

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY MASS**  
ON THE  
SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD  
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# INTRODUCTORY RITES

## Prelude

## Processional Hymn

1. A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New  
2. The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up -  
3. To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why  
songs through - out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
on the Mount of Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
stand and gaze up - on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
[Crescendo]  
lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un - trod, As -  
lu - ia! And with his faith - ful fol - l'wers see Their  
lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior," thus they say. "This  
cends un - to the throne of God.  
Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty.  
is his glo - rious tri - umph day." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: *Hymnum canamus gloriae*; Venerable Bede, 673–735; tr. by Benjamin Webb, 1819–1885, *The Hymnal Noted*, 1854, alt.  
Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, LM with alleluias; *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1623; harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

## Sign of the Cross

## Greeting

## Penitential Act

## Gloria

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'n - 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.

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## Collect

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Reading I

Acts 1: 1-11

In the first book, Theophilus,  
I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught  
until the day he was taken up,  
after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit  
to the apostles whom he had chosen.  
He presented himself alive to them  
by many proofs after he had suffered,  
appearing to them during forty days  
and speaking about the kingdom of God.  
While meeting with them,  
he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem,  
but to wait for “the promise of the Father  
about which you have heard me speak;  
for John baptized with water,  
but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

When they had gathered together they asked him,  
“Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”  
He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons  
that the Father has established by his own authority.  
But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you,  
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem,  
throughout Judea and Samaria,  
and to the ends of the earth.”  
When he had said this, as they were looking on,  
he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.  
While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going,  
suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them.  
They said, “Men of Galilee,  
why are you standing there looking at the sky?  
This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven  
will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a  
Al - le - lu - ia, 7

blare of trumpets for the Lord.  
al - le - lu - ia.

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All peoples, clap your hands.

Cry to God with shouts of joy!

For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome,  
the great king over all the earth.

God goes up with shouts of joy.

The LORD goes up with trumpet blast.

Sing praise for God; sing praise!

Sing praise to our king; sing praise!

God is king of all the earth.

Sing praise with all your skill.

God reigns over the nations.

God sits upon his holy throne.

## Reading II

Eph 1:17-23

Brothers and sisters:

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,  
give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation  
resulting in knowledge of him.

May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened,  
that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call,  
what are the riches of glory  
in his inheritance among the holy ones,  
and what is the surpassing greatness of his power  
for us who believe,

in accord with the exercise of his great might,  
which he worked in Christ,  
raising him from the dead  
and seating him at his right hand in the heavens,  
far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion,  
and every name that is named  
not only in this age but also in the one to come.

And he put all things beneath his feet  
and gave him as head over all things to the church,  
which is his body,  
the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

## Gospel Acclamation



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

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

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*Go and teach all nations, says the Lord;  
I am with you always, until the end of the world.*

## Gospel

Mt 28: 19A, 20B

The eleven disciples went to Galilee,  
to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them.  
When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted.  
Then Jesus approached and said to them,  
“All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.  
Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,  
teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.  
And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

## 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,  
*(Here all bow slightly)*  
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.

## **Prayer of the Faithful**

*Response:* Lord, hear our prayer

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## **Preparation of the Gifts and Altar**

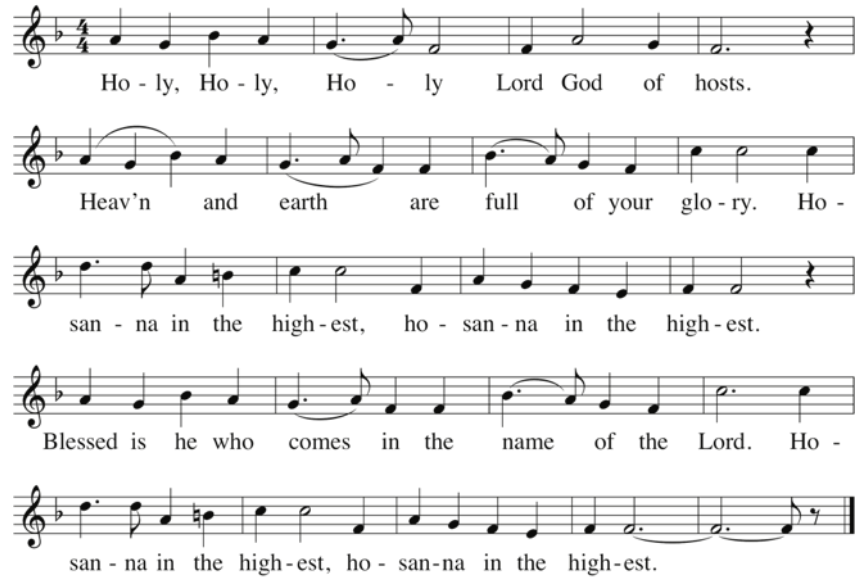
O Rex Glorïae  
O King of glory, Lord of all power,  
Who ascended to heaven on this day triumphant over all;  
Do not leave us as orphans,  
But send us the Father's promise,  
The spirit of truth.  
Alleluia.

Luca Marenzio

*Recorded by St. Jane De Chantal Schola*

## Prayer over the Offerings

### 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, 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.

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### Memorial Acclamation



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

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### Great Amen

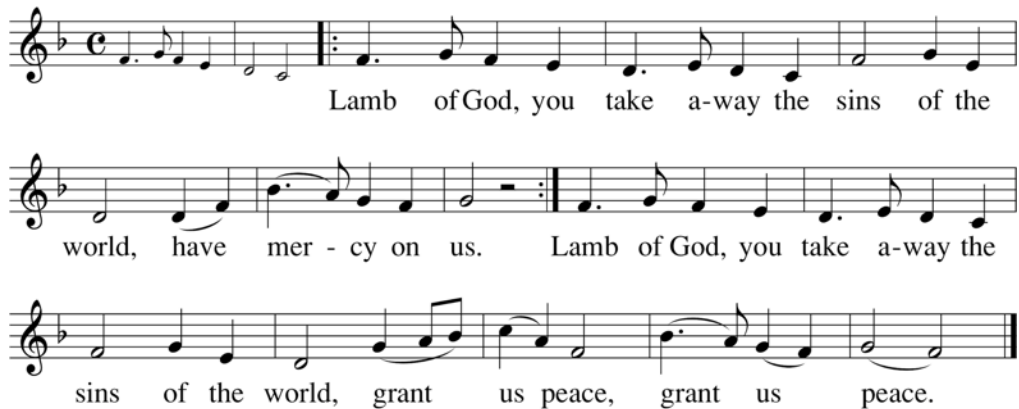


A - men, a - men, a - men.

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### Lord's Prayer

#### The 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, grant us peace.

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**Spiritual Communion Prayer**

St. Alphonsus Liguori

**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 in 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 Hymn**

Ave Maria

Pierre-Louis Dietsch/ Jacques Arcadelt

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

Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
Pray for us sinners,  
Now, and at the hour of our death,  
Hail Mary!  
Amen

*Recorded by the St. Jane De Chantal Schola*

**Prayer after Communion**

**Blessing and Dismissal**

## Recessional Hymn

1. O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, For  
2. O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, Whose

am - ber waves of grain, For pur - ple moun - tain  
stern, im - pas - sioned stress A thor - ough - fare for

maj - es - ties A - bove the fruit - ed plain! A -  
free - dom beat A - cross the wil - der - ness! A -

shed his grace on thee, And crown thy good with  
mend thine ev - 'ry flaw, Con - firm thy soul in

broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea.  
self - con - trol, Thy lib - er - ty in law.

Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859–1929  
Tune: MATERNA, CMD; Samuel A. Ward, 1848–1903

## Postlude

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