PRIEST: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

PEOPLE: **Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

RECEPTION of HOLY COMMUNION

Guidelines for the reception of Holy Communion -Please see page 29 of this booklet.

COMMUNION SONG

Ave verum corpus (*Schola Antiqua*)

attr. Pope Innocent IV; William Byrd

Ave verum corpus,
natum de Maria Virgine;
vere passum immolatum
in cruce pro homine.
Cujus latus perforatum
unda fluxit sanguine.
Esto nobis pregustatum
in mortis examine.
O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu Fili Marie.
Amen

*Hail true body,
born of the Virgin Mary,
who truly suffering was sacrificed
on the cross for mankind.
Whose pierced side flowed
with a tide of blood.
Be to us a foretaste [of heaven]
when we suffer the trial of death.
O Sweet, O gentle, O Jesus Son of Mary.
Amen.*

Were You There



1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
4. Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
5. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
6. Were you there when they rolled the stone a - way?



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Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they rolled the stone a - way?



Oh, some - times it caus - es me to



trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they rolled the stone a - way?

PRAYER after COMMUNION

PRAYER over the PEOPLE

There is no concluding rite or dismissal: the Church continues to be at prayer throughout the Triduum.



THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
THE VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT OF EASTER

THE SACRED TRIDUUM OF THE
DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



*“Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified.
He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.”
Matthew 28:5-6*

In accord with the most ancient Tradition, this holy night is one of vigil and initiation into the Mysteries of Christ's dying and rising. The liturgy is celebrated in four parts:

THE SERVICE of LIGHT *The Vigil begins with a sung proclamation of Christ's victory over the darkness of sin and death as the Paschal Candle, a sign of Christ's presence, is blessed and lit from the Easter fire.*

LITURGY of the WORD *Lessons from the Hebrew scriptures recall God's saving deeds, which he accomplished for his holy people. Through the centuries, they experienced more and more God's self-revelation. As we hear in the Epistle to the Romans God's self-revelation is completed in Christ's total outpouring of love in which we participate by our Baptism. Finally, the Alleluia announces the Gospel proclamation that Jesus is truly Risen.*

BAPTISMAL LITURGY *Followers of Jesus, catechumens and candidates, are fully initiated into the mystery of salvation through the reception of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, and all renew the promises made at Baptism.*

LITURGY of the EUCHARIST *The assembly gives thanks for Jesus' redeeming passion, death and resurrection, and celebrates its oneness as the Body of Christ.*

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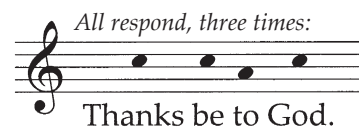
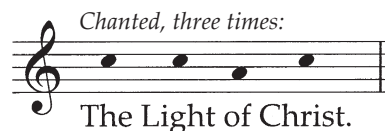
Blessing of the Fire and Preparation of the Paschal Candle



BLESSING of the EASTER FIRE

PREPARATION of the PASCHAL CANDLE

PROCESSION



LITURGY of the WORD



FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1—2:2

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35



PRAYER

SECOND READING

Genesis 22:1-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11



PRAYER

THIRD READING
RESPONSORIAL CANTICLE

Exodus 14:15—15:1
Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18




Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered him - self in glo - ry.

PRAYER

FOURTH READING
RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Isaiah 54:5-14
Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13

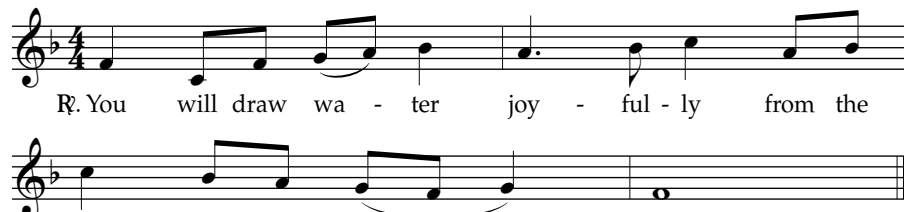


I will praise you, Lord, for you have res - cued me.

PRAYER

FIFTH READING
RESPONSORIAL CANTICLE

Isaiah 55:1-11
Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6



℞. You will draw wa - ter joy - ful - ly from the
springs of sal - va - tion.

PRAYER

SIXTH READING
RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Baruch 3:9-15, 32—4:4
Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11



Lord, you have the words of ev - er - last - ing life.

PRAYER




Like a deer that longs for run-ning streams, my
soul longs for you, my God; my soul longs for you, my God.

