Cristo e la Cananea (Christ and the Canaanite Woman), 1594-1595, oil on canvas,
by Annibale Carracci, in the former St. Paul Monastery (Benedictine) Pinacoteca Stuard, Parma, Italy

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

11 a.m. Solemn High Mass

August 16, 2026

Church of the Ascension

Parish Schedule

Sun Aug 16 The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
9 a.m. Sung Mass
10:15 a.m. Confession
11 a.m. Solemn High Mass

Sun Aug 23 The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9 a.m. Sung Mass
10:15 a.m. Confession
11 a.m. Solemn High Mass

Weekday Mass Schedule
12 p.m. on Monday & Friday
8 a.m. on Tuesday & Thursday
6:30 p.m. on Wednesday

Please join us for Coffee Hour in Wheeler Hall after the Mass.
If you are a visitor, please consider completing one of the blue visitor cards in the pews.

ORGAN

Messe a l'usage des Paroisses François Couperin (1668-1733)

Prélude du Kyrie; Fugue; Récit; Dialogue e Grand Jeux

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Please stand as you are able as the Ministers enter. The Altar, Ministers and People are aspersed, sprinkled with holy water. During the Introit, the Altar is censed.

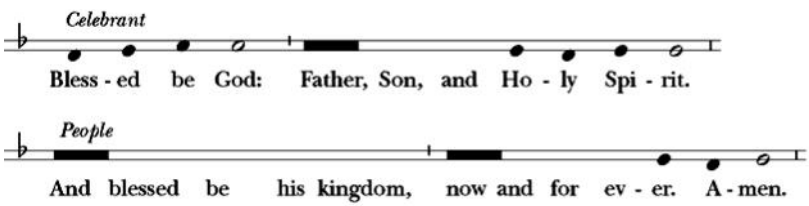
Opening Hymn 371 MOSCOW

Introit "Protector noster" (Ps. 84) Mode IV

Protector noster aspice, Deus, et respice in faciem Christi tui: quia melior est dies una in atriis tuis super millia. *Ps.* Quam dilecta tabernacula tua, Domine virtutum! Concupiscit, et deficit anima mea in atria Domini. *V.* Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. Protector ...

Behold, O God, our defender, and look upon the face of thine Anointed: for one day in thy courts is better than a thousand. Ps. O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of Hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord. V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. Behold ...

