



THE CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

In the City and Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, New York

Ash Wednesday

February 17, 2021

Welcome back to the Cathedral! With Saint Peter, who witnessed the glory of Christ at His transfiguration on Mount Tabor, we can say with joy, “Lord it is good that we are here!”

We appreciate your patience navigating new logistical procedures together. Please always be prudent regarding your attendance at Mass: if you feel sick, please stay home—the obligation to attend Mass remains suspended. The wearing of a mask is required in the Cathedral as a safety precaution for you and your neighbors. Restrooms are closed, except for emergency use. If you should have need to use a restroom, please be prepared to follow sanitization instructions provided for the restrooms. Congregational singing is permitted; singing gently, as though whispering, may prove to be more comfortable at this time.

If you are disposed to receive Holy Communion and feel safe to do so, please refer to page 9 for guidelines. Specially trained ushers are on hand to escort you throughout the Cathedral, as well as to answer any questions you may have.

PRELUDE

12:15 P.M. *O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß, BWV 622*
 (“O man, bewail your great sins”)

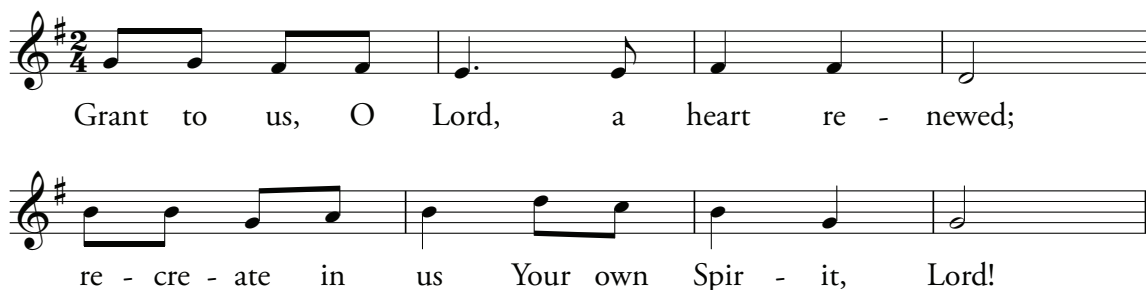
Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

5:15 P.M. *Herzlich tut mich verlangen, Op. 122, No. 9*
 (“My heart is filled with longing”)

Johannes Brahms
(1833–1897)

INTRODUCTORY RITE

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON



Grant to us, O Lord, a heart re - newed;
re - cre - ate in us Your own Spir - it, Lord!

Text: Jeremiah 31:31-34

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THE SIGN OF THE CROSS AND THE GREETING

☩. ✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

℟. **Amen.**

☩. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

℟. **And with your spirit.**

COLLECT

The Celebrant prays the collect.

℟. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

[Please be seated.]

FIRST READING

Joel 2:12–18

“Rend your hearts, not your garments.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 51:3–4, 5–6, 12–13, 14, 17



℟. Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

1. Have mercy on me, O God, in Your goodness;
in the greatness of Your compassion wipe out my offense.
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt
and of my sin cleanse me. ℟.
2. For I acknowledge my offense,
and my sin is before me always:
“Against You only have I sinned,
and done what is evil in Your sight.” ℟.
3. A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
Cast me not out from Your presence,
and Your Holy Spirit take not from me. ℟.
4. Give me back the joy of Your salvation,
and a willing spirit sustain in me.
O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall proclaim Your praise. ℟.

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“Now is a very acceptable time, now is the day of salvation.”

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *[Please stand. Repeat after the cantor.]*



℣. Praise to You, Lord Je - sus Christ, King of end - less glo - ry.

Gospel verse. If today you hear His voice,
harden not your hearts. ℣.

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GOSPEL

Matthew 6:1–6, 16–18

[Before the Gospel]

℣. The Lord be with you.

℣. **And with your spirit.**

℣. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

℣. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

“And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you.”

