

Saint Cecilia

P A R I S H



The Great Vigil of Easter

March 30, 2024

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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.

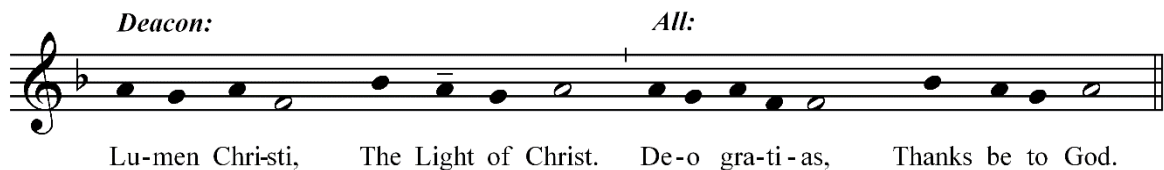
THE BLESSING OF THE FIRE, AND PREPARATION OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

If you are worshipping with us virtually, as the paschal candle is placed in its stand, 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*

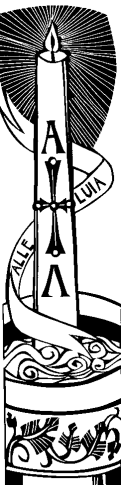
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As the paschal candle is carried into the church, we share with one another the light of Christ.

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

Jeanne Cotter

Refrain

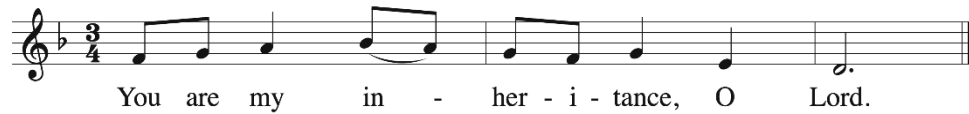


Verses

1. I praise you, Lord God, with all my heart.
You are glorious and majestic.
Our Lord, by your wisdom you made so many things;
the whole earth is covered with your living creatures.
2. You created all of them by your Spirit,
and you give new life to the earth.
Our Lord, we pray that your glory will last forever
and that you will be pleased with what you have done.

PRAYER

SECOND READING | Genesis 22: 1-18



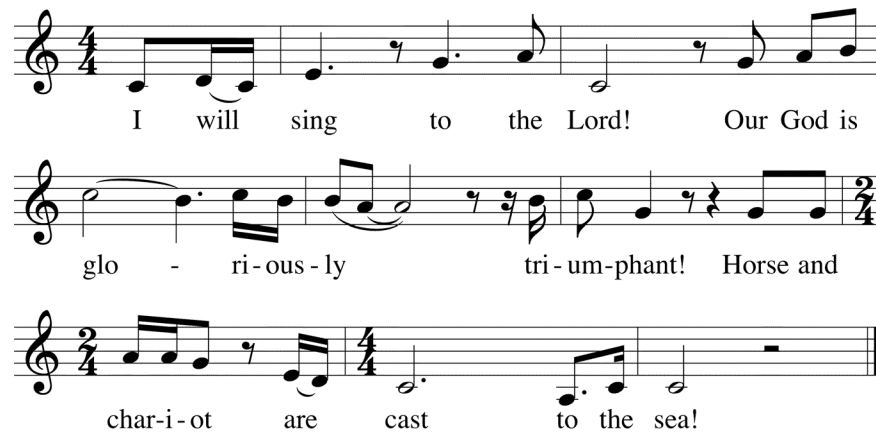
1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; you yourself who secure my lot.
I keep the Lord before me always; with him at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
2. And so, my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my flesh shall rest in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to hell, nor let your holy one see corruption.
3. You will show me the path of life, the fulness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand, bliss forever.

