

Saint Cecilia

P A R I S H



The Great Vigil of Easter

April 8, 2023

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HOLY SATURDAY

On Holy Saturday the Church waits at the Lord's tomb in prayer and fasting, meditating on his Passion and Death and on his Descent into Hell, and awaiting his Resurrection. The Church abstains from the Sacrifice of the Mass, with the sacred table left bare, until after the solemn Vigil, that is, the anticipation by night of the Resurrection, when the time comes for paschal joys, the abundance of which overflows to occupy fifty days.

- *The Roman Missal*

THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

The service begins outside. Members of the congregation are invited to witness the blessing of the new fire, and to follow the paschal candle in procession into the church.

THE BLESSING OF THE FIRE, AND PREPARATION OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE


As the paschal candle is placed in its stand, if you are worshipping with us virtually, we invite you to light a candle in your place of worship and consider placing candles in your windows, if safe, to bear witness to the light of Christ in the world.

THE BLESSING OF THE FIRE AND PREPARATION OF THE CANDLE

PROCESSION INTO THE CHURCH | *Lumen Christi*

Richard J. Clark

Deacon: *All:*



Lu-men Christi, The Light of Christ. De-o gra-ti-as, Thanks be to God.

As the paschal candle is carried into the church, we share with one another the light of Christ.

THE EASTER PROCLAMATION (EXSULTET)

Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven,
exult, let Angel ministers of God exult,
let the trumpet of salvation sound aloud our mighty
King's triumph! Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her,
ablaze with light from her eternal King,
let all corners of the earth be glad,
knowing an end to gloom and darkness.
Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice,
arrayed with the lighting of his glory,
let this holy building shake with joy,
filled with the mighty voices of the peoples.

V/: Lift up your hearts.

R/: We lift them up to the Lord.

V/: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

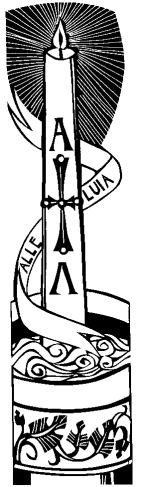
R/: It is right and just.

It is truly right and just,
with ardent love of mind and heart,
and with devoted service of our voice,
to acclaim our God invisible, the almighty Father, and Jesus Christ, our Lord, his Son, his Only Begotten.
Who for our sake paid Adam's debt to the eternal Father, and pouring out his own dear Blood wiped clean the
record of our ancient sinfulness.
These then are the feasts of Passover,
in which is slain the Lamb, the one true Lamb, whose Blood anoints the doorposts of believers.

This is the night, when once you led our forebears,
Israel's children, from slavery in Egypt
and made them pass dry-shod through the Red Sea.
This is the night that with a pillar of fire banished the darkness of sin.
This is the night that even now, throughout the world,
sets Christian believers apart from worldly vices and from the gloom of sin,
leading them to grace, and joining them to his holy ones.
This is the night when Christ broke the prison-bars of death, and rose victorious from the underworld.
Our birth would have been no gain, had we not been redeemed.

O wonder of your humble care for us!
O love, O charity beyond all telling,
to ransom a slave you gave away your Son!
O truly necessary sin of Adam, destroyed completely by the Death of Christ!
O happy fault that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer!
O truly blessed night, worthy alone to know the time and hour
when Christ rose from the underworld!

This is the night of which it is written:
The night shall be as bright as day, dazzling is the night for me, and full of gladness.
The sanctifying power of this night dispels all wickedness,



washes faults away, restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners,
drives out hatred, fosters concord, and brings down the mighty.
On this, your night of grace, O holy Father,
accept this candle, a solemn offering,
the work of bees and of your servants' hands,
an evening sacrifice of praise, this gift from your most holy Church.

