



THE CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

May 13, 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 10 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

Majesté du Christ demandant sa gloire à son Père (from L'Ascension)
 (“The majesty of Christ demanding his glory of the Father”)

Olivier Messiaen
(1908–1992)

INTRODUCTORY RITE

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

See, the Con-queror mounts in tri - umph, See the King in roy - al
state; Rid - ing on the clouds, His cha - riot To His
heaven-ly pa - lace gate! Glo - ry to God on high!

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885

Music: BRIDEGROOM, 8 7 8 7 6; William Penfro Rowlands, 1860-1937; from *Cân a Moliant*, 1915

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.**

RITE FOR THE BLESSING AND SPRINKLING OF WATER

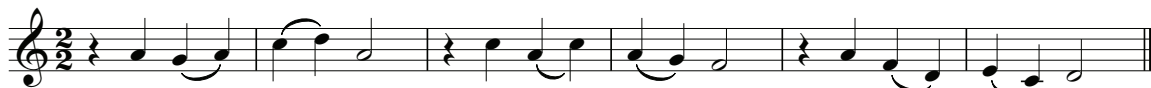
☩. Dear brothers and sisters, let us humbly beseech the Lord our God to bless this water he has created, which will be sprinkled on us as a memorial of our Baptism. May he help us by his grace to remain faithful to the Spirit we have received.

The Celebrant prays over the water, concluding:

Therefore, may this water be for us a memorial of the Baptism we have received, and grant that we may share in the gladness of our brothers and sisters who at Easter have received their Baptism. Through Christ our Lord.

☩. **Amen.**

ANTIPHON FOR THE SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER



☩. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1. I saw water flowing from the right side of the temple, Alleluia. ☩.
2. It brought God's life and His salvation, and the people sang in joyful praise, Alleluia. ☩.
3. You are a people God claims as His own to praise Him, Alleluia. ☩.
4. God called you out of darkness into His marvelous light, Alleluia. ☩.
5. Lord Jesus, from Your wounded side flowed streams of cleansing water, Alleluia. ☩.
6. The world was washed of all its sin, all life made new again, Alleluia. ☩.

Text: *Vidi aquam egredientem*; cf. Ezekiel 47:1-2,9; 1 Peter 2:9 from the *Sacramentary*, 1973, alt. © ICEL. All rights reserved.

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[After the Sprinkling with Holy Water.]

☩. May almighty God cleanse us of our sins, and through the celebration of this Eucharist make us worthy to share at the table of his Kingdom.

☩. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

[Choir or Cantor sings the lightface text. All sing the boldface text.]

Glo-ri - a in ex-cél-sis De - o. Et in ter-ra pax ho-mi-ni-bus
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

bo-næ vo-lun-tá - tis. **Lau-dá - mus te.** Be-ne-dí-ci-mus te.____
We praise you, we bless you,

A-do-rá - mus te. Gló-ri-fi-cá-mus te. **Grá-ti-as á-gi-mus ti - bi**
we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory.

prop-ter mag-nam gló - ri - am tu - am. Dó-mi - ne De - us, Rex cæ -
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

le - stis, De - us Pa - ter om - ní - po - tens.

Dó-mi - ne Fi - li u - ni - gé - ni - te Je - su Chri - ste.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Dó-mi - ne De - us, Ag-nus De - i, Fí - li - us Pa - tris.
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

Qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun - di, mi-se - ré - re no - bis.
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

Qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di, sú - sci - pe de - pre - ca - ti - ó -
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

nem - no - stram. **Qui se-des ad déx-te-ram Pa - tris,**
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

[continued]



mi - se - ré - re no - bis.

Quó - ni - am tu so - lus san - ctus.

For you alone are the Holy One,



Tu so - lus Dó - mi - nus.

you alone are the Lord,

Tu so - lus Al - tís - si -

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,



mus, —

Je - su Chri - ste. —

Cum San - cto Spí - ri - tu,

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



in gló - ri - a De - i Pa - tris. —

A - - - men. —

Text: Gregorian Missal

Music: *Missa de Angelis*, plainsong, mode V

COLLECT

The Celebrant prays the collect.

Rx. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

[Please be seated.]

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1–11

As they were looking on, he was lifted up.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 47:2–3, 6–7, 8–9

R̄. God mounts his throne to
 shouts of joy, a blare of trum-pets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands.
 Cry to God with shouts of joy!
 For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome,
 the great king over all the earth. R̄.
2. God goes up with shouts of joy.
 The LORD goes up with trumpet blast.
 Sing praise for God; sing praise!
 Sing praise to our king; sing praise! R̄.

3. God is king of all the earth.
 Sing praise with all your skill.
 God reigns over the nations.
 God sits upon his holy throne. R̄.

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SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:17–23

God seated Christ at His right hand in the heavens.

ALLELUIA [Please stand.]

al - le - lu - ia!
 R̄. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel verse. Go and teach all nations, says the Lord, alleluia;
 I am with you always, until the end of the world, alleluia. R̄.

Text: *O Filii et filiae*, verses attributed to Jean Tisserand, d. 1494
 Music: O FILII ET FILIAE, 8 8 8 with refrain; Traditional French melody, 15th century

[Before the Gospel]

☩. The Lord be with you.