PRAYER

THIRD READING | Exodus 14: 15-15: 1

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Exodus 15: Song of Miriam

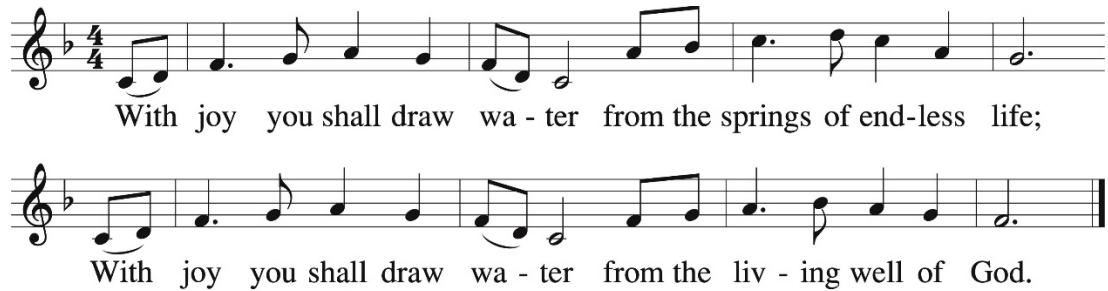
John Flaherty



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



Verses

1. God indeed is my Savior, I will never be afraid,
my strength and courage is the Lord, my Savior and my song.
2. Give thanks and praise the name of God, sing out to all the earth
the wondrous deeds that God has done, our Savior and our song.
3. Shout with joy, O Zion, for dwelling in your midst
is the Holy One of Israel, your Savior and your song.

PRAYER

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 19: Lord, You Have the Words of Everlasting Life

Rawn Harbor



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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. |
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PRAYER

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

Refrain



My soul is thirst-ing for you, my God. When shall I
see him face to face?

Verses



1. Like the deer that yearns for wa-ter,
2. Why am I so trou-bled?
3. May the Lord show con-stant love by day,



1. my soul is yearn-ing for you, my God.
2. I will put my hope in you, my God.
3. so that I may sing his praise by night.



1. My soul is thirst-ing for the God of my life.
2. Once a-gain I will praise him.
3. For the Lord is my de-fend-er.

to Refrain



1. When shall I see you face to face?
2. He is my sav-ior and my God.
3. He is the God of my life.

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

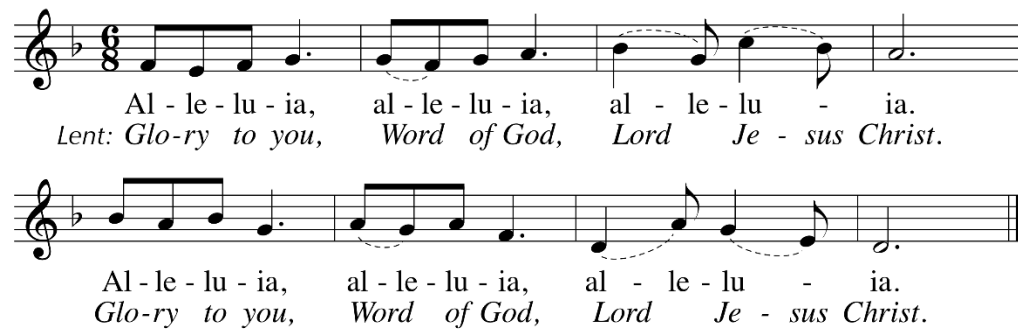
3. For you alone are the Holy One,
 you alone are the Lord,
 you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father.
 Amen.

COLLECT

EPISTLE | Romans 6:3-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Mass of Christ, Light of the Nations

Tony Alonso



GOSPEL | Mark 16: 1-7

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:

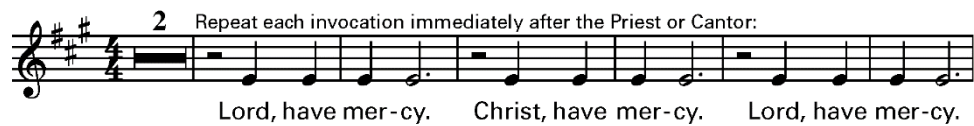
Eliana Coy
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Anthony Motoy Kuno-Lewis
Andrew Kuhn Moore
Keith Michael Sheridan
Matthew Douglas Steinschneider
Nima Valibeig

INVITATION TO PRAYER

LITANY OF THE SAINTS


John Becker

2 Repeat each invocation immediately after the Priest or Cantor:



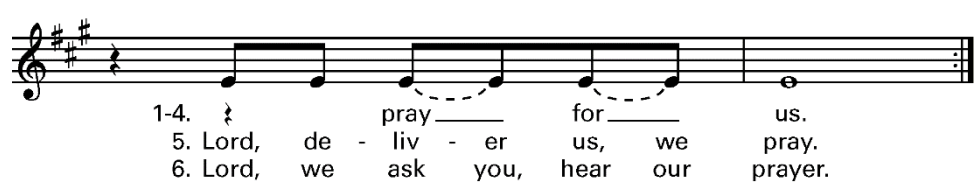
Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.