PRAYER

*After the last reading from the Old Testament with its psalm and prayer,
the altar candles are lighted, bells are rung, and the Gloria in excelsis is sung.*

GLORIA



1. Glory to God in the highest,
2. We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you,
3. Lord God, heavenly King,
1. and on earth peace to people of good will.
2. we glorify you,
we give you thanks for } your great glory,
3. O God, al - mighty - y Father.
4. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Be - got - ten Son,
5. you take away the sins of the world,
6. you take away the sins of the world,
7. you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
4. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
5. have mercy on us;
6. receive our prayer;
7. have mercy on us.
8. For you a - lone are the Holy One,
9. you alone are the Most High, } Jesus Christ,
10. A - men,
8. you alone are the Lord,
9. with the Holy Spirit, } in the glory of God the Father.
10. A - men.

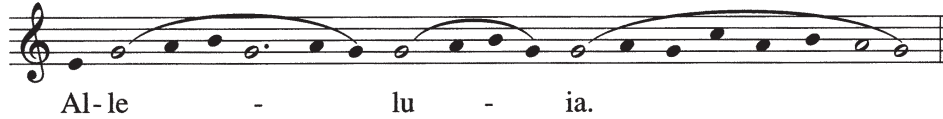
COLLECT

EPISTLE

Romans 6:3-11

ALLELUIA

Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23



Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his mercy endures forever.
Let the house of Israel say,
"His mercy endures forever."

The right hand of the Lord has struck with power;
the right hand of the Lord is exalted.
I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the Lord has this been done;
it is wonderful in our eyes.

GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-12

HOMILY

BAPTISMAL LITURGY



PRESENTATION of the CATECHUMENS

Those who are to be baptized are presented before the assembly.

Benjamin Andrew
Janet Brutus
Amanda Gyles
Jared Rowe
Matthew Wroe

LITANY of the SAINTS

<i>Cantor:</i>	<i>Assembly:</i>
Lord, have mer - cy.	Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy.	Christ, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy.	Lord, have mer - cy.

<i>Cantor:</i>	<i>Assembly:</i>
Holy Mary, Mother of Saint	God, Mich - ael, pray for us. pray for us.
All holy men and women, Saints of God,	pray for us.

<i>Cantor:</i>	<i>Assembly:</i>
Lord, be mer - ci - ful,	Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.
From all e - vil,	Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.
From ev - 'ry sin,	Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.
From ev - er - last - ing death,	Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.

<i>Cantor:</i>	<i>Assembly:</i>
By your In - car - na - tion,	Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.
By your Death and Res - ur - rec - tion,	Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.
By the outpouring of the Ho - ly Spir - it,	Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.

Cantor:
 Be merciful to us sin - ners,
 Bring these chosen ones to new birth through the grace of bap-tism,
 Jesus, Son of the liv - ing God,

Assembly:
 Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.
 Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.
 Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.
 Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Cantor: Christ, hear us. *Assembly:* Christ, hear us.

Cantor: Christ, gra - cious - ly hear us. *Assembly:* Christ, gra - cious - ly hear us.

THE BLESSING of WATER *Following the prayer of blessing all sing the antiphon:*

Cantor:
 Springs of wa - ter, bless the Lord.

Assembly:
 Springs of wa - ter, bless the Lord.

Cantor:
 Give him glo - ry and praise for ev - er.

Assembly:
 Give him glo - ry and praise for ev - er.

All:
 Springs of wa - ter, bless the Lord.
 Give him glo - ry and praise for ev - er.

RENUNCIATION of SIN and PROFESSION of FAITH

THE BAPTISMS

After each baptism, all sing:

You have put on Christ, you have been bap-tized.

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

RENEWAL of BAPTISMAL PROMISES

All the faithful repeat and affirm the rejection of sin made at baptism and profess faith in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

THE SPRINKLING of the PEOPLE

Vidi Aquam (*Schola Antiqua*)

Tomas Luis de Victoria

Vidi aquam
Egredientem de templo,
a latere dextro. Alleluia.
Et omnes, ad quos pervenit aqua ista,
salvi facti sunt, et dicent: Alleluia.

Living Water
I saw water coming forth from the temple
on the right side, alleluia.
And all those to whom this water came
were saved, and shall say, alleluia.

Confitemini Domino, quoniam bonus
Quoniam in saeculum misericordia eius.

Give praise to the Lord, for He is good:
For His mercy endureth forever.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

C O N F I R M A T I O N



We welcome the candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation who, along with the newly baptized and those newly received into the Catholic faith, will be experience the laying on of hands and anointing with Chrism.