☩. **And with your spirit.**

☩. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

☩. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

He was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God.

[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 Very Reverend David R. LeFort, S.T.L., V.G.
Rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

12:15 P.M. The Reverend Juanito Asprec
Parochial Vicar of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

5:15 P.M. The Reverend Paul J. Mijas
Parochial Vicar of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH *The Nicene Creed*

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

[All bow.]

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY *5:15 P.M.*

Jesu! the very thought is sweet;
In that dear name all heart-joys meet;
No word is sung more sweet than this,
No sound is heard more full of bliss,
Than Jesus, Son of God Most High.

Text: Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866
Music: Charles Wood, 1866–1926

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.**

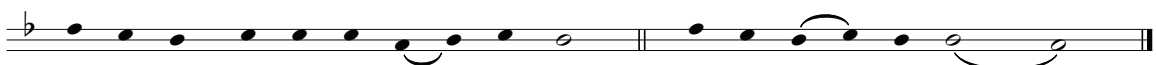
PREFACE DIALOGUE



℣. 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

Organ All

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The piece is divided into two sections: 'Organ' and 'All'. The lyrics are written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER *[Please kneel.]*

MYSTERY OF FAITH

Organ All

We pro - claim Your death, O Lord, and pro - fess Your

Re - sur - rec - tion, un - til You come a - gain.

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AMEN

Organ All

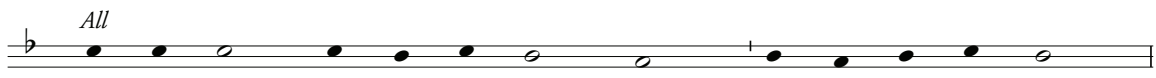
A - men, a - men, a - - men.

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THE OUR FATHER *[Please stand.]*

All



R. Our Fa - ther, Who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be Thy Name;



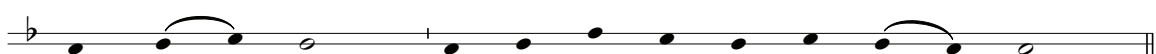
Thy king - dom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en.



Give us this day our dai - ly bread; and for - give us our tres - pass - es



as we forgive those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to



temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

The Celebrant prays the embolism. Then, all sing:



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: *(2x)*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:



R. mi - se - ré - re no - bis.

have mercy on us.

✠. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: *(Final time)*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:



R. do - na no - bis pa - cem.

grant us peace.

Text: *Missale Romanum*
Music: Mass VIII "de Angelis," *Gregorian Missal*, Mode VI

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.
- ✠. **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

These signs will accompany those who believe: they will cast out demons, and when they lay their hands upon the sick, these will recover, alleluia.

Verses. ¹I will bless the LORD at all times; praise of him is always in my mouth. ²In the LORD my soul shall make its boast; the humble shall hear and be glad. ³Glorify the LORD with me; together let us praise his Name. ⁴I sought the LORD, and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free.

Signa eos qui in me credunt, hæc sequentur: dæmónia eicient: super ægros manus impotent, et bene habebunt, alleluia.

Verses. ¹Benedicam Dóminum in omni témpore, semper laus ejus in ore meo. ²In Dómino gloriábitur ánima mea, áudiant mansuéti et leténtur. ³Magnificáte Dóminum mecum, et exaltémus nomen ejus in idípsum. ⁴Exquisívi Dóminum, et exaudivit me et ex ómnibus terróribus meis erípuit me.

Text: Antiphon, Mark 16:17, 18; verses Psalm 34:2, 3, 4, 5
Music: *Gregorian Missal*, Mode VII

HYMN OF PRAISE



1. Hail the day that sees Him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
2. There for Him high tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!
3. See! He lifts His hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Still for us He in - ter - cedes, Al - le - lu - ia!
5. Lord, be - yond our mor - tal__ sight, Al - le - lu - ia!



1. To His throne a - bove the__ skies; Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Lift your heads, e - ter - nal__ gates! Al - le - lu - ia!
3. See! He shows the prints of__ love: Al - le - lu - ia!
4. His pre - vail - ing death He__ pleads, Al - le - lu - ia!
5. Raise our hearts to reach Thy__ height, Al - le - lu - ia!

[continued]



1. Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners_ given, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. He hath con - quered death and_ sin; Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Hark! His gra - cious lips_ be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Near Him - self pre - pares our_ place, Al - le - lu - ia!
 5. There Thy face un - cloud - ed_ see, Al - le - lu - ia!



1. En - ters now the high - est_ heaven! Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Take the King of glo - ry_ in! Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Bless - ings on His Church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. He the first fruits of our_ race. Al - le - lu - ia!
 5. Find our heaven of heavens in_ Thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.
 Music: LLANFAIR, 77 77 with alleluias; Robert Williams, 1781-1821

[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.
 R. **Amen.**

CONCLUDING RITES

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

∞. The Lord be with you. ∞. ✠ May almighty God bless you.
 R. **And with your spirit.** R. **Amen.**
 ∞. [Blessed be the Name of the Lord.]
 R. **[Now and forever.]**
 ∞. [Our help is in the Name of the Lord.]
 R. **[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.**

POSTLUDE

Toccatà (from *Suite Gothique, Op. 25*)

Léon Boëllmann
 (1862–1897)

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