But now we know the praises of this pillar,
which glowing fire ignites for God's honor, a fire into many flames divided,
yet never dimmed by sharing of its light,
for it is fed by melting wax, drawn out by mother bees to build a torch so precious.
O truly blessed night, when things of heaven are wed to those of earth, and divine to the human.
Therefore, O Lord, we pray you that this candle, hallowed to the honor of your name, may persevere undimmed,
to overcome the darkness of this night.
Receive it as a pleasing fragrance,
and let it mingle with the lights of heaven.

May this flame be found still burning by the Morning Star:
the one Morning Star who never sets, Christ your Son,
who coming back from death's domain
has shed his peaceful light on humanity
and lives and reigns for ever and ever.

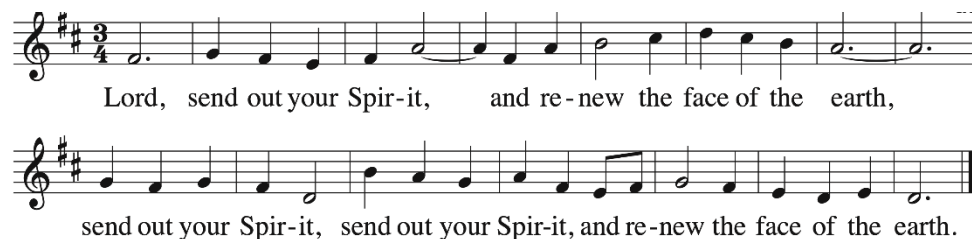
R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING | Genesis 1:1-2:2

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 104: Lord, Send Out Your Spirit

Tony Alonso



1. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, how great you are,
clothed in majesty and honor, wrapped in light as with a robe!
2. How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your creatures. Bless the Lord, O my soul.
3. All of these look to you to give them their food in due season.
You give it, they gather it up, you open wide your hand, they are well filled.

4. You take away their breath, they die, returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, and they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.

PRAYER

SECOND READING | Genesis 22: 1-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Ps. 16: You are My Inheritance

Marty Haugen



Verses

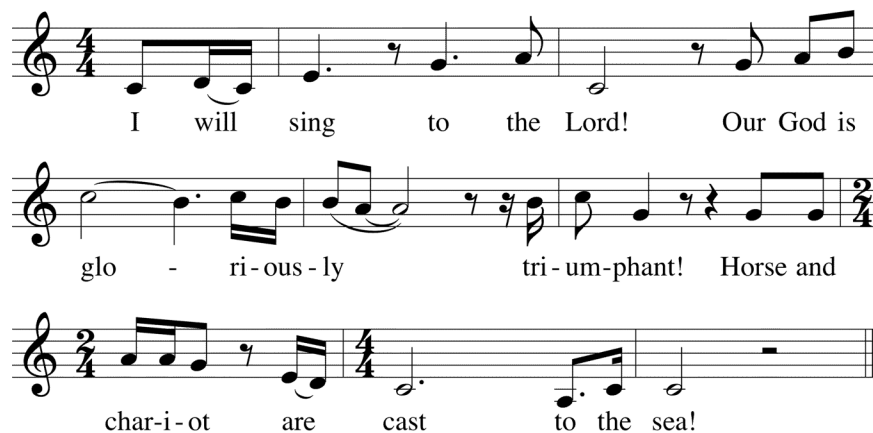
1. Faithful God, I look to you, you alone my life and fortune,
never shall I look to other gods, you shall be my one hope.
2. From of old you are my heritage, you my wisdom and my safety,
through the night you speak within my heart, silently you teach me.
3. So my heart shall sing for joy, in your arms I rest securely,
you will not abandon me to death, you shall not desert me.