[After the Gospel]

℣. The Gospel of the Lord.

℣. **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

[When a bishop is present, all remain standing until he has revered the book of the Gospels.]

HOMILY *[Please be seated.]*

Note: Preaching schedule subject to change.

7:15 A.M. The Reverend Paul J. Mijas

Parochial Vicar of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception


12:15 P.M. ☩ 5:15 P.M. The Most Reverend Edward B. Scharfenberger, D.D.

Bishop of Albany, New York

BLESSING AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

ANTIPHONS AT THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Hear us, O Lord, and have mercy for we have sinned against You.



R̄. At-tén-de, Dó-mi-ne, et mi-se-ré-re, qui-a pec-cá-vi-mus ti-bi.

Text: Lenten Antiphon, 10th C. Mozarabic
Music: Plainsong, Mode V

Let us change the appearance of our garments with ashes and sackcloth; let us come before the Lord with fasting and tears. For in his great mercy, our God will forgive us our sins.

Immutémur hábitu, in cinere et cilicio: ieiunémus, et plorémus ante Dóminum: quia multum miséricors est dimittere peccáta nostra Deus noster.

Text: Cf. Joel 2:13
Music: *Gregorian Missal*, Mode I

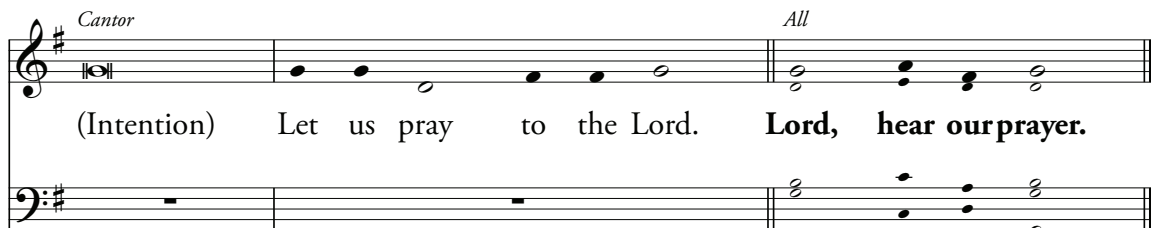
Between the vestibule and the altar, the priests and the Levites, the ministers of the Lord, will weep and say: “Spare Your people, spare them, O Lord, and do not destroy the mouth of those who call upon You.”

Iuxta vestibulum et altare plorabunt sacerdotes et levitæ ministri Domini, et dicent: Parce Domine, parce populo tuo: et ne dissipés ora clamannantium ad te, Domine.

Text: Cf. Joel 2:17; Esther 13–17
Music: *Gregorian Missal*, Mode II

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Cantor *All*



(Intention) Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

[Please be seated.]

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE GIFTS

MOTET AT THE OFFERTORY 5:15 P.M.

I will extol You, O Lord, for You have drawn me up, and have not let my foes rejoice over me. O Lord, I cried unto You, and You healed me.

Exaltábo te Dómine, quóniam suscepísti me, nec delectásti inimícos super me: Dómine clamávi ad te, et sanásti me.

Text: Psalm 29:2, 3
Music: Orlando di Lasso, 1534–1594

INVITATION TO PRAYER *[Please stand.]*

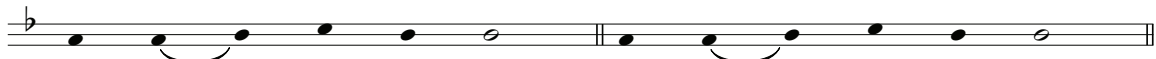
- ℣. Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours, may be acceptable to God the Almighty Father.
℟. **May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy church.**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

The Celebrant prays the prayer over the gifts.