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




(Saint Invocation)
("Lord, be merciful,")
("Be merciful to us sinners.")

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



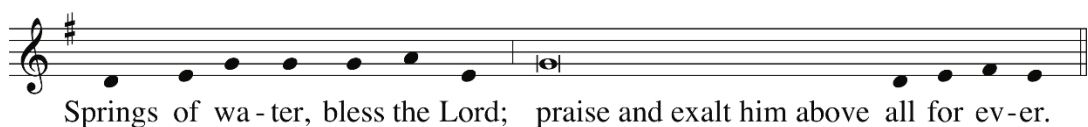
1-4. pray for us.
5. Lord, de-liv-er us, we pray.
6. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

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

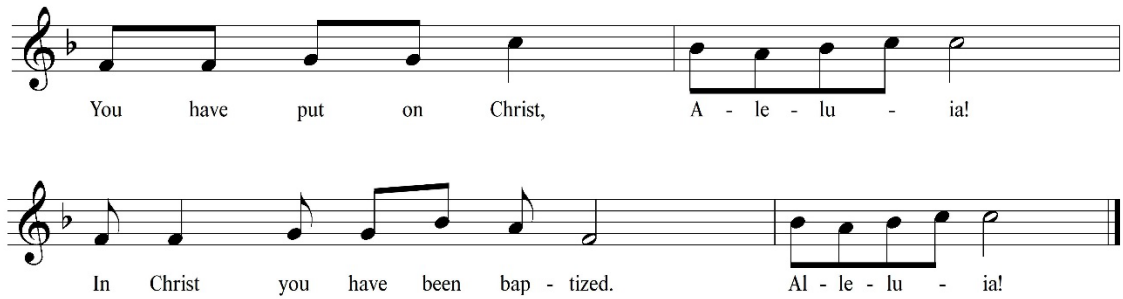


Springs of wa-ter, bless the Lord; praise and exalt him above all for ev-er.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN & PROFESSION OF FAITH

BAPTISM | You Have Put on Christ

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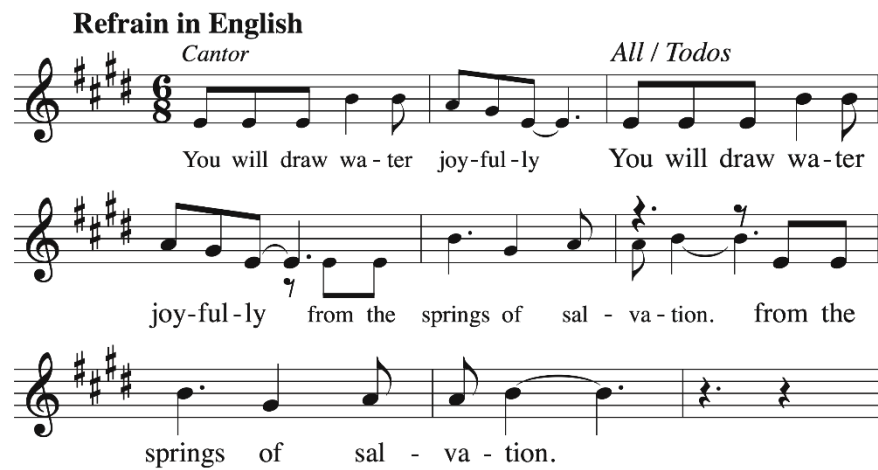


THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

PRESENTATION OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

SPRINKLING WITH BAPTISMAL WATER | You Will Draw Water Joyfully

Tony Alonso



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

Jordan Marie Cady
Maria Finch Chandler
Stuart Evan Fross
Joshua Brian Neuberger
Rebekah Grace Neuberger
Aleksandra Picariello

