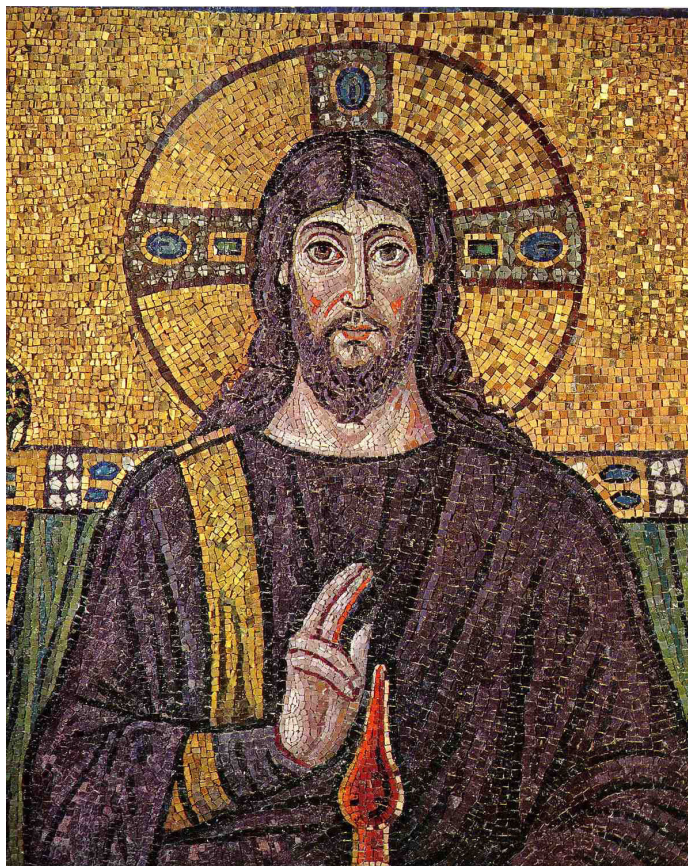


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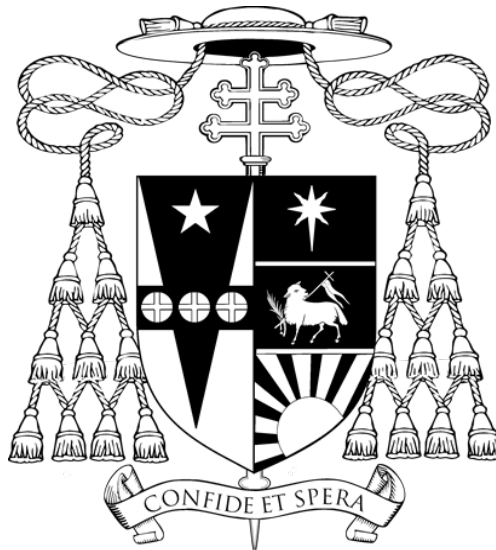


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CATHEDRAL BASILICA *of* SAINTS PETER AND PAUL  
AND THE SHRINE *of* SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA



CELEBRATION *of* THE EUCHARIST  
WITH THE  
ORDINATION *of* PRIESTS



PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT AND HOMILIST  
MOST REVEREND NELSON J. PÉREZ  
ARCHBISHOP *of* PHILADELPHIA

MAY 16, 2026  
10:00 AM

CATHEDRAL BASILICA *of* SAINTS PETER AND PAUL  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

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INVOCATION TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle;  
be our safeguard against the wickedness  
and snares of the devil.  
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray:  
and you, O Prince of the heavenly hosts,  
by the power of God,  
cast down to hell Satan and the other evil spirits,  
who prowl through the world  
for the ruin of souls. Amen.

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PRELUDES

HALLELUJAH FROM "CHRIST ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES"

L. VAN BEETHOVEN  
(1770-1827)

Hallelujah! unto God's Almighty Son.  
Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs,  
In holy songs of joy.  
Man, proclaim His grace and glory!  
Hallelujah! unto God's Almighty Son.  
Praise the Lord in holy songs of joy.