Tomas Almonte
Joel Brutus
Magdalena Davis
Eugene Davis
Casey Durst
David Harring
Jacob Hoppel
David Jones

Reginald Jones
Haley Kelley
Glen Lanford
Mary Lanford
Christine Longacre
Lisa Merritt
Brandon Mooney

LAYING ON of HANDS

ANOINTING with the SACRED CHRISM

During the anointings, all sing:

Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.

Come, Holy Spirit!

UNIVERSAL PRAYER (GENERAL INTERCESSIONS)

Response:

Lord, hear our prayer; De-us ex-au-di
nos; Se-ñor, es-cú-cha-nos.

LITURGY of the EUCHARIST



SONG during the PREPARATION of the GIFTS

Thine is the Glory

1. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con - qu'ring Son; End - less is the vic - t'ry
 2. Lo, Je - sus meets thee, Ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he greets thee,
 3. No more we doubt thee, Glo - rious Prince of life; Life is nought with - out thee;

Thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment Rolled the stone a -
 Scat - ters fear and gloom; Let his Church with glad - ness Hymns of tri - umph
 Aid us in our strife; Make us more than con - qu'rors, Through thy death - less

way, Kept the fold - ed grave - clothes Where thy bod - y lay. Thine is the
 sing, For the Lord now liv - eth; Death hath lost its sting! Thine is the
 love; Bring us safe through Jor - dan To thy home a - bove. Thine is the

glo - ry, Ris - en, con - qu'ring Son; End - less is the vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won!
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ORATE, FRATRES

PRIEST: Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),
 that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable
 to God, the almighty Father.

PEOPLE: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
 for the praise and glory of his name,
 for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

PRAYER over the OFFERINGS

The Eucharistic Prayer

PREFACE DIALOGUE

Priest The Lord be with you. And with your spir-it.

Priest Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *People* It is right and just.

SANCTUS

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, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed 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

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -
claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

AMEN

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

Communion Rite

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name;
thy king - dom come; thy will be done on earth as it
is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread;
and for - give us our tres - pass - es as we for - give those who

tres-pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to temp-
ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

PRIEST: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil...
our Savior, Jesus Christ.

For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the
glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er.

THE SIGN of PEACE

PRIEST: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**

BREAKING of the 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: grant us peace.

THE INVITATION to HOLY COMMUNION

PRIEST: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

PEOPLE: **Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

*At the culmination of the Sacraments of Initiation the newly baptized,
as well as those already baptized who have been welcomed into the full communion
of the Catholic Church, are welcomed to the Eucharist for the first time.*

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COMMUNION SONG

At the Lamb's High Feast



1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our vic - to - rious King.
 2. Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
 3. Might-y vic - tim from the sky, Hell's fierce powers be - neath you lie;
 4. East - er tri - umph, East - er joy, This a - lone can sin de - stroy;



Who has washed us in the tide Flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
 Is - rael's hosts tri - umph - ant go Through the wave that drowns the foe.
 You have con - quered in the fight, You have brought us life and light:
 From sin's power, Lord, set us free New - born souls in you to be.



Praise we him, whose love di - vine Gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,
 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;
 Now no more can death ap - pall, Now no more the grave en - thrall;
 Fa - ther, who the crown shall give, Sa - vior, by whose death we live,



Gives his Bod - y for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
 With sin - cer - i - ty and love Eat we man - na from a - bove.
 You have o - pened par - a - dise, And in you your saints shall rise.
 Spir - it, guide through all our days, Three in One, your name we praise.

I Am the Bread of Life

Verses



1. _____ I am the Bread of life. You who
 2. The bread that _____ I will give is my
 3. Un - less _____ you _____ eat of the
 4. _____ I am the Res - ur - rec - tion, _____
 5. _____ Yes, Lord, _____ we be - lieve that _____

1. _____ Yo soy el Pan de Vi - da. A mí
 2. El pan que _____ yo da - ré es mi
 3. _____ Si us - te - des no co - men la _____
 4. Yo soy la _____ Re - su - rrec - ción, _____
 5. _____ Sí, Se - ñor, cre - e - mos que _____



come to me shall not hun - ger; _____ and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, _____ and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man _____ and _____
 I _____ am the life. _____ If you be -
 you _____ are the Christ, _____ the _____

ven - gan: _____ no ten - drán ham - bre. _____ En mí
 car - ne, la vi - da del mun - do. _____ Los que
 car - ne del Hi - jo del Hom - bre, _____ y no
 Yo _____ soy la Vi - da. _____ Si en
 túe - res _____ el Me - sí - as, _____ el _____