PRAYER

THIRD READING | Exodus 14: 15-15: 1

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Exodus 15: Song of Miriam

John Flaherty



1. My strength, my courage, my hope, you have been my savior.
My Lord, Abba, I praise your name forevermore.

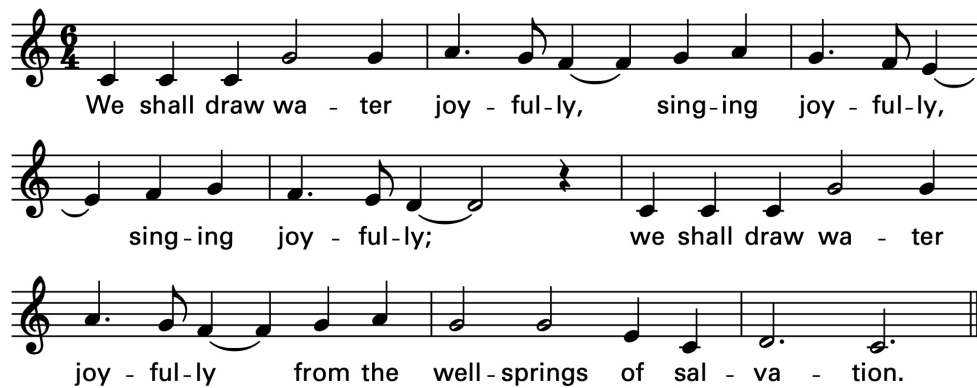
2. You redeem your people and you plant them on your mountain.
Jerusalem, holy dwelling, Lord, you reign forevermore.
3. Your hands part the waters, your breath the seas obey.
Lord, God of wonder, I praise your name forevermore.

PRAYER

FOURTH READING | Isaiah 55: 1-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Isaiah 12: We Shall Draw Water

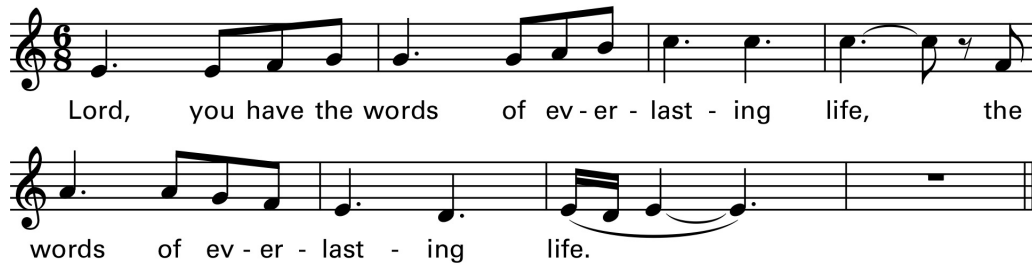
Paul Inwood



1. Truly God is our salvation;
we trust, we shall not fear.
For the Lord is our strength,
the Lord is our song;
he became our Savior.
2. Give thanks, O give thanks to the Lord;
give praise to his holy name!
Make his mighty deeds known to
all of the nations; proclaim his greatness.
3. Sing a psalm, sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds.
Make known his works to all of the earth;
people of Zion, sing for joy,
for great in your midst, great in your midst
is the Holy One of Israel.

PRAYER

FIFTH READING | Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4



1. The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul.
The decree of the LORD is trustworthy,
giving wisdom to the simple.
2. The precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart.
The command of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eye.

3. The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever.
The ordinances of the LORD are true,
all of them just.
4. They are more precious than gold,
than a heap of purest gold;
sweeter also than syrup
or honey from the comb.

PRAYER

SIXTH READING | Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 42: My Soul is Thirsting

Bob Hurd



Verses*

1. Athirst my soul for you, the God who is my life!
When shall I see, when shall I see, see the face of God?
2. Continually the foe delights in taunting me:
"Where is God, where is your God?" Where, O where are you?
3. Defend me, God; send forth your light and your truth.
They will lead me to your holy mountain, to your dwelling place.
4. Then I shall go unto the altar of my God.
Praising you, O my joy and gladness, I shall praise your name.

PRAYER

After the last reading from the Hebrew Scriptures with its Responsorial Psalm and its prayer, the altar candles are lit, the bells are rung, and the Gloria in excelsis Deo is sung as the time of vigil ends and the First Mass of Easter begins.

Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est,
 glo - ry, glo-ry to God, and on earth peace to peo - ple,
 peo - ple of good will. *To verses* *Last time* and on earth
 peace to peo - ple, peo - ple of good will.

Verse 1

1. We praise you,
 we bless you,
 we adore you,
 we glorify you,
 we give you thanks for your great glory,
 Lord God, heavenly King,
 O God, almighty Father.

Verse 2

Cantor:
 2. 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
Assembly: sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; *Cantor:* you
Assembly: take a-way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer; *Cantor:* you are



Verse 3

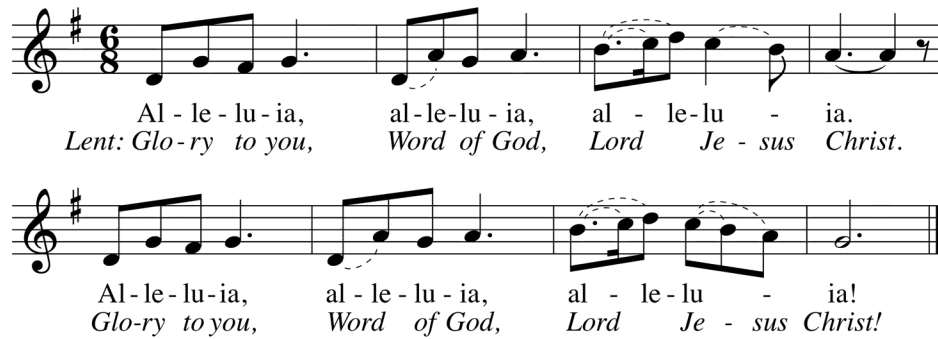
3. For you alone are the Holy One,
 you alone are the Lord,
 you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father.
 Amen.

COLLECT

EPISTLE | Romans 6:3-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Jubilation Mass

James Chepponis



GOSPEL | Matthew 28: 1-10

HOMILY

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION AND RITE OF RECEPTION INTO FULL COMMUNION

BAPTISMAL LITURGY

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM

The candidates for baptism are called forward and their godparents present them:

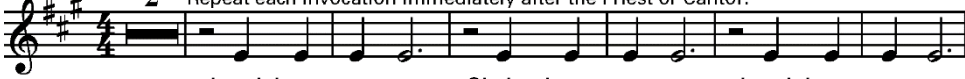
Brynna Autumn Finley
Ruby Liza Rollins
Helen Sherrah-Davies

INVITATION TO PRAYER

LITANY OF THE SAINTS

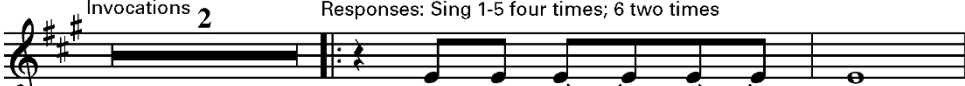
John Becker

2 Repeat each invocation immediately after the Priest or Cantor:




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


Invocations 2 Responses: Sing 1-5 four times; 6 two times



(Saint Invocation) 1-4. pray for us.
("Lord, be merciful,") 5. Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.
("Be merciful to us sinners.") 6. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.




1-4. pray for us.
5. Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray.
6. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.



to Responses
1-5. All you ho - ly men and wom - en, pray for us.
6. Christ, hear us. Christ, gra - cious - ly hear us.

BLESSING OF BAPTISMAL WATER



Springs of wa - ter, bless the Lord; praise and exalt him above all for ev - er.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN & PROFESSION OF FAITH

You have put on Christ, A - le - lu - ia!

In Christ you have been bap - tized. Al - le - lu - ia!

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

PRESENTATION OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

SPRINKLING WITH BAPTISMAL WATER | You Will Draw Water Joyfully

Tony Alonso

Refrain in English

Cantor *All / Todos*

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

Estribillo en Español

Cantor *Todos / All*

Sa - ca - rán a - guas con a - le - grí - a Sa - ca -
rán a - guas con a le grí - a de las fuen - tes de sal - va -
ción. de las fuen - tes de sal - va - ción.