℟. **Amen.**

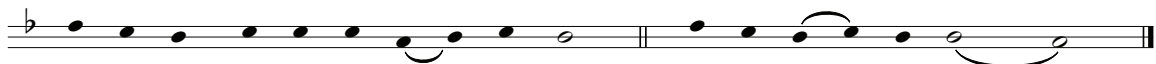
PREFACE DIALOGUE



℣. The Lord___ be with you. ℟. **And with___ your spi - rit.**

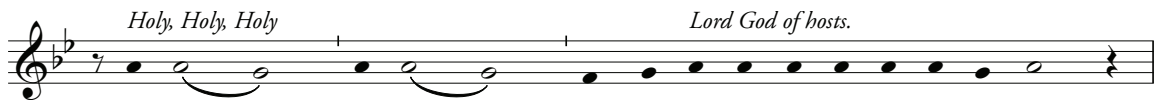


℣. Lift___ up___ your hearts.. ℟. **We lift___ them up to the Lord.---**

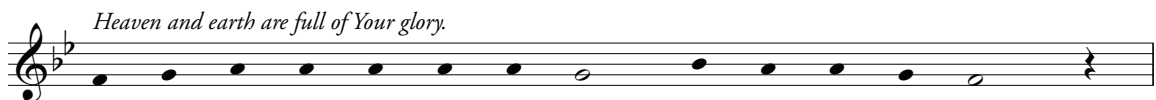


℣. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ℟. **It is right and just.---**

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS



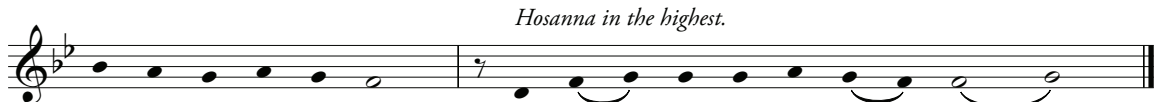
Sanc-tus,___ Sanc-tus,___ Sanc-tus Dó-mi-nus De-us Sá-ba-oth.



Ple - ni sunt cae - li et ter - ra gló - ri - a tu - a.



Ho - sán - na in ex - cél - sis. Be - ne - díc - tus qui ve - nit in



nó - mi - ne Dó - mi - ni. Ho - sán - na in ex - cél - sis.---

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Music: *Gregorian Missal*, Mass XVIII

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER *[Please kneel.]*

MYSTERY OF FAITH

The mystery of faith.

℣. Mys - te - ri - um fi - de - i.

We proclaim Your death, O Lord,

℟. Mor - tem tu - am an - nun - ti - a - mus, Dó - mi - ne, et tu - am

and profess Your Resurrection, until You come again.

re - sur - rec - ti - ó - nem con - fi - té - mur, do - nec vé - ni - as.

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Music: *Gregorian Missal, Mass XVIII*

AMEN

℣. For ev - er and ev - er. ℟. **A - men.**

—OR—

℣. For ev - er and ev - er. ℟. **A - men.**

THE OUR FATHER *[Please stand.]*

All

℟. 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.

[continued]



R. For the king-dom, the power and the glo-ry are Yours, now and for ev - er.

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 Music: Traditional chant, adapt. by Robert Snow, 1964

SIGN OF PEACE

☩. The peace of the Lord be with you always.
 R. **And with your spirit.**

AGNUS DEI

☩. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world:



R. **mi - se - re - re no - bis.**
have mercy on us.

☩. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world:



R. **mi - se - re - re no - bis.**
have mercy on us.

☩. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world:



R. **do - na no - bis pa - cem.**
grant us peace.

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During the Communion procession, please follow the direction of the usher, who will invite you by pew to proceed to the Minister of Holy Communion. Spatial distancing of 6 feet must be maintained between households. Reception of Holy Communion in the hand should take place with your mask still covering your nose and mouth. Simply slide your mask below your chin to keep both hands free. Upon consumption of the host, immediately reposition your mask to cover your nose and mouth. In order to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, simply slide your mask below your chin. Upon reception of Holy Communion, immediately reposition your mask to cover your nose and mouth. The ministers of Holy Communion may pause the procession periodically in order to sanitize their hands.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *[Please kneel.]*

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Whoever ponders the law of the LORD day and night will yield its fruit in due season.