INVITATION

PROFESSION BY THE CANDIDATES

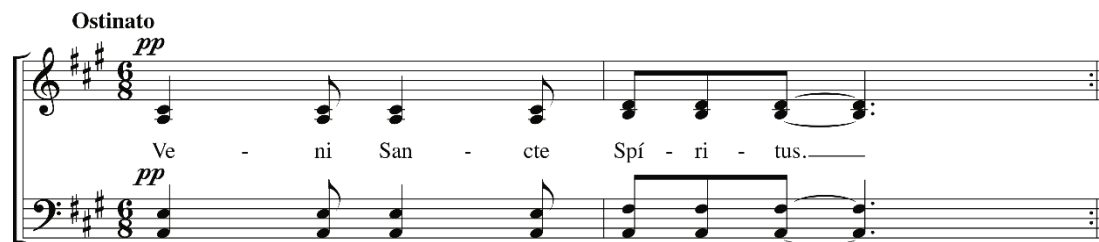
ACT OF RECEPTION

CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION

CALLING OF THE CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION

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Maria Finch Joan of Arc Chandler
Eliana Cecilia Coy
Junyi Teresa of Ávila Fang
Stuart Evan Aidan of Lindisfarne Fross
Anthony Motoy Óscar Romero Kuno-Lewis
Andrew Nguyen Nicholas of Myra Le
Leon Victor Eligius LeBlond
Andrew Kuhn Ignatius of Loyola Moore
Joshua Brian John of the Cross Neuberger
Rebekah Grace Teresa of Ávila Neuberger
Aleksandra Francis of Assisi Picariello
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INVITATION



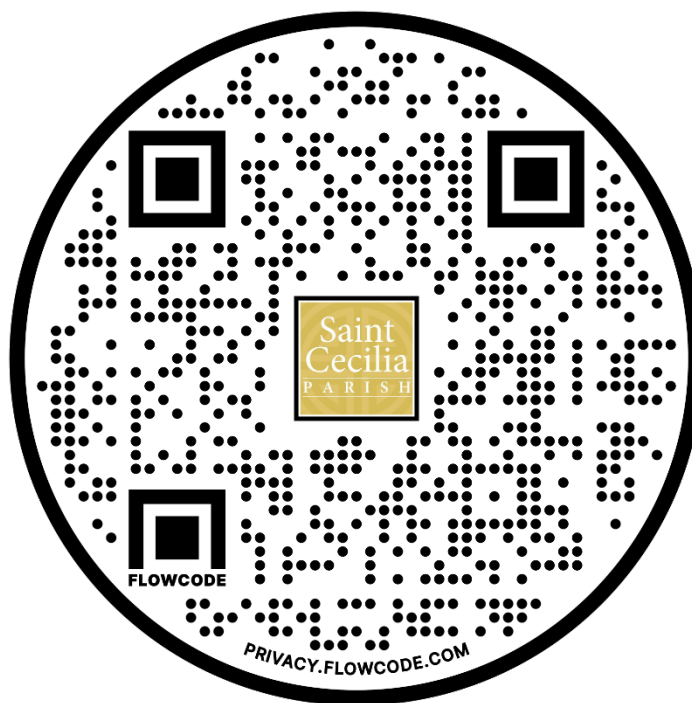
ANOINTING WITH CHRISM

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 pow - er and
might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -
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We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro -
fess your Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.



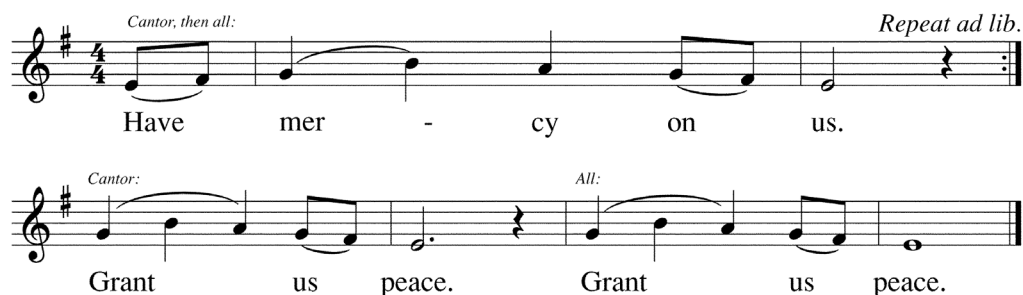
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

LAMB OF GOD | Mass of the Angels and Saints

Steven R. Janco



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.