1. God indeed is my Savior, I am confident and fearless. My courage is the Lord, for God has been my Savior!
2. Proclaim God's name to the nations, tell the world of God's works.
Praise the Lord, all you people, how glorious is God's name!
3. Sing the wonders God works, make them known in every land.
O people of Zion, shout: The Holy one is among you.

CELEBRATION OF RECEPTION

CALLING OF THE CANDIDATES FOR RECEPTION

Leander Maria Krawinkel
John Eric Mosley
Christopher Leslie Selph
Kathryn Anne Vasinda
Katherine Veideman
Phenix Zuck

INVITATION

PROFESSION BY THE CANDIDATES

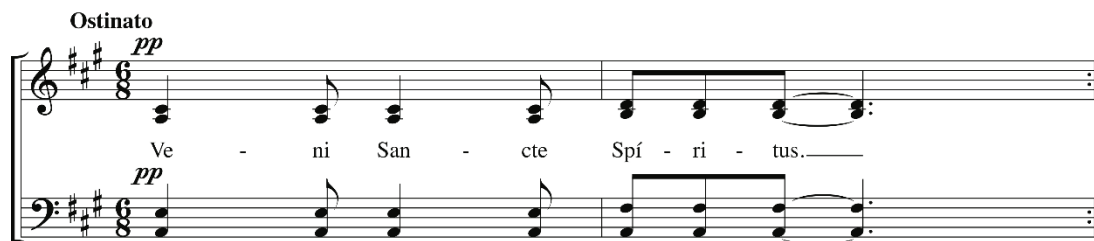
ACT OF RECEPTION

CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION

CALLING OF THE CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION

Hunter Nathaniel Thomas Campbell
Julie Theresa Nicholas DesAutels
Brynna Autumn Finley
Glenn C. Thomas Gallo
Leander Maria Pope St. John XXIII Krawinkel
Josefina Marina Mendez
Viviann Elizabeth Merant
John Eric Mosley
Ruby Liza Madeleine Rollins
Christopher Leslie Patrick Selph
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INVITATION



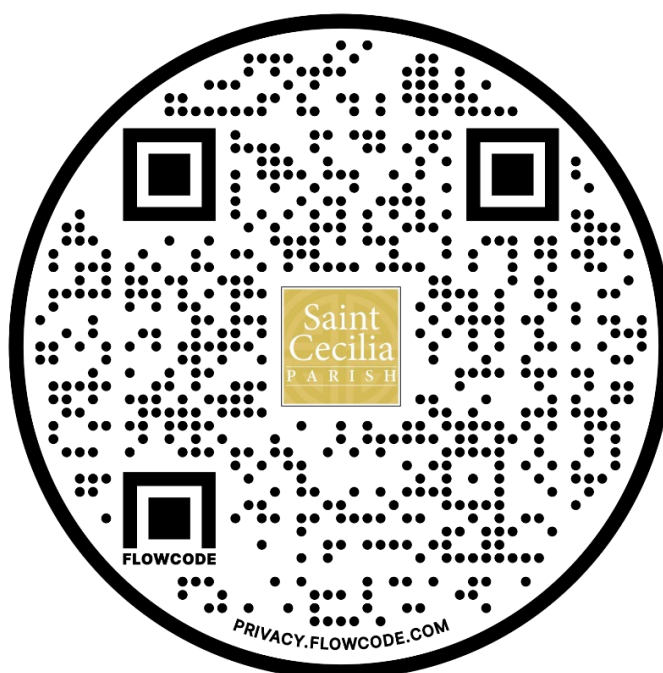
ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