¶ Verse. ¹Blessed indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the path with sinners, nor abides in the company of scorners. ²But whose delight is the law of the Lord, and who ponders His law day and night. ³He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season. ⁴And whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper.

Qui meditabitur in lege Dómini die ac nocte, dabit fructum suum in tēpore suo.

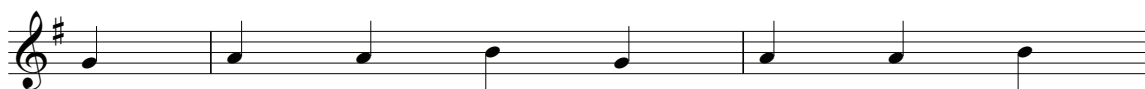
¶ Verse. ¹Beátus vir, qui non abiit in consilio impiórum et in via peccatórum non stetit et in convéntu derisórum non sedit. ²Sed in lege Dómini volúntas ejus, et in lege ejus mediátur die ac nocte. ³Et erit tamquam lignum plantátum secus decúrsus aquárum, quod fructum suum dabit in tēpore suo. ⁴Et fólium ejus non défluet, et ómnia, quacúmque fáciat, prosperabúntur.

Text: Antiphon, Psalm 1:2-3; verses 1, 2, 3ab, 3cd
Music: Gregorian Missal, Mode III

HYMN OF PRAISE



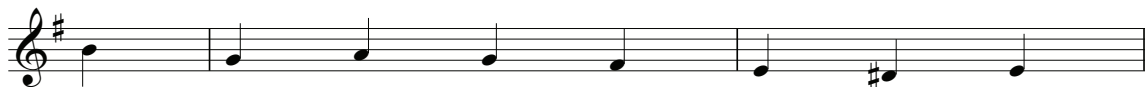
1. A - gain we keep this sol - emn fast,
2. The law and proph - ets from of old
3. More spa - ring, there - fore, let us make
4. Let us a - void each harm - ful way
5. We pray, O bless - ed Three in One,



1. A gift of faith from a - ges past,
2. In fig - ured ways this Lent fore - told,
3. The words we speak, the food we take,
4. That lures the care - less mind a - stray;
5. Our God while end - less a - ges run,



1. This Lent which binds us lov - ing - ly
2. Which Christ, all a - ges' Lord and Guide,
3. Our sleep, our laugh - ter ev - ery sense;
4. By watch - ful prayer our spir - its free
5. That this, our Lent of for - ty days,



1. To faith and hope and cha - ri - ty.
2. In these last days has sanc - ti - fied.
3. Learn peace through ho - ly pen - i - tence.
4. From schem - ing of the En - e - my.
5. May bring us growth and give You praise.

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Music: ERHALT UNS HERR, LM; Klug's *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

[After the Hymn of Praise, a time of silence is kept, while all may pray quietly.]

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *[Please stand.]*

The Celebrant prays the prayer after communion.

℟. **Amen.**

CONCLUDING RITES

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

℣. The Lord be with you.

℣. ✠ May almighty God bless you.

℟. **And with your spirit.**

℟. **Amen.**

℣. [Blessed be the Name of the Lord.]

℟. **[Now and forever.]**

℣. [Our help is in the Name of the Lord.]

℟. **[Who made heaven and earth.]**

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Saint Michael the Archangel,

defend us in battle;

be our defense against the wickedness

and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;

and do thou, O prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God,

cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits

who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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POSTLUDE

12:15 P.M. *Aus tiefer Not schrei' ich zu dir*
("Out of the depths I cry to You")

Friedrich Zachau
(1663–1712)

5:15 P.M. *Herzlich tut mich verlangen, Op. 122, No. 10*
("My heart is filled with longing")

Brahms



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