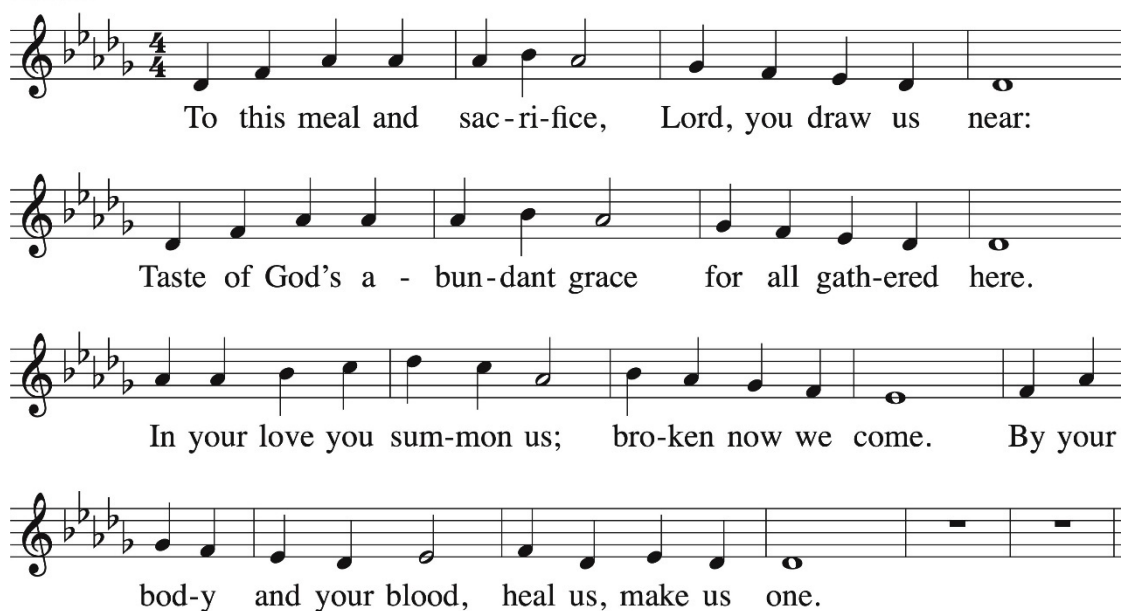
Refrain

* Pan de Vi - da, cuer-po del Se - ñor,
cup of bless - ing, blood of Christ the Lord.
At this ta - ble the last shall be first, ** po -
der es ser - vir, por-que Dios es a - mor.

Verses

1. We are the dwell-ing of God,
*** 2. Us - te - des me lla - man "Se - ñor," me in -
3. There is no Jew or Greek,
fra - gile and wound-ed and weak. We are the
cli - no_a la - var - les los pies: Ha - gan lo
there is no slave or free: there is no
bod - y of Christ, called to be the com -
mis - mo, hu - mil - des, sir - vién - do - se
wom-an or man; on - ly heirs of the
D.C.
pas - sion of God.
u - nos a o - tros.
prom - ise of God.

Refrain



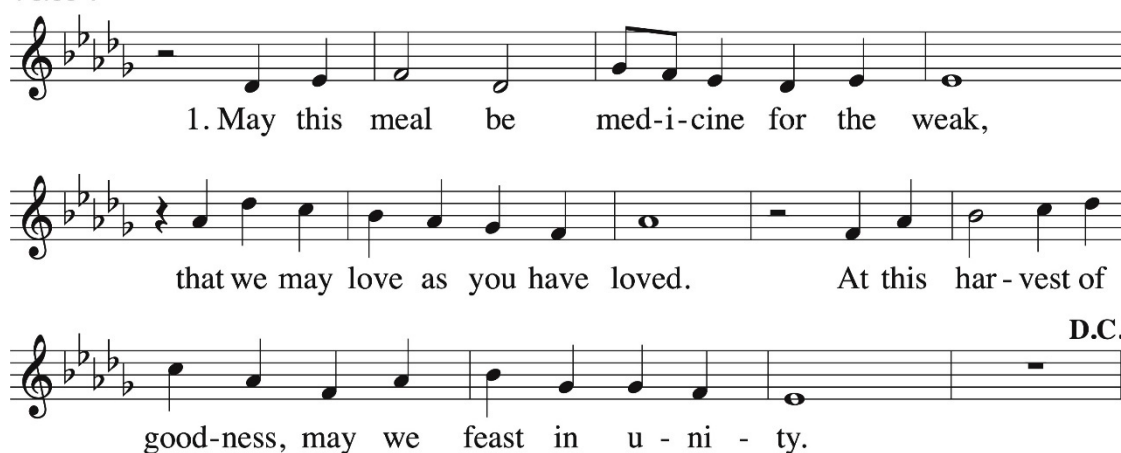
To this meal and sac-ri-fice, Lord, you draw us near:

Taste of God's a - bun-dant grace for all gath-ered here.