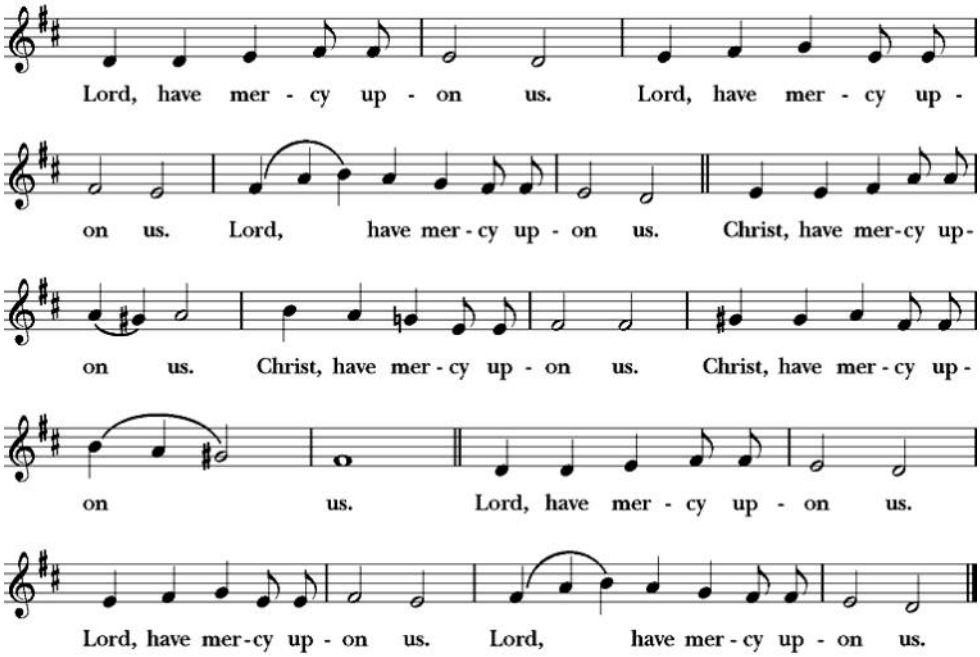
The Opening Acclamation



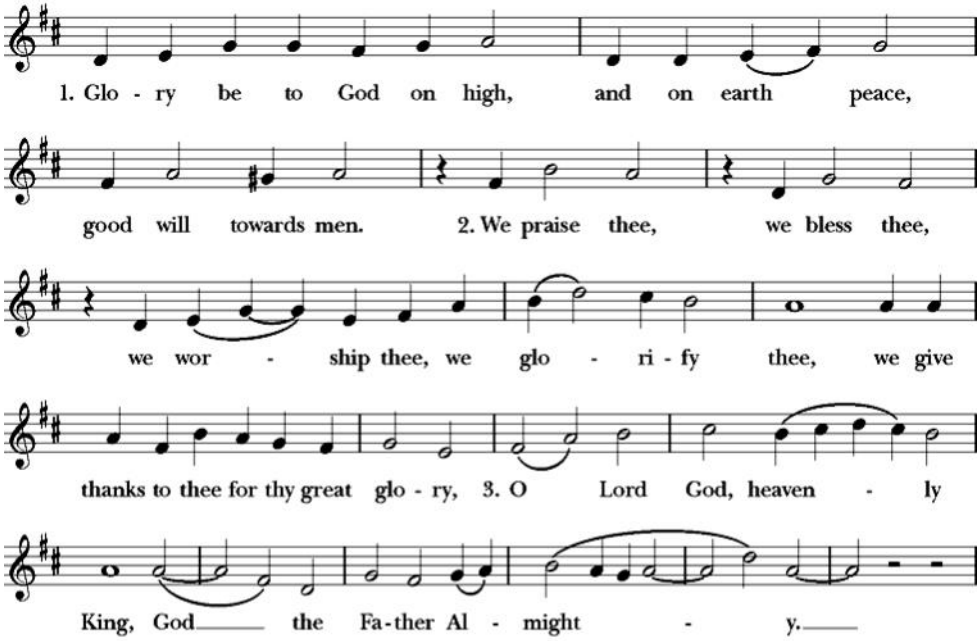
The Collect for Purity

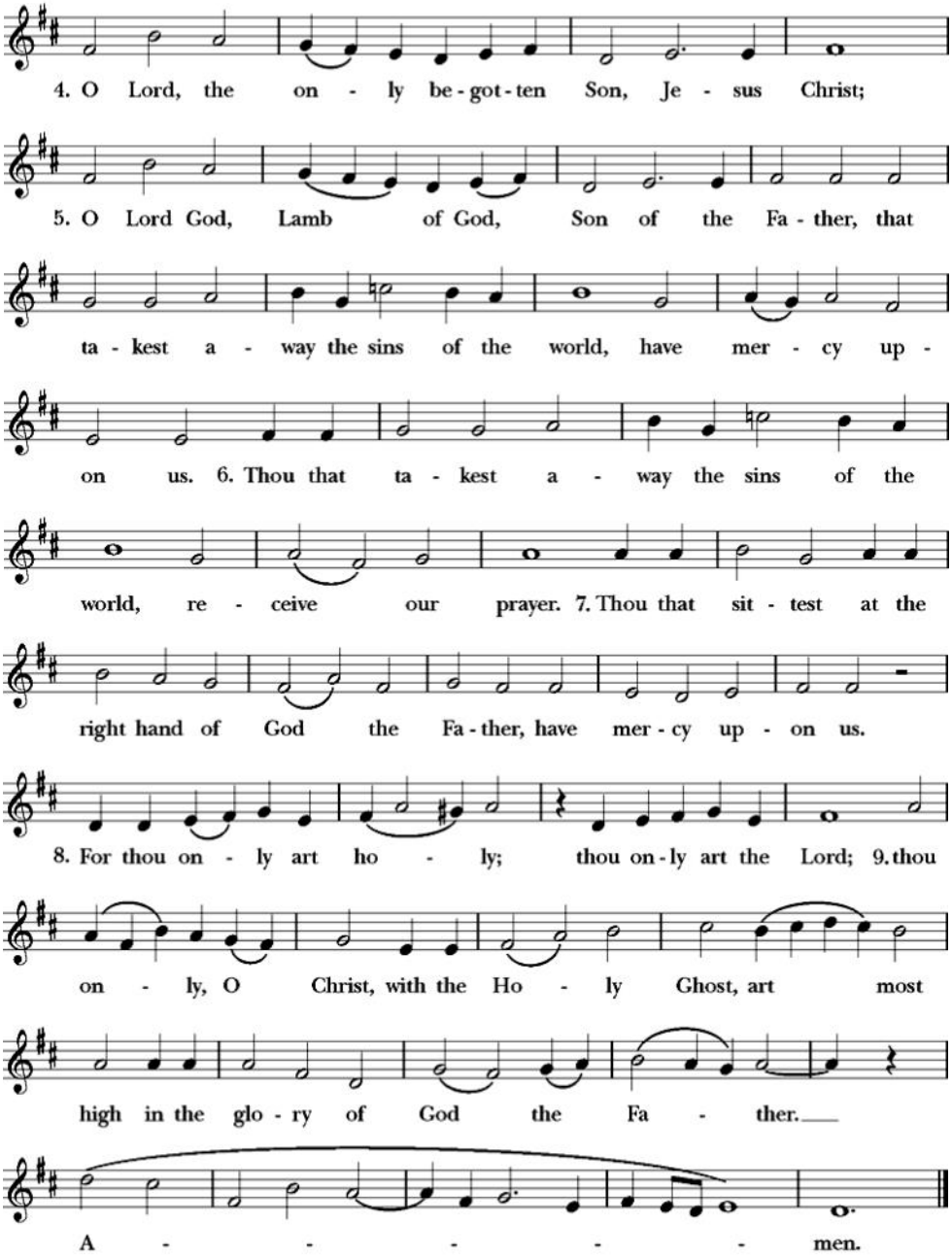
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Kyrie eleison