THE UNIVERSAL PRAYER

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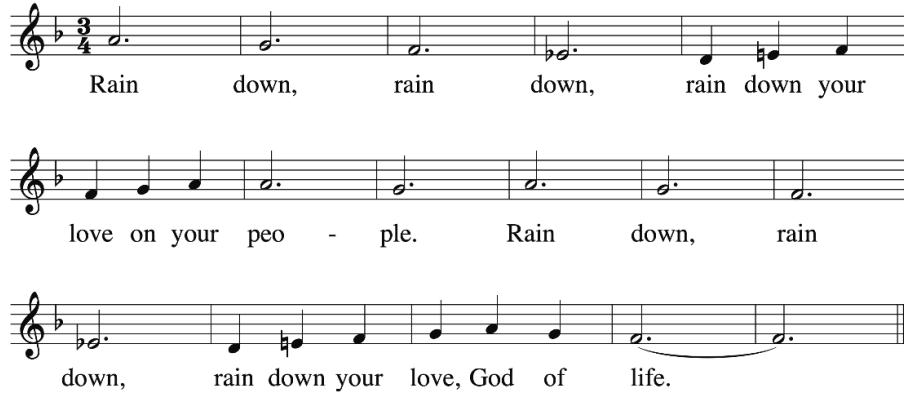


LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS | Rain Down

Jaime Cortez

Refrain



Rain down, rain down, rain down your
love on your peo - ple. Rain down, rain
down, rain down your love, God of life.

Verses



1. Faith - ful and true is the word of our God.
2. We who re - vere and find hope in our God
3. God of cre - a - tion, we long for your truth;
All of God's works are so wor - thy of trust.
live in the kind - ness and joy of God's wing.
you are the wa - ter of life that we thirst.
God's mer - cy falls on the just and the right;
God will pro - tect us from dark - ness and death;
Grant that your love and your peace touch our hearts,
full of God's love is the earth.
God will not leave us to starve.
all of our hope lies in you.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

✠ The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

✠ Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

✠ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

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

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION | Mass of Christ the Savior

Dan Schutte

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur -
 rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

GREAT AMEN | Mass of Christ the Savior

Dan Schutte

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
 thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.
 Amen.



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

It is a long-held Catholic belief that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an "Act of Spiritual Communion." When we are unable to be physically present at the celebration of the Eucharist, the church invites Catholics to say this prayer as a source of grace. We can be assured that when we express our desire to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, God will be with us spiritually in a special way. Here is an Act of Spiritual Communion that we encourage you to pray as you participate in our live-streamed liturgies:

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Loving Jesus,
I believe that you
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist.
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.



1. All who hun-ger, gath - er glad - ly; Ho - ly man - na
 2. All who hun-ger, nev - er stran-gers; Seek-er, be a
 3. All who hun-ger, sing to-geth - er; Je - sus Christ is



is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan-d'ring.
 wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.
 liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.



Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for
 Here, in joy, we keep the feast. We that once were
 Here, in peace, we have been led. Blest are those who



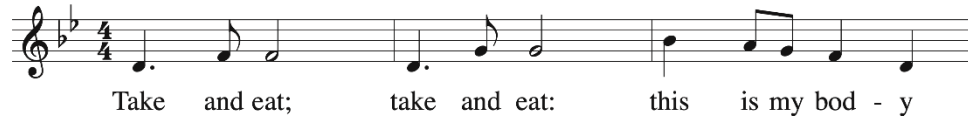
days of full - ness, All a - round us is our food.
 lost and scat - tered In com - mun-ion's love have stood.
 from this ta - ble Live their days in grat - i - tude.