In your love you sum-mon us; bro-ken now we come. By your

bod-y and your blood, heal us, make us one.

Verse 1

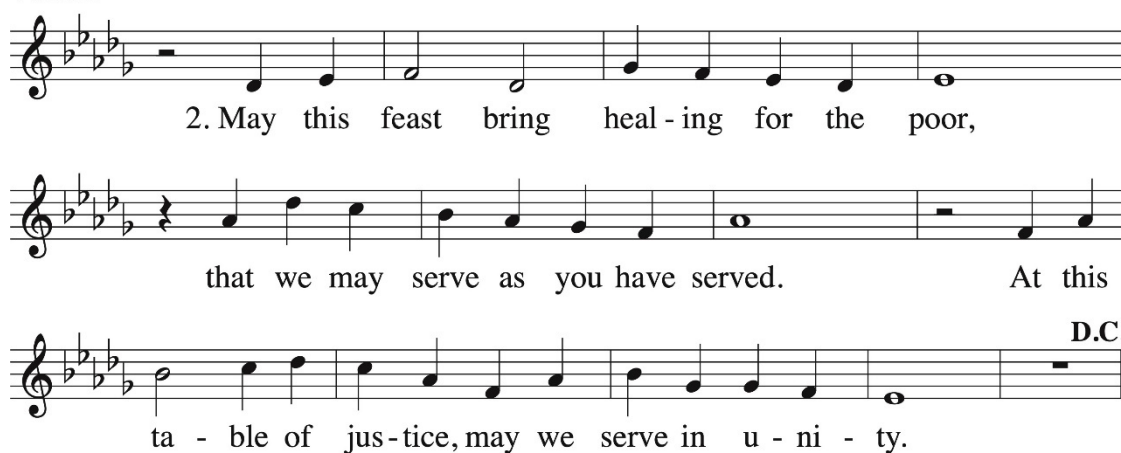


1. May this meal be med-i-cine for the weak,

that we may love as you have loved. At this har - vest of

good-ness, may we feast in u - ni - ty. D.C.

Verse 2



2. May this feast bring heal - ing for the poor,

that we may serve as you have served. At this

ta - ble of jus-tice, may we serve in u - ni - ty. D.C.

Verses 3–6



3. May our hearts be o - pen to your pres - ence,
 4. May this food be wel - come for the "oth - er,"
 5. May our hands bring com - fort to the sick,
 6. May this bread trans - form our hearts for peace,



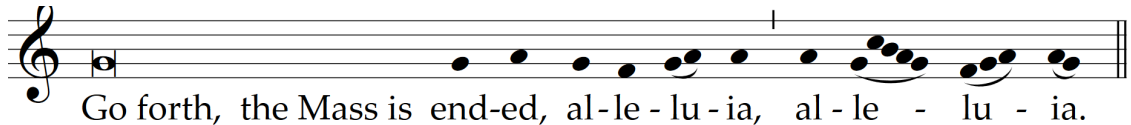
that we may share as you have shared. At this
 em - brac - ing all hu - man - i - ty. At this
 em - pow'r - ing all who gath - er here. At this
 re - viv - ing hope for all our days. At this



gath - 'ring of na - tions, may we live in u - ni - ty.
 ban - quet of glad - ness, may we work for u - ni - ty.
 al - tar of heal - ing, may we sing for u - ni - ty.
 tem - ple of mer - cy, may we pray for u - ni - ty.

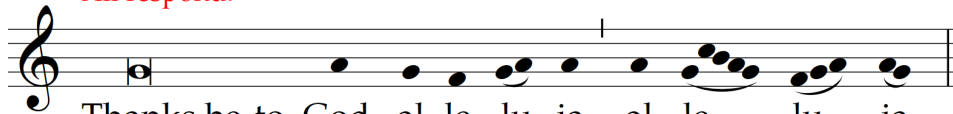
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

EASTER SOLEMN DISMISSAL



Go forth, the Mass is end-ed, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

All respond:



Thanks be to God, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



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 j - 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.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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.

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