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 eat of this bread, you shall live for
 drink of his blood, and drink of his
 lieve in me, e - ven though you
 Son of God, Who has
cre - an: no ten - drán sed. Na - die vi - ne a
co - men - de es - te pan vi - vi - rán por
be - ben - de su san - gre, no be - ben - de su
mí us - te - des cre - en, aun - que ha - yan
Hi - jo de Dios, que has ve - ni - do al

me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons.
 ev - er, you shall live for ev - er.
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you.
 die, you shall live for ev - er.
 come in - to the world.
mí si mi Pa - dre no lo a - tra - e.
siem - pre, vi - vi - rán por siem - pre.
san - gre, no po - drán te - ner mi vi - da.
muer - to, vi - vi - rán por siem - pre.
mun - do pa - ra re - di - mir - nos.

Refrain

And I will raise you up, and I will
Yo los re - su - ci - ta - ré, Yo los re -
 raise you up, and I will raise you
su - ci - ta - ré, Yo los re - su - ci - ta -
 up on the last day.
ré en el dí - a fi - nal.

POST COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Regina Caeli

Re - gí - na cae - li, lae - tá - re, Al - le - lú - ia: Qui - a quem
 me - ru - í - sti por - tá - re, Al - le - lú - ia:
 Re - sur - réx - it sic - ut di - xit, Al - le - lú - ia:
 O - ra pro no - bis De - um, al - le - lú - ia.

PRAYER after COMMUNION

CONCLUDING RITES



SOLEMN BLESSING *and* DISMISSAL

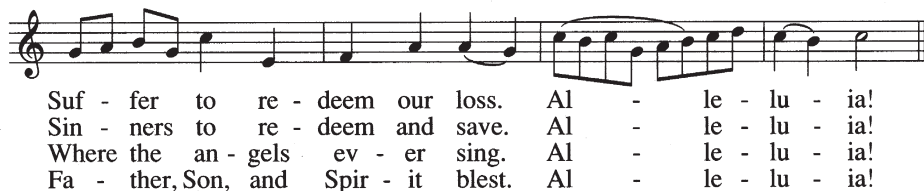
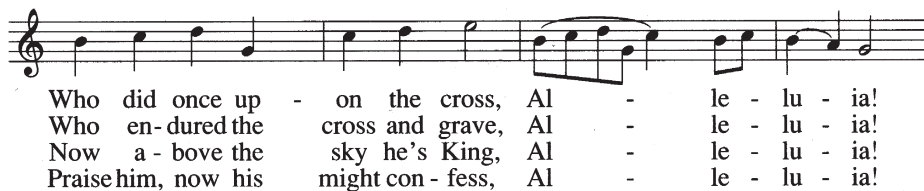
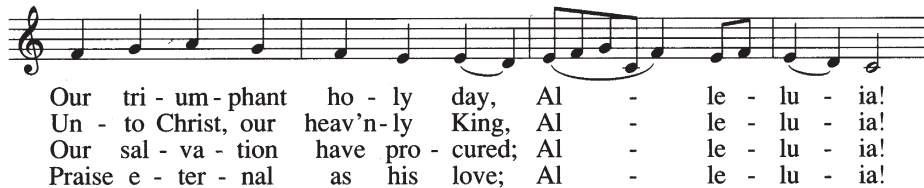
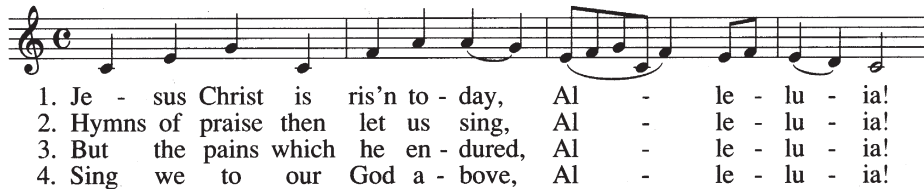
DEACON: *Using one of the following formulas:*

Go forth, the Mass is ended, alleluia, alleluia.
Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.
Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life, alleluia, alleluia.



SONG *at the* SENDING FORTH

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



POSTLUDE

Toccata from *Symphonie V*

Charles-Marie Widor

GUIDELINES *for* RECEIVING 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 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 not ordinarily admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharist 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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