Gloria in excelsis Deo




4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ;
5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the
right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.
8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. thou
on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most
high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
A - - - - - men.

The Salutation and The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

The People are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Reading Isaiah 1-7

Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. Happy is the mortal who does this, the one who holds it fast, who keeps the sabbath, not profaning it, and refrains from doing any evil. Do not let the foreigner joined to the LORD say, "The LORD will surely separate me from his people"; and do not let the eunuch say, "I am just a dry tree." For thus says the LORD: To the eunuchs who keep my sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant, I will give, in my house and within my walls, a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off. And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant-- these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God**.

Gradual "Bonum est confidere" (Ps. 118) Mode V

Bonum est confidere in Domino, quam confidere in homine.
It is better to trust in the Lord, than to put any confidence in man.

The Epistle Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I glorify my ministry in order to make my own people jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead! For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God**.

Alleluia "Venite exultemus" (Ps. 95) Mode VII

Alleluia, alleluia. *V.* Venite, exultemus Domino: iubilemus Deo salutari nostro. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. V. O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation. Alleluia.

As the Gospel procession moves towards the pews, the People stand.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 15:21-28

Deacon The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus left Gennesaret and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

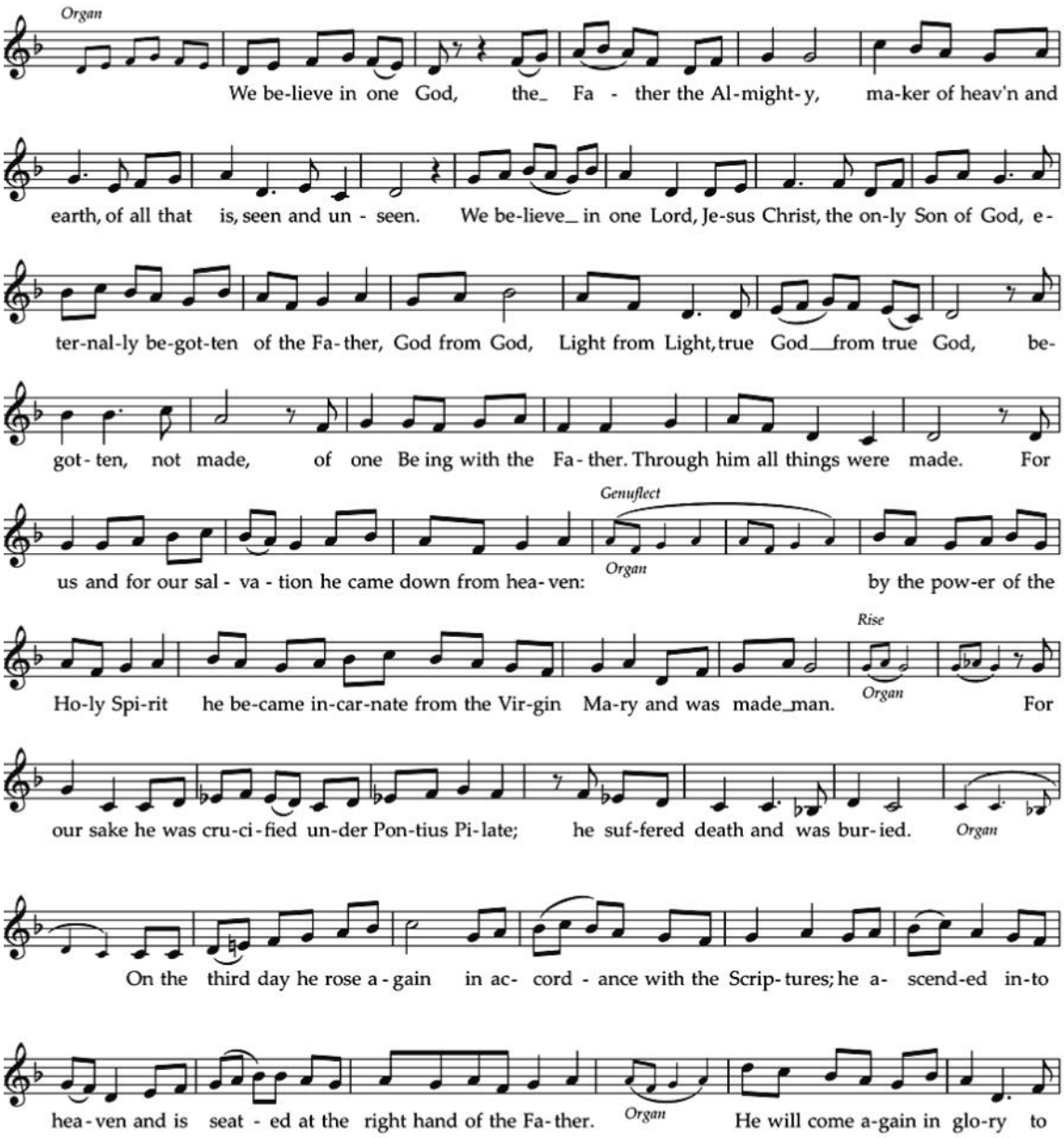
Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

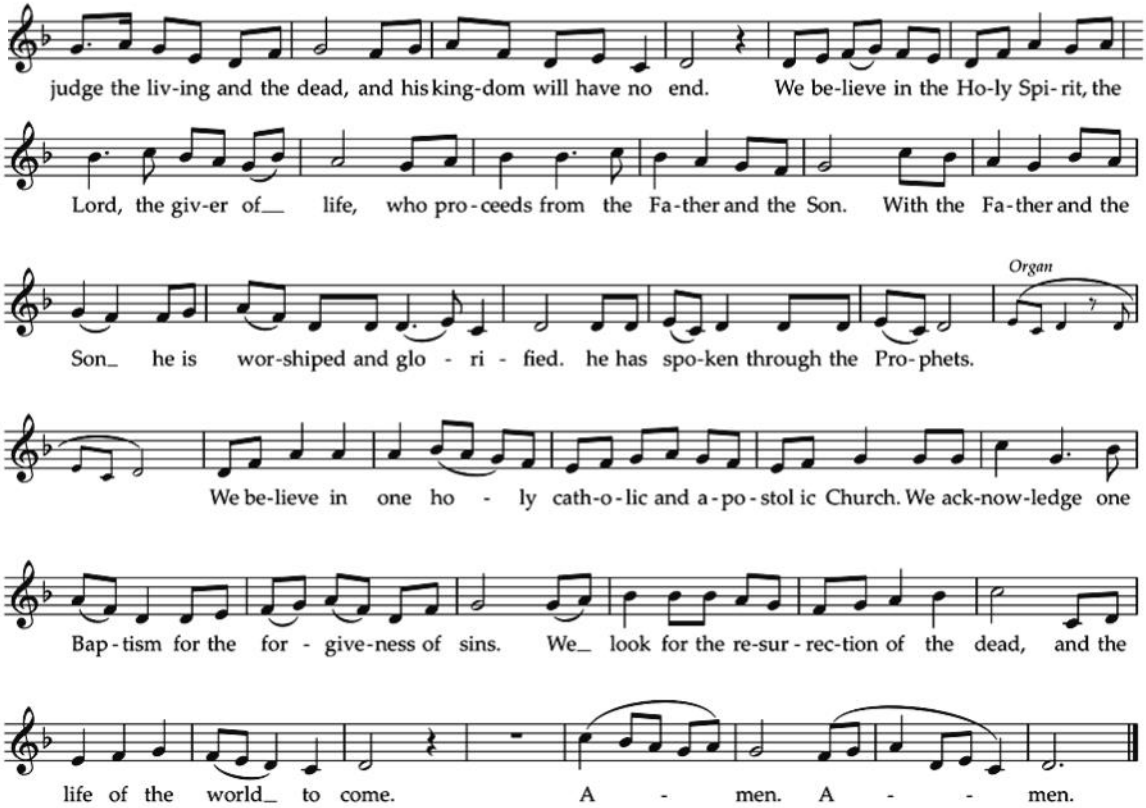
The People are seated.

