ASCENSION and SAINT AGNES

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

Saint Michael defeats the Dragon, from a 12th-century manuscript.

FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS (MICHAELMAS)

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

Sundays at Ascension & St. Agnes

Sunday School

10:15am in the St. Vincent Atrium

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, for children ages 3–12, meets at 10:15am in the lower level of the church, the first door on the right, St. Vincent Atrium. For more information, contact Victoria Ebell (victoriaebell@comcast.net).

Bible Study

9:30am in the Social Hall

Fellowship and a cup of coffee around the gospel for the day. Whenever you can, whenever you want, as you are.

Lunch Ministry

12:30pm–2:00pm

Our parishioners and friends prepare bagged lunches and distribute them outside of the church and at McPherson Square Park. Without your help, this wouldn't be possible. Please consider donating sandwiches, or a sweet or savory snack (such as chips, cookies, granola bars or fresh fruit) to complement the sandwich. Volunteers are always needed for preparation and distribution. For more information, contact Chuck Bass (tenormaxx@aol.com) or Chuck Partridge (cmpartridg@yahoo.com)

Welcome

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors. Whether you are simply passing through or looking for a spiritual home, we are blessed to have you join us in worship.

We are a community that expresses its love for our Lord Jesus Christ in ancient, yet timeless worship forms. We are a community that seeks to understand what it prays. We are a community that asks the Holy Spirit to teach us to love one another and the world beyond our church walls. By God's graciousness, we are growing.

Connect with us by completing a Welcome Card. Our rector, Father Dominique, or a member of our leadership team (Vestry), would love to be in touch.

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¶ Text in bold to be spoken aloud by congregants.

> ***Prayerful silence is golden.*** *Please help maintain the prayerful atmosphere of the church with a reverent silence in preparation for our celebration; if you wish to have a moment of fellowship, you are welcome to gather in the social hall/undercroft.*

Prelude *Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir- Johann Pachelbel (*

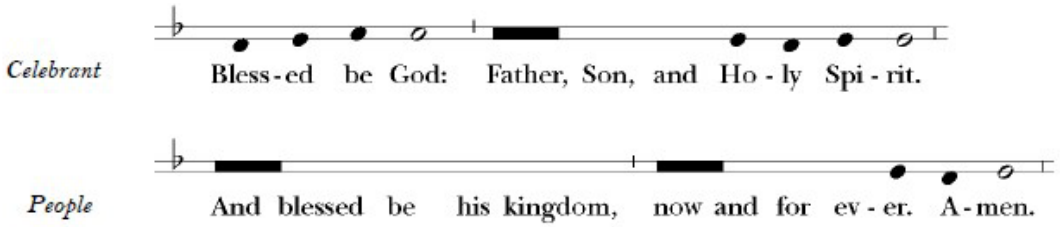
Introit *Benedicite Dominum*

O Praise the Lord, all ye his Angels, ye mighty in power, that excecute his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his words. Vs. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me praise his holy name. Glory be...

¶ Please stand at the sound of the bell. All hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982 at your pew.

