



THE RITE OF ELECTION

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Diocese of Albany, New York
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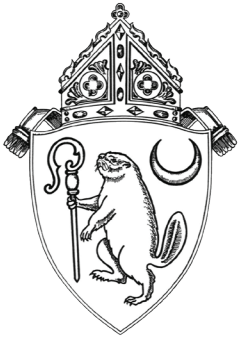
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PRELUDE

Von Gott will ich nicht lassen, BuxWV 221
("I shall not abandon God")

Dieterich Buxtehude
(1637–1707)

INTRODUCTORY RITE

ENTRANCE HYMN *[Please stand for the entrance procession.]*



1. Lord, Who through-out these for - ty days For us did fast and pray,
2. As You with Sa - tan did con-tend And did the vic - tory win,
3. As You did hun-ger and did thirst, So teach us, gra-cious Lord,
4. And through these days of pen - i - tence, And through Your Pas - sion - tide,
5. A - bid with us, that when this life Of suf - fer - ing is past,



1. Teach us with You to mourn our sins, And close by You to stay.
2. O give us strength in You to fight, In You to con - quer sin.
3. To die to self, and so to live By Your most ho - ly word.
4. Yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bid.
5. An Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy We may at - tain at last!

Text: Claudia F. I. Hernaman, 1873, alt.
Music: ST. FLAVIAN, CM; *Day's Psalter*, 1562

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS AND THE GREETING

- ✠. ✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
✠. **Amen.**
✠. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
✠. **And with your spirit.**

WELCOME & COLLECT

The Bishop welcomes all present and prays the collect.
✠. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

[Please be seated.]

FIRST READING

Genesis 9:8–15

“I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 25:4–5, 6–7, 8–9



℟. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep Your co-ve-nant.

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| <p>1. Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me Your paths,
Guide me in Your truth and teach me,
for You are God my savior. ℟.</p> <p>2. Remember that Your compassion, O LORD,
and Your love are from of old.
In Your kindness remember me,
because of Your goodness, O LORD. ℟.</p> | <p>3. Good and upright is the LORD,
thus He shows sinners the way.
He guides the humble to justice,
and He teaches the humble His way. ℟.</p> |
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SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:18–22

“The flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now.”

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

Matthew 4:4b



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

Gospel verse. One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. ℟.

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[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.**

“Jesus was being tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him..”

[After the Gospel]

℣. The Gospel of the Lord.

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

[All remain standing until Bishop Scharfenberger has revered the Book of the Gospels.]

HOMILY *[Please be seated.]*

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Bishop of Albany, New York

CELEBRATION OF ELECTION

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

[At the bidding of the Delegate presenting them to the Bishop, the catechumens and their godparents or sponsors stand.]

AFFIRMATION BY GODPARENTS OR SPONSORS AND ASSEMBLY

[The Bishop addresses three questions to the godparents or sponsors]

After each question, the godparents or sponsors reply:

℟. **They have.**

[The Bishop addresses the assembly]

℣. Are you ready to support these catechumens
and include them in your prayer and affection as we move toward Easter?

℟. **We are.**

INVITATION AND ENROLLMENT OF NAMES


[The Bishop now addresses the catechumens]

℣. . . .therefore, do you wish to enter fully into the life of the Church,
through the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and the eucharist?

℟. **We do.**

[As the Delegate calls each name, the catechumen called—escorted by his/her godparent or sponsor—walks forward to be greeted by the Bishop; then all return immediately to their places. MCs will guide those coming forward to be greeted by the Bishop. The assisting deacon enrolls their names in the Book of the Elect. The assembly continues their prayer for them by singing the following psalm refrain at appropriate intervals.]

ANTIPHON AT THE ENROLLMENT OF NAMES



R̃. Bless - ed the peo - ple the Lord has cho - sen to be his own.

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THE ACT OF ELECTION/ADMISSION

[The Bishop addresses the catechumens]

✠. My brothers and sisters, I now declare you to be members of the elect, to be initiated into the sacred mysteries at the next Easter Vigil.

[All respond]

R̃. **Thanks be to God.** [Applause.]

[The Bishop then addresses the newly Elect and their godparents.]

SONG OF PRAISE

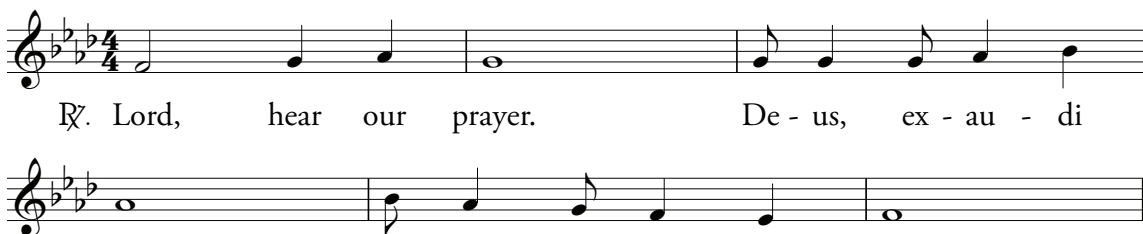
[All stand. The Song of Praise is sung while the Book of the Elect is shown to the assembly.]



Praise to You, O Christ, our Sav - ior, Word of the Fa - ther,
 call - ing us to life; Son of God Who leads us to free - dom:
 glo - ry to You, Lord Je - sus Christ!

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INTERCESSIONS FOR THE ELECT [Please remain standing.]



R̃. Lord, hear our prayer. De - us, ex - au - di
 nos. Señ - or, es - cú - cha nos.

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CONCLUDING RITES

PRAYER OVER THE ELECT AND THE CANDIDATES

DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL HYMN



1. Christ for the world— we sing! The world to
2. Christ for the world— we sing! The world to
3. Christ for the world— we sing! The world to
4. Christ for the world— we sing! The world to



1. Christ— we bring with lov - ing zeal; the poor, and
2. Christ— we bring with fer - vent prayer; the way - ward
3. Christ— we bring with one ac - cord: with us the
4. Christ— we bring with joy - ful song; the new - born



1. them that mourn, the faint and o - ver - borne,
2. and the lost, by rest - less pas - sions tossed,
3. work to share, with us re - proach to dare,
4. souls, whose days, re - claimed from er - ror's ways,



1. sin - sick and sor - row-worn, whom Christ doth heal.
2. re - deemed at count - less cost from dark des - pair.
3. with us the Cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
4. in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

Text: Samuel Wolcott, 1813-1886

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, 664 6664, melody Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796

POSTLUDE

Von Gott will ich nicht lassen, BWV 658
("I shall not abandon God")

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