The Sermon The Rev. Christopher Poore

The People stand as able.

The Nicene Creed





The Prayers of the People Form IV

Deacon: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence
Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence
Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence
Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence
Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence
Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence
Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The People kneel as able.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**.

The People stand as able.

The Peace

Celebrant	The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People	**And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The People remain standing as the oblations are brought forward.

Offertory "Immittet angelus Domini" (Ps. 34) Mode VIII

Immitet angelus Domini, in circuitu timentium eum, et eripiet eos: gustate et videte, quoniam suavis est Dominus.

The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them: O taste and see how gracious is the Lord.

The People are seated.

Offertory Motet

Confitemini Domino, quoniam bonus, quoniam in sæculum misericordia ejus.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious : because his mercy endureth for ever.

Setting: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594) *Confitemini Domino*

The People stand as able.

Offertory Hymn 539 TIDINGS

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer A* (BCP p. 361)

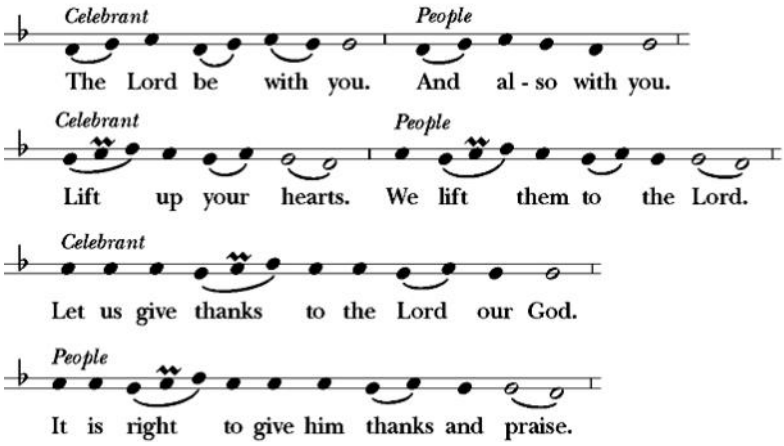
Orate Fratres

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 your hands, to the praise and glory of his Name, both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.**

Celebrant Amen.