Hymn *Christ the fair glory of the holy angels* Hymnal 1982 #282

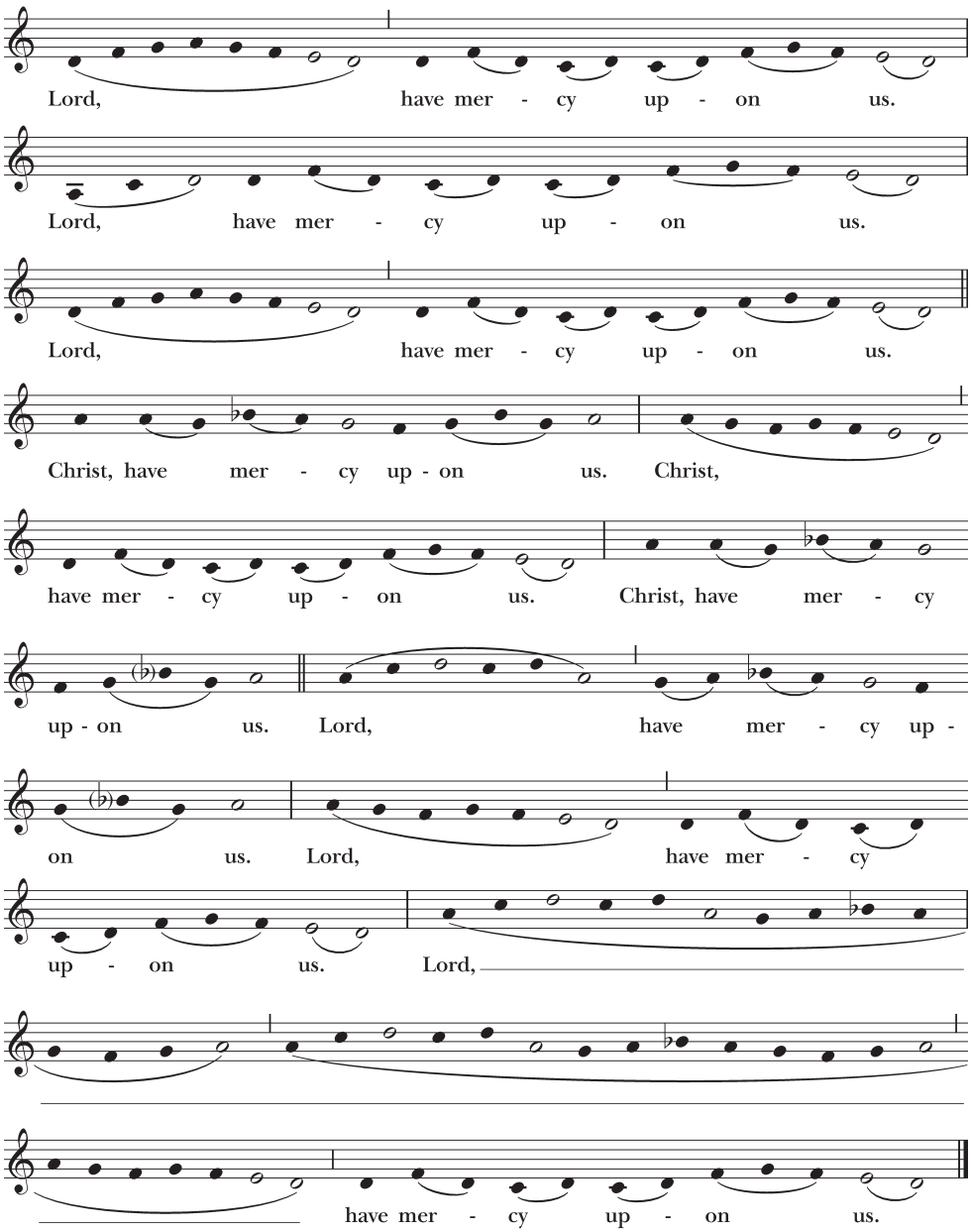
Opening Acclamation



Collect for Purity

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

KYRIE *Sung alternatingly between cantor and congregation*



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Gloria

Glória in excélsis Deo
et in terra pax homínibus bonæ voluntátis.
Laudámus te, benedícimus te,
(bow) adorámus te , (upright) glorificámus te,
grátias ágimus tibi propter magnam glóriam tuam,
Dómine Deus, Rex cæléstis,
Deus Pater omnípotens.

Glory be to God on high;
and in earth peace, goodwill towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
(bow) we worship thee, (upright) we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.

Dómine Fili Unigénite, (bow) Iesu Christe,
(upright) Dómine Deus, Agnus Dei, Fílius Patris,
qui tollis peccáta mundi,
miserére nobis;
qui tollis peccáta mundi,
(bow) súscipe deprecatiónem nostram.
(upright) Qui sedes ad déxteram Patris,
miserére nobis.

O Lord the only begotten Son, (bow) Jesus Christ:
(upright) O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
(bow) receive our prayer.
(upright) Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

Quóniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dóminus,
tu solus Altíssimus,
(bow) Iesu Christe,
(upright) cum Sancto Spíritu:
in glória Dei Patris. Amen.

For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord:
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art the Most High in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you **And with thy spirit** Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

There are often four Scripture passages at every Mass.

Old Testament Reading — Genesis 28:10-17

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm — *Benedic, anima mea Psalm 103*

At 10:30, the **Choir** will chant this translation from the Coverdale Psalter (1540).

1 [Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.
3 He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;
4 He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
5 He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
6 The Lord executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
7 He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.
8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.
13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.
14 For he himself knows whereof we are made; *
he remembers that we are but dust.
15 Our days are like the grass; *
we flourish like a flower of the field;
16 When the wind goes over it, it is gone, *
and its place shall know it no more.
17 But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever on those who fear him, *
and his righteousness on children's children;
18 On those who keep his covenant *
and remember his commandments and do them.]
19 The Lord has set his throne in heaven, *
and his kingship has dominion over all.
20 Bless the Lord, you angels of his,
you mighty ones who do his bidding, *
and hearken to the voice of his word.
21 Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, *
you ministers of his who do his will.
22 Bless the Lord, all you works of his,
in all places of his dominion; *
bless the Lord, O my soul.