AVE MARIA FROM "MASS OF THE AMERICAS"

FRANK LA ROCCA (b. 1951)

*English translation, sung in Nahuatl (Aztec)*  
Abigail Chapman, soloist

Rejoice, O Saint Mary,  
You are completely full of divinely beautiful honor and grace.  
God the ruler is with you.  
As to being completely and perfectly worthy of praise:  
you surpass all women.  
And also completely and perfectly worthy of praise  
is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
O Saint Mary, you are the beloved mother of God.  
Pray for us now and the time of our death.  
Amen.

OBI EZE CHUKWU

JUDE NNAM

*English translation, sung in Igbo*  
This is a beautiful place.  
This is the Holy House of God.  
The gates of heaven.  
It will be called:  
The Holy Palace of God.

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# INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE

JESUS IS RISEN

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

ARR. JEREMY BANKSON



1. Je - sus is ris - en! Let us sing! Praise to the ev - er - liv - ing  
2. On this most ho - ly day of days, Let us to - geth - er sing his  
3. O ri - sen Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, All praise to you let earth ac -  
4. O source of un - cre - a - ted light, The Fa - ther's prom - ised Par - a -  
5. All a - do - ra - tion ev - er be, E - ter - nal Par - a - clete to



1. King! Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise him in song, ye Ser - a -  
2. praise! Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Raise joy - ful voic - es to the  
3. cord: Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! "This is our Sav - ior!" so they  
4. clete; Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Thrice ho - ly Font, thrice ho - ly  
5. thee. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! From sin and sor - row set us



1. phim! Praise him with joy, ye Cher - u - bim. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
2. sky! Sing out, ye heav - ens, in re - ply; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
3. say, "This is his glor - ious tri - umph day!" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
4. Fire, Our hearts with heav'n - ly love in - spire. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
5. free That we may live e - ter - nal - ly. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



1. lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
2. lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
3. lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
4. lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
5. lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

ECCE SACERDOS MAGNUS EDWARD ELGAR (1857-1934)  
*English translation, sung in Latin*  
Behold a great priest,  
who in his days pleased God  
and was found righteous.

CHRISTOPH TIETZE  
ARR. RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS



1. Be - hold, O God, and see the face  
2. How love - ly is your dwell - ling place,  
3. E - ven the spar - row finds a home,  
4. Hap - py are those of ev - 'ry race  
Dox. To God, the Tri - une One, we raise



1. Of your A - noint - ed, filled with grace.  
2. O Lord of hosts and God of grace!  
3. Swal - lows build nests to lay their young;  
4. Who dwell in your most splen - did place,  
Dox. E - ter - nal songs of joy - ful praise,



1. For bet - ter one day in your house  
2. My soul, O Lord, longs for your courts;  
3. Your al - tars, Lord a - bove the sky,  
4. They sing for - ev - er to your name;  
Dox. O Fa - ther, Son, and Par - a - clete,



1. Than thou - sands else - where, far or close.  
2. In you re - joice my flesh and heart.  
3. Are their a - bode, my King on high.  
4. Your might, your glo - ry all pro - claim.  
Dox. We praise your name in word and deed.

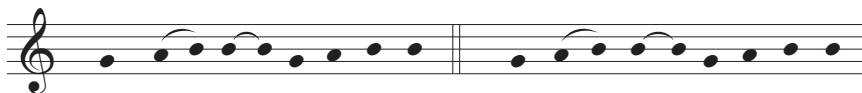
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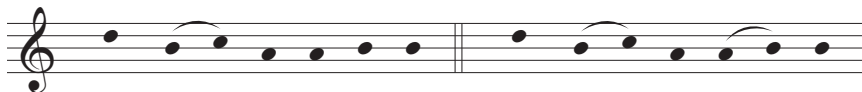
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PENITENTIAL ACT

*Chant*



V. Ký - ri e, e - lé - i - son. R. Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son.



V. Chri - ste, e - lé - i - son. R. Chri - ste, e - lé - i - son.



V. Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son. R. Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son.

GLORIA

MASS of SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

NORMAND GOUIN



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on



earth peace to peo - ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -



dore you, we glo - ri - fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry.

*Choir or Cantor