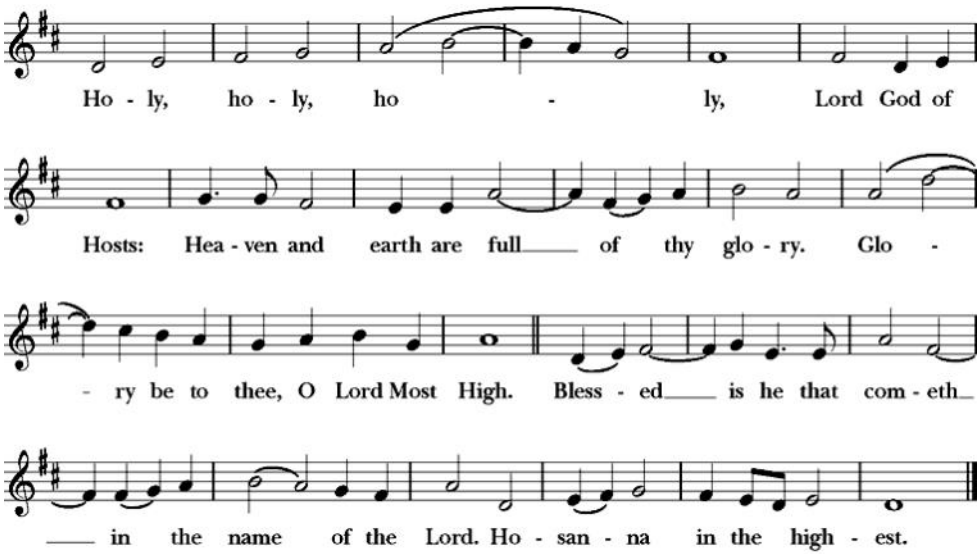
Sursum Corda



Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus

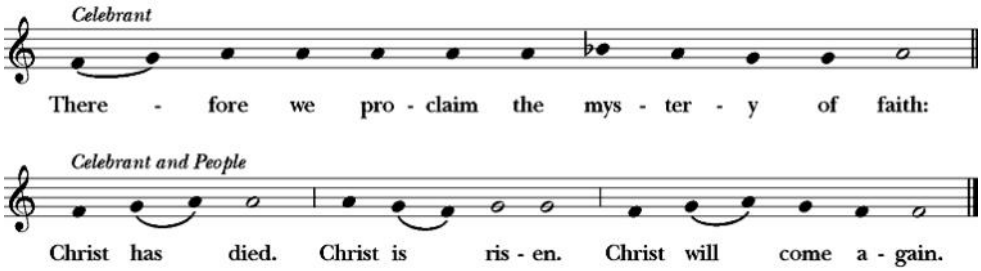


The People stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."



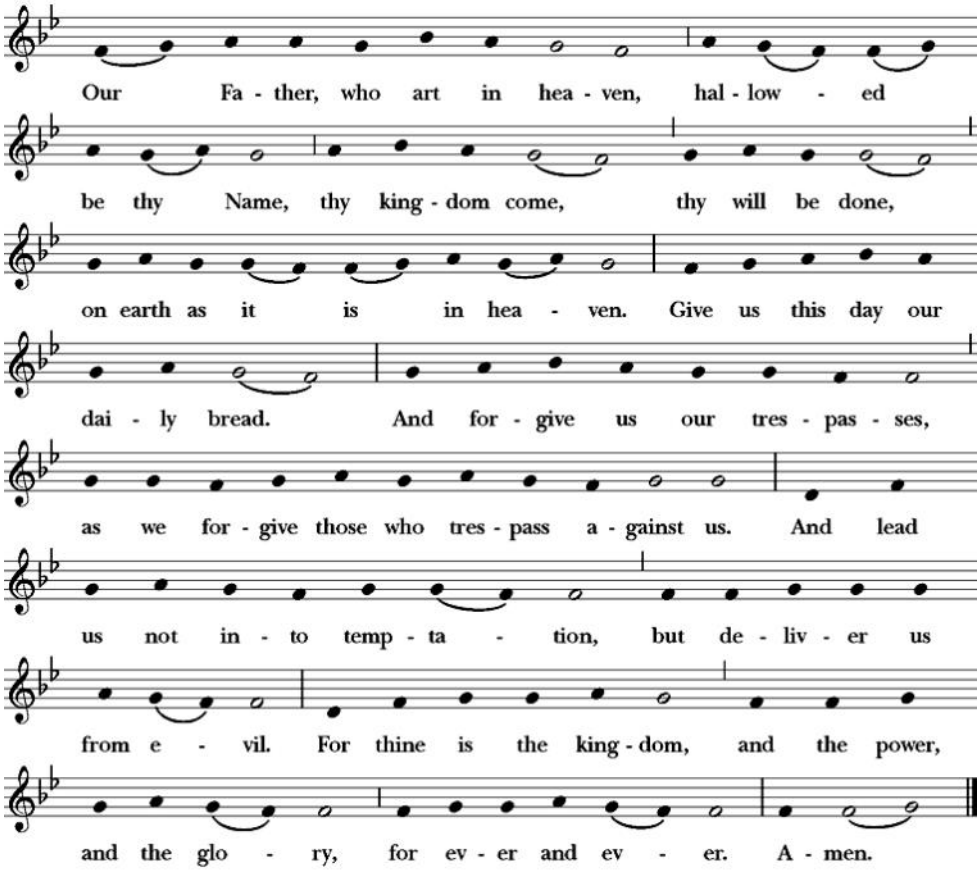
The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

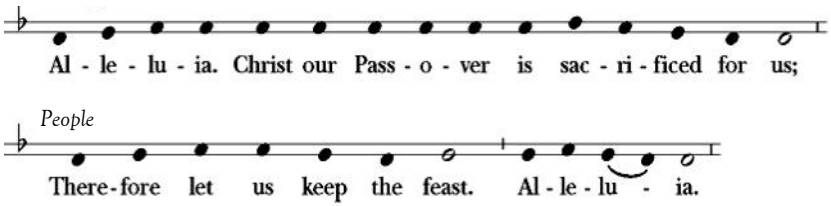
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