Epistle — Revelation 12:7-12

War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,
"Now have come the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Messiah,

for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down,
who accuses them day and night before our God.

But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony,
for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

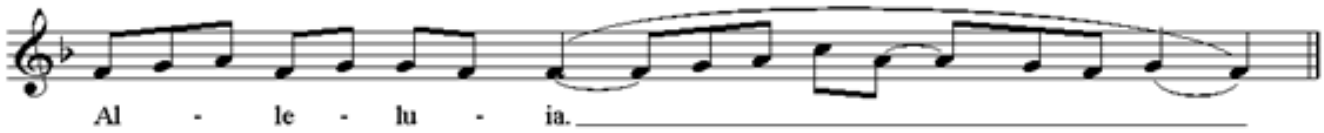
Rejoice then, you heavens
and those who dwell in them!
But woe to the earth and the sea,
for the devil has come down to you
with great wrath,
because he knows that his time is short!"

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

¶ Please stand. All repeat the Alleluia after the cantor, and after the verse.

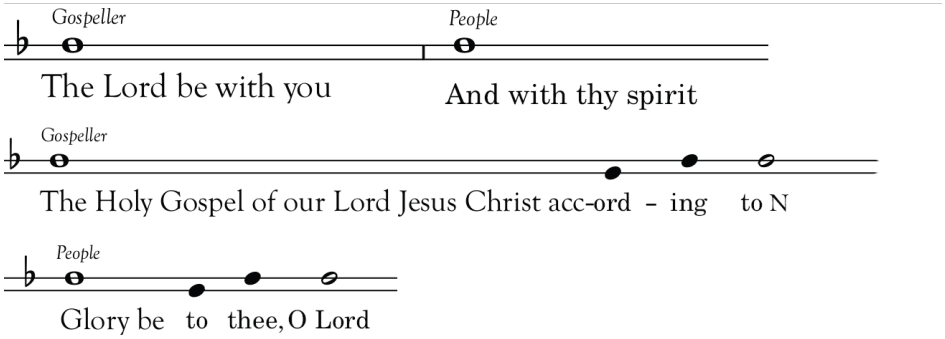
Alleluia *Sancte Michael*



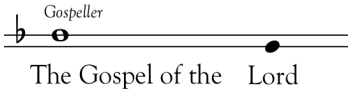
Holy Archangel Michael, defend us in the battle that we perish not in the dreadful judgement.

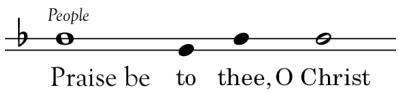
Gospel John 1:47-51

The Holy Gospel is the pinnacle of the Liturgy of the Word; hence, standing. Many have adopted the custom of making the sign of the cross on the forehead, lips, and heart during the announcement, whereby we ask for the Word of Our Lord to be in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts.



Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."





¶ Please be seated.

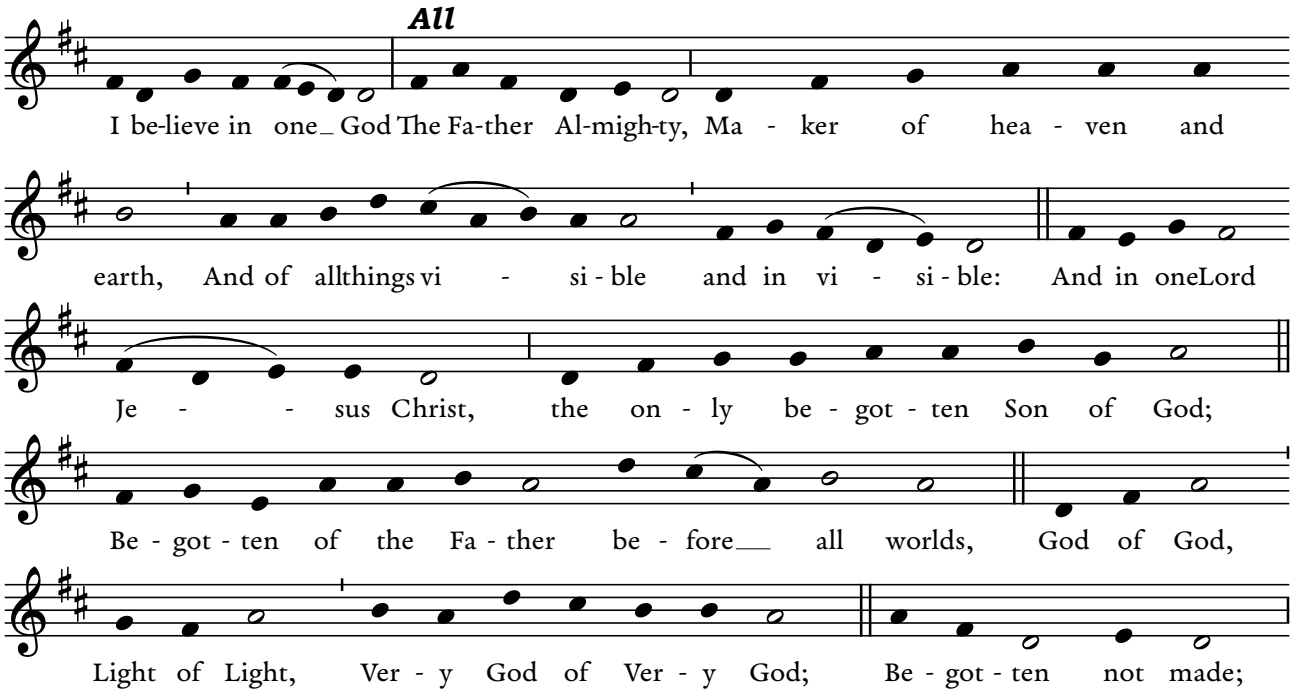
Sermon

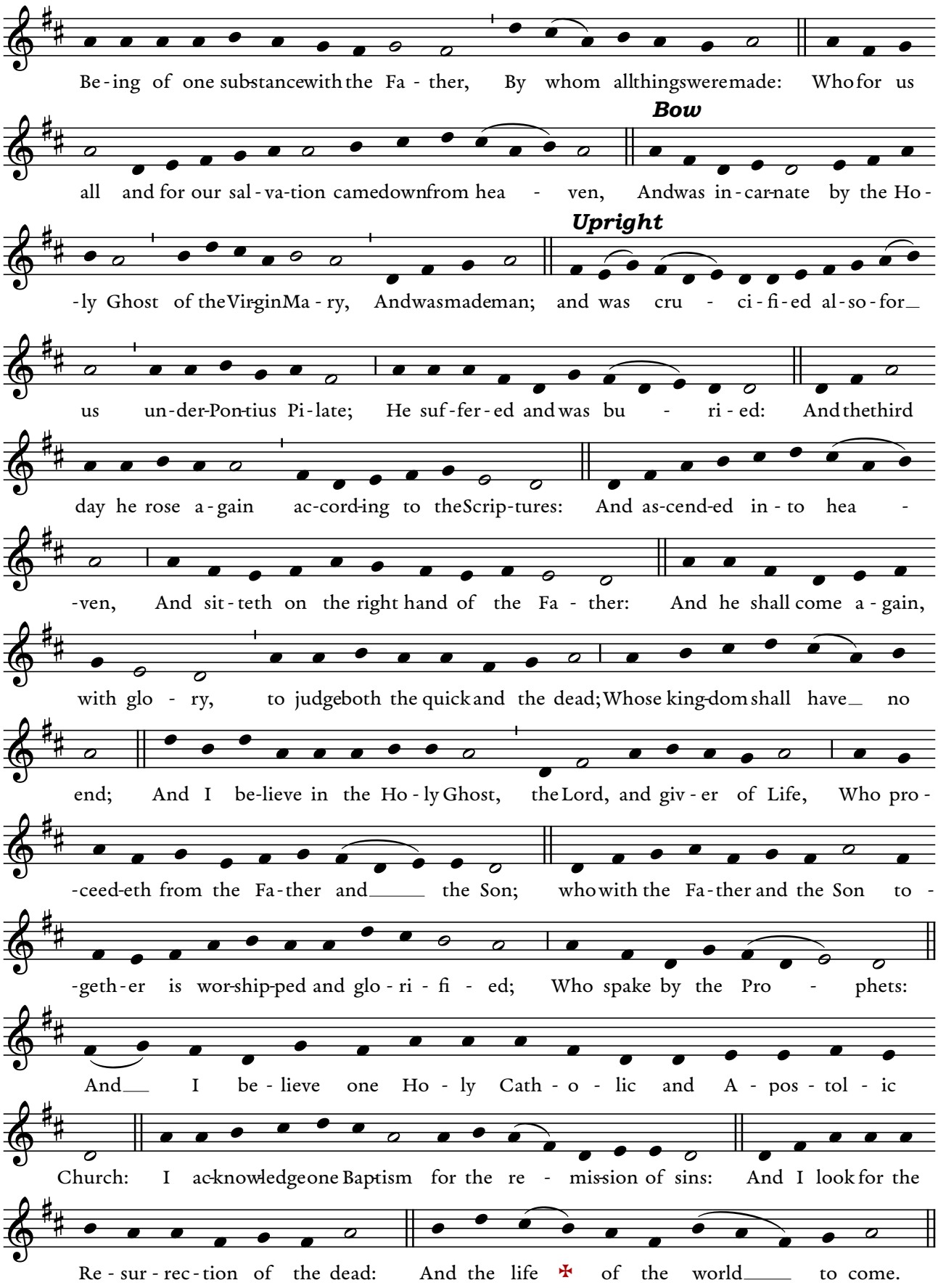
Fr. Dominique Peridans

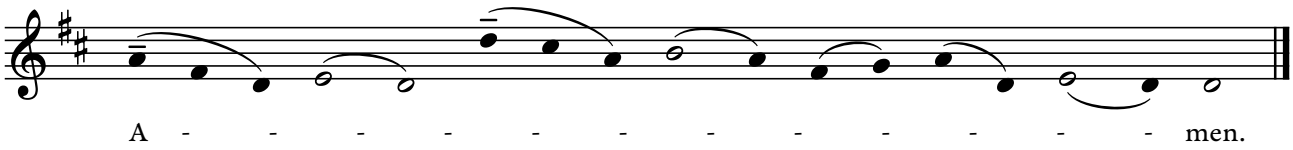
¶ Please stand.

Nicene Creed

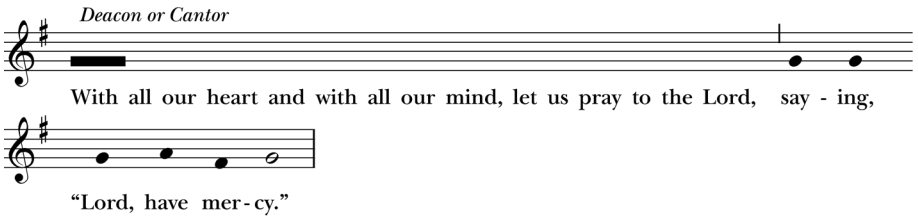
Formulated over two ecumenical councils in 325 and 381 A.D., the Nicene Creed is the summary of Christian belief, sometimes called the Symbol of the Faith. The Creed's focus is our Lord as both fully God (divine) and fully man (human).



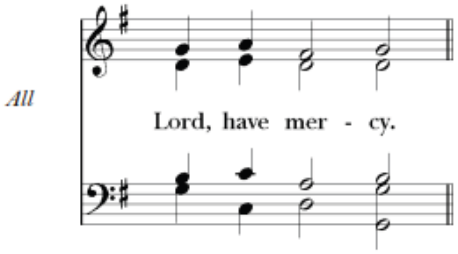

Be - ing of one sub-stance with the Fa - ther, By whom all things were made: Who for us
Bow
all and for our sal - va-tion came down from hea - ven, And was in - car-nate by the Ho -
Upright
-ly Ghost of the Virgin Ma - ry, And was made man; and was cru - ci - fi - ed al - so - for
us un - der-Pon-tius Pi - late; He suf - fer - ed and was bu - ri - ed: And the third
day he rose a - gain ac-cord-ing to the Scrip-tures: And as-cend-ed in - to hea -
-ven, And sit - teth on the right hand of the Fa - ther: And he shall come a - gain,
with glo - ry, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose king-dom shall have no
end; And I be-lieve in the Ho - ly Ghost, the Lord, and giv - er of Life, Who pro -
-ceed-eth from the Fa - ther and the Son; who with the Fa - ther and the Son to -
-geth - er is wor-ship-ped and glo - ri - fi - ed; Who spake by the Pro - phets:
And I be - lieve one Ho - ly Cath - o - lic and A - pos - tol - ic
Church: I ac-know-ledge one Bap-tism for the re - mis-sion of sins: And I look for the
Re - sur - rec - tion of the dead: And the life ✠ of the world to come.



Prayers of the People



For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls,
let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all inauthority
let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them
let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection ✝ and for all the departed,,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord. ✝,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

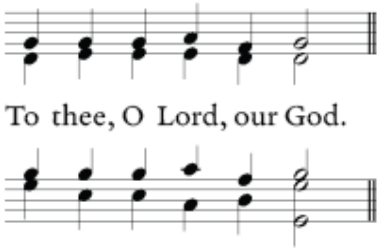
For those on our prayer list, those we now name in our hearts _____
let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

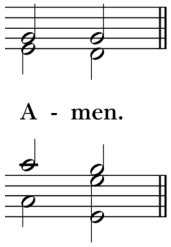
Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.
let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of the ever-blessed and glorious Virgin Mary, the holy patriarchs, prophets, apostles and martyrs, Saints Agnes and Francis, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.



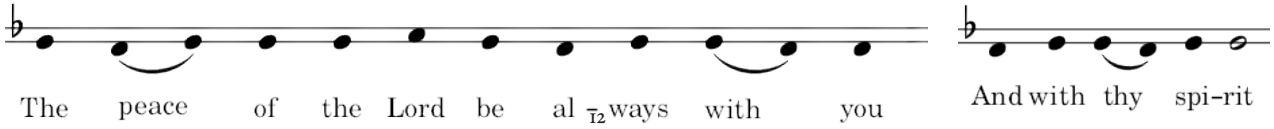
¶ The celebrant adds a concluding collect to which all reply



The Peace

Reconciled to God and one another, we receive the peace of Christ and offer it to one another, "the peace of Christ", accompanied by a gesture: hug, handshake, smile, slight bow ... Some of our neighbors may prefer no contact, which we respect.

Celebrant **All:**



¶ Please be seated as the altar is prepared.

The gifts of bread and wine, the "work of human hands", are brought to the altar. Our gifts of "treasure" are also brought forward. All of these symbolize the gifts of our very selves, which are, by our intention, placed on the altar for transformation by grace. Your financial offering may be made using this QR code.

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Michael, Archangel, of the King of kings, give ear to our voices.
We acknowledge thee to be the prince of the citizens of heaven, and at thy prayer God sends his angels, that the enemy with cunning craft shall not prevail to do the hurt he craves to weary men, yea!
Yea, thou hast the dominion of perpetual Paradise and ever, do the holy angels honor thee.
Thou was seen in the temple of God, a sensor of gold in thy hands and the smoke of it fragrant with spices rose up 'til it came before God.
Thou didst smite the cruel dragon and many souls dist thou rescue from his jaws.
Then there was a great silence in heaven.
And a thousand saying: Glory, glory to the Lord King. Michael, greatest angel, hear us, come down from thy high seat.
Bring us the strength of God, and the lightning of his mercy.
Do thou, O Gabriel, put down our foes, and thou O Raphael, heal our sick, ease our pain.
Michael, greatest angel, hear us. Come down a little from thy high seat and give us to share the joys of the blessed.

¶ Please stand and join in the Offertory Hymn found on following page

Hymn *Ye holy angels bright* Hymnal 1982 #6251

To follow along with the Eucharistic Prayer, turn to page 372 of the Book of Common Prayer. Please note that we follow the Anglican Service Book version of the liturgy, which is presented in the original Early Modern English.

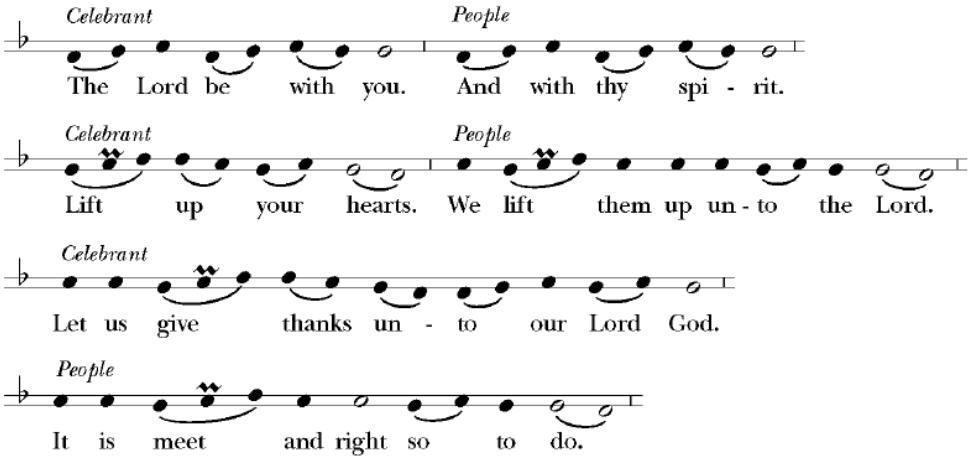
The Holy Communion

Celebrant: Pray, beloved: that this, my sacrifice and yours, may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People: May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of His Name, both to our benefit and that of all His holy Church.

Celebrant: Amen.

Sursum Corda



Sanctus & Benedictus

The Sanctus and Benedictus (Latin for "holy" and "blessed") is one of the earliest elements of Christian worship (St. Clement of Rome—fourth Bishop of Rome, +104—mentions it) and concludes the Preface. It is the hymn of the seraphim in Isaiah 6:3 that never ceases before God, in which we now join.

¶ The Proper Preface is intentionally omitted here. The celebrant concludes with:

Celebrant: Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name evermore praising thee and saying

(bow) Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
(upright) Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus ✝ qui venit in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

(bow) Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
(upright) Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee O Lord most high.

Blessed ✝ is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

¶ Please kneel

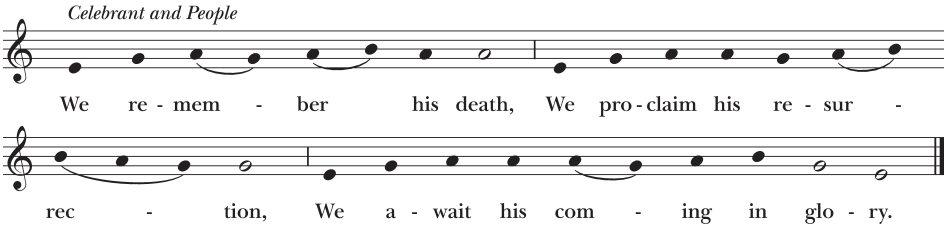
The Great Thanksgiving

The Greek eukharitos means "grateful." The "Great Thanksgiving", the solemn heart of the Eucharistic Prayer, is a sequence of prayers received from the early Church, whose fundamental pattern is found in the Jewish celebration of the Passover, which involves both a meal and a sacrifice. After our "offertory" prayer that God welcome our celebration, turning our hearts "upwards" and giving thanks in the "preface", and joining the seraphim (angels) before God in the sanctus and benedictus, we " do in memory" of Christ. There follows what Christ said at the Last Supper ("This is my body..."), an invocation of the Holy Spirit, various intercessions, and concluding solemn praise to the Trinity. This is not simple repetition or reenactment, but grateful worship offered to the Father by Christ through the priest, acting in the person of Christ, and in all the members of Christ's Body. Indeed, the whole Church enters into the very dynamic of Christ's self-giving.

¶ The Eucharistic Prayer (Epiclesis and Institution Narrative) is not printed here to invite us to look up, listen deeply, and enter fully into the mystery unfolding at the altar. The celebrant concludes with:

Celebrant: Therefore according to his command, O Father

Memorial Acclamation



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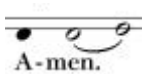
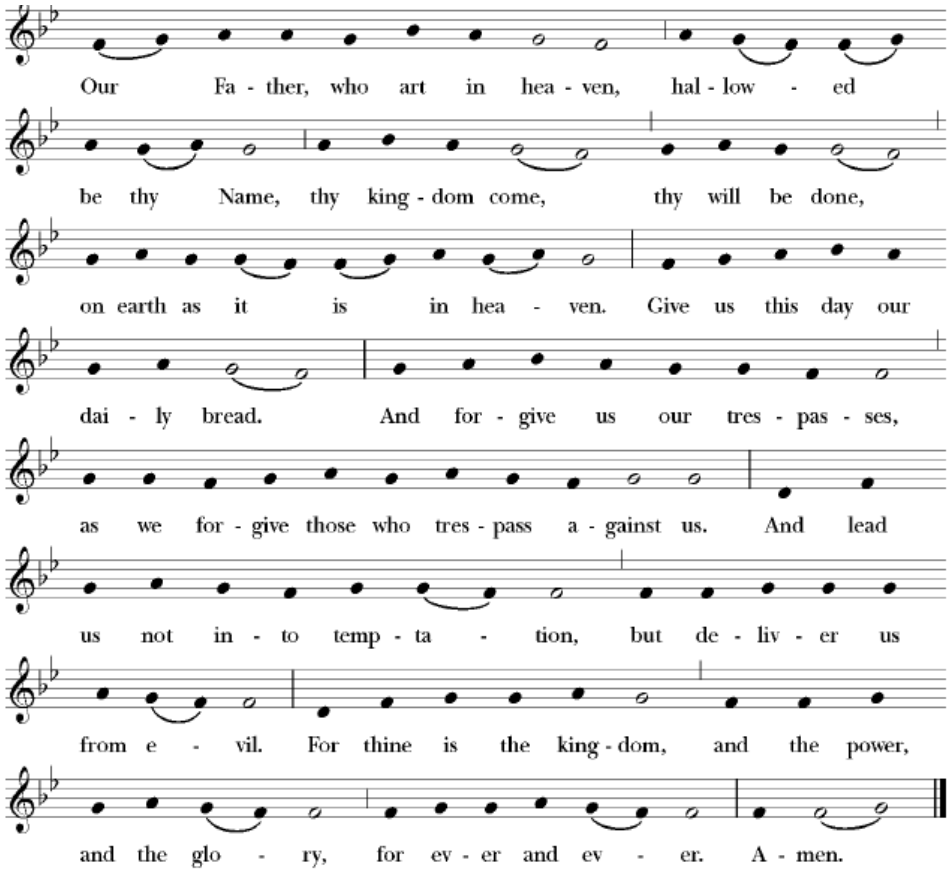
¶ The Celebrant continues with the Amnesis, Oblation, and Second Epiclesis, all intentionally omitted here. The celebrant concludes the Eucharistic Prayer with:

Celebrant: By Whom, and with Whom, and in Whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto Thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People: 

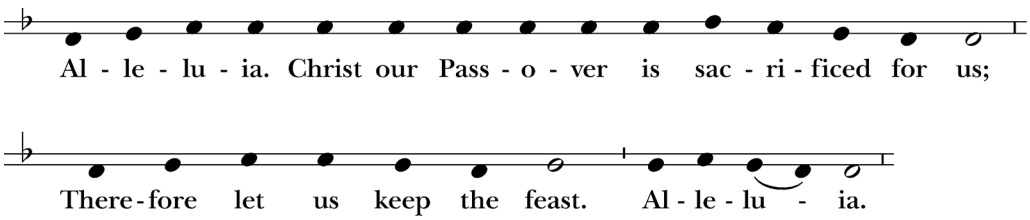
Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say



The Fraction

The Celebrant breaks the Eucharistic Bread or Host (from the Latin for "victim"), recalling Christ's gesture of breaking bread at the Last Supper. The priest then puts a piece of the host into the chalice ("commingles," a rite dating from the eighth century) to signify the unity of the living and glorious Body and Blood of the Lord in the work of salvation, often saying inaudibly as he/she does so: "May this mingling of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it."



Invitation

Celebrant: Behold ☩ the Lamb of God, behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

People: **Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof.**
But speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata	O Lamb of God, that takest away the
mundi, miserere nobis.	sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
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mundi, dona nobis pacem.	sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Communion William Harris (1883-1973)

Faire is the heaven where happy soules have place
In full enjoyment of felicitie;
Whence they do still behold the glorious face
Of the Divine, Eternall Majestie;

Yet farre more faire be those bright Cherubins
Which all with golden wings are overdight.
And those eternall burning Seraphins
Which from their faces dart out fiery light;

Yet fairer than they both and much more bright
Be the Angels and Archangels
Which attend on God's owne person without rest or end.
These then in faire each other farre excelling
As to the Highest they approach more neare,
Yet is that Highest farre beyond all telling

Fairer than all the rest which there appeare
Though all their beauties joynd together were;
How then can mortal tongue hope to expresse
The image of such endlesse perfectnesse?

¶ Please kneel as able.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Almighty and everliving God,

People: **we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the**

blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thine everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.

¶ Please be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

¶ Please stand.

Blessing

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, ✝the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Hymn *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones* Hymnal 1982 #618

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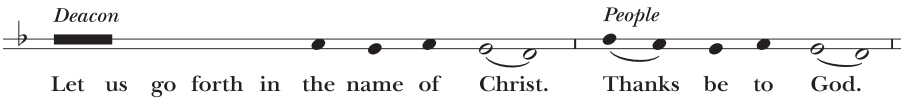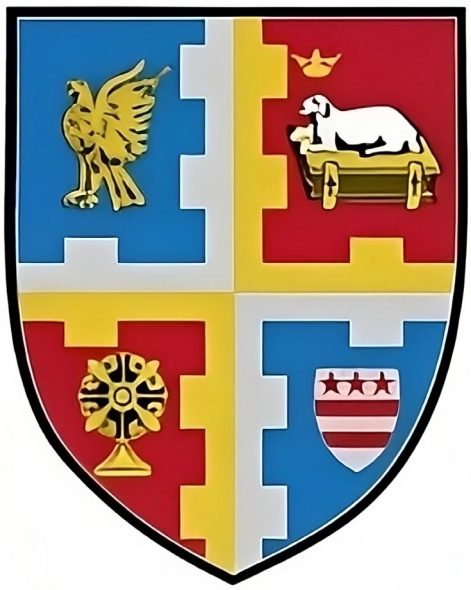
The Celebrant sends us forth to carry the mystery of God into the world.