Refrain



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

Refrain



Verses



1. I am the Word that spoke and light was made;
2. I am the way that leads the ex - ile home;
3. I am the Lamb that takes a - way your sin;
4. I am the cor - ner - stone that God has laid;
5. I am the light that came in - to the world;
6. I am the first and last, the Liv - ing One;



- I am the seed that died to be re - born;
- I am the truth that sets the cap - tive free;
- I am the gate that guards you night and day;
- A cho - sen stone and pre - cious in his eyes;
- I am the light that dark - ness can - not hide;
- I am the Lord who died that you might live;



- I am the bread that comes from heav'n a - bove;
- I am the life that rais - es up the dead;
- You are my flock: you know the shep-herd's voice;
- You are God's dwell - ing place, on me you rest;
- I am the morn - ing star that nev - er sets;
- I am the bride-groom, this my wed - ding song;

DISMISSAL



1. Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, Sing the res - ur -
 2. O what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing All that eye has
 3. Life e - ter - nal! heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives who
 1. *Can - ten con glo - rio - sos fie - les Him - nos de re -*
 2. *¡Oh! qué glo - ria tan ex - cel - sa, Im - po - si - ble*
 3. *Vi - da e - ter - na, ex - cla - ma el cie - lo; Vi - ve Cris - to*



rec - tion song! Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry,
 yet per - ceived! Ho - liest hearts, for a - ges plead - ing,
 once was dead. Shout with joy, O death - less voic - es!
su - rrec - ción. Muer - te y due - lo, tris - te his - to - ria,
con - ce - bir. Los más pu - ros co - ra - zo - nes
que mu - rió. ¡Gri - ten, vo - ces in - mor - ta - les!



To the for - mer days be - long. All a - round the
 Nev - er that full joy con - ceived. God has prom - ised,
 Child of God, lift up your head! Pa - tri - archs from
Pe - nas del pa - sa - do son. Nu - bes ne - gras
No es - pe - ra - ron re - ci - bir. Dios pro - me - te,
Al - cen ros - tros ha - cia Dios. Los pa - triar - cas



clouds are break - ing, Soon the storms of time shall cease; In God's
 Christ pre - pares it, There on high our wel - come waits. Ev - 'ry
 dis - tant a - ges, Saints all long - ing for their heav'n, Proph - ets,
se di - si - pan, La tor - men - ta ce - sa ya. Des - per -
Cris - to o - fre - ce El ban - que - te ce - les - tial. Pa - ra
del pa - sa - do, Los que es - pe - ran ce - le - brar, To - dos



like - ness we a - wak - en, Know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.
 hum - ble spir - it shares it; Christ has passed the e - ter - nal gates.
 psalm - ists, seers, and sag - es, All a - wait the glo - ry giv'n.
tan - do en su i - ma - gen, Dios la e - ter - na paz nos da.
to - dos los hu - mil - des, Vi - da en Cris - to es e - ter - nal.
sa - bios y pro - fe - tas Glo - ria an - he - lan sin ce - sar.

4. Life eternal! O what wonders
 Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
 When, amid earth's closing thunders,
 Saints shall stand before the throne!
 Oh, to enter that bright portal,
 See that glowing firmament,
 Know, with you, O God immortal,
 Jesus Christ whom you have sent!

4. *¡Vida eterna! ¡Gozo eterno!*
Fieles cantan a una voz.
Cesan truenos y nos vemos
Frente al trono tuyo, Dios.
Y al pasar por tus portales,
Brilla el cielo con fulgor.
Celebramos tu venida
En tu Hijo, el Salvador.

Daniel Lamoureux, *organ*



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We are grateful to everyone who helped to make our Triduum celebration so meaningful and prayerful. Thank you to all who have given of their time and talent to plan the liturgies and create such a beautiful worship space.

Special thanks to our Triduum Choir and instrumentalists under the leadership of Robert Duff, Director of Music. Their openness, devotion and countless hours of preparation have helped us to celebrate and pray the music with reverence and joy.

Rev. John J. Unni, presider
Robert Duff, director of music
Daniel Lamoureux, organ
Elijah Baradi, piano
Ashley Addington, flute
Margaret Herlehy, oboe
Kelly Knox, cello
Sarah Heimberg, trumpet
Emma Robertson, soprano
Kayleigh Bennett, mezzo-soprano
Tyler Cesario, tenor
Harrison Stenson, baritone

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