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

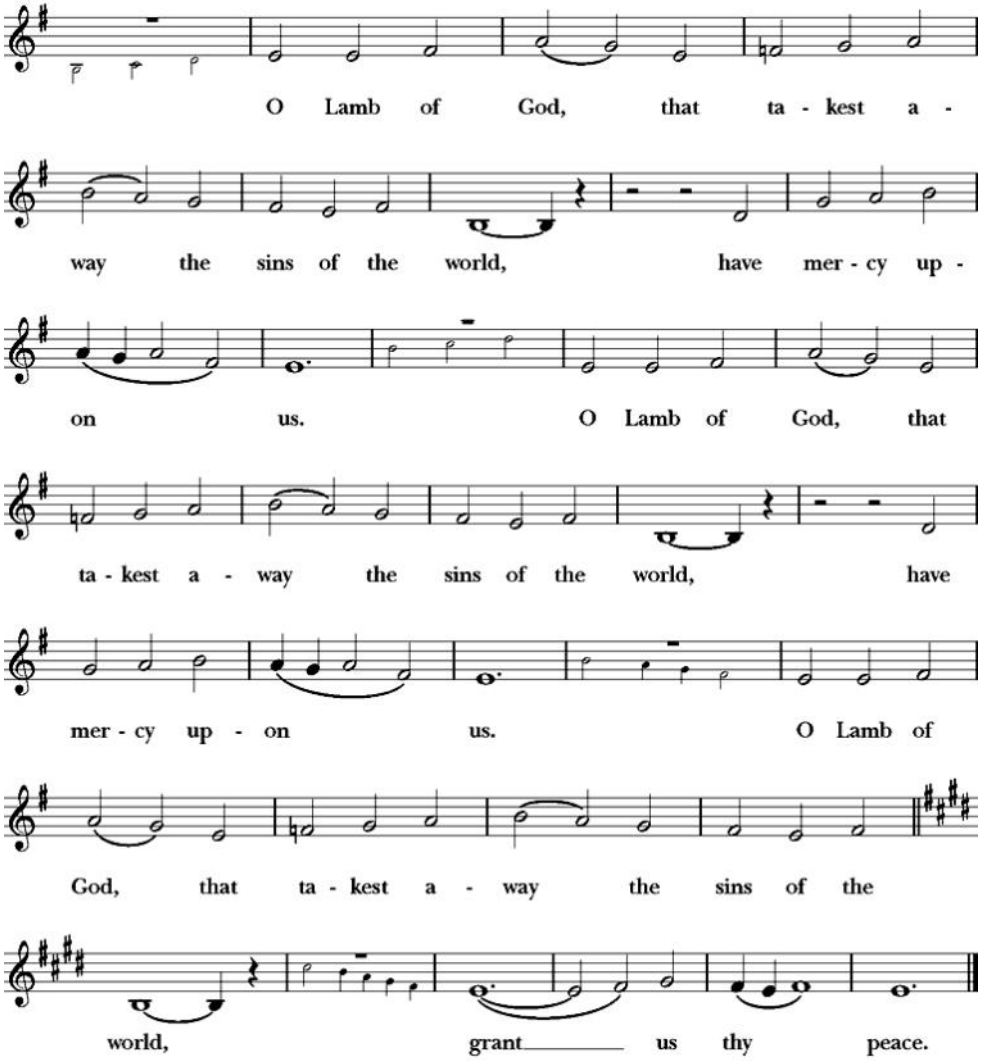


The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.



Agnus Dei



Invitation to Communion

Celebrant Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that takes away the sins of the world. Happy are they who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof.

People **But speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.**

† *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion, and all may come forward. Those who are not baptized or who do not wish to receive may indicate a desire for a blessing by crossing arms on the chest upon approaching the priest. If you prefer not to receive the Chalice, please cross your arms on your chest and remain until the minister has said the words of reception, "The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation." If you require a gluten-free host, put your right hand over your heart.*

† *Please alert an usher if you need the Sacrament brought to you in the pew.*

THE COMMUNION

Communion "Domus mea" (Mt. 21,7) Mode V

Domus mea, domus orationis vocabitur, dicit Dominus: in ea omnis, qui petit, accipit: et qui quaerit, invenit, et pulsanti aperietur. Ps. 84. Quam dilecta tabernacula tua, Domine virtutum! Concupiscit et deficit anima mea in atria Domini. V. Cor meum et caro mea, exultaverunt in Deum vivum. V. Etenim passer invenit sibi domum, et turtur nidum sibi, ubi ponat pullos suos: altaria tua, Domine virtutum, rex meus et Deus meus. V. Beati, qui habitant in domo tua: in perpetuum laudabunt te. V. Gloria Patri.

My house shall be called the house of prayer, saith the Lord: every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Ps. 84. O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord. V. My heart and my flesh, rejoice in the living God. V. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. V. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be alway praising thee. V. Glory be.

Communion Motet

Adoramus te, Christe, et benedicimus tibi, quia per sanctam crucem tuam redemisti mundum.

We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee,who by Thy Holy Cross redeemed the world.

Setting: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594) *Adoramus te Christe*

Communion Hymn 316 CANTICUM REFECTIONIS

The People kneel as able. The Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

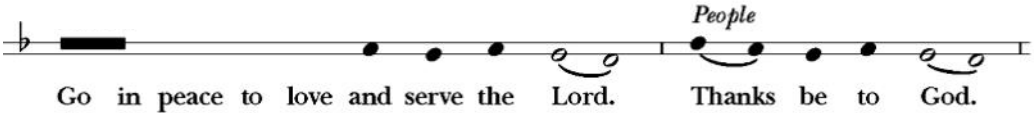
The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the + Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**.

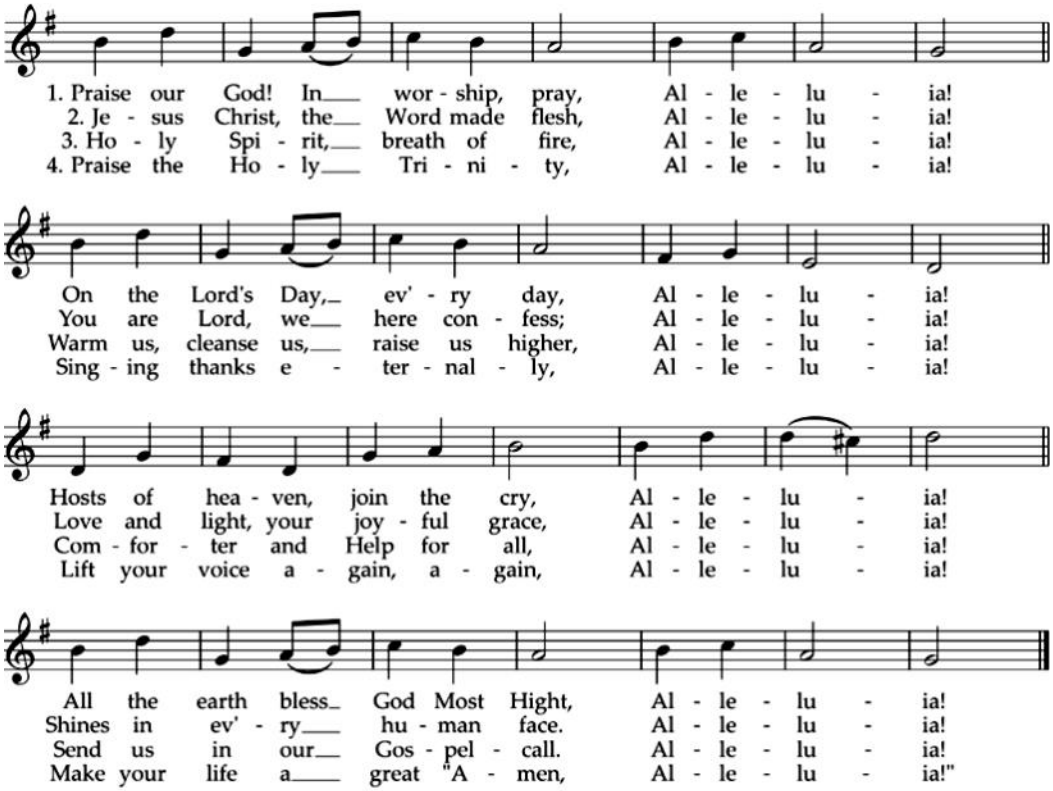
The People stand as able.

The Dismissal

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**



Closing Hymn GWALCHMAI



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The mosaic on the door of the Altar tabernacle, Church of the Ascension

The Church of the Ascension is a parish in the Episcopal Church, a province of the Anglican Communion within the Catholic Church. Our Christian life and worship is rooted in the Anglo-Catholic tradition. As an Anglo-Catholic parish we praise, worship, and adore our Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, rejoice in the Communion of Saints, and relish in the beauty of liturgy and music. Thank you and bless you for being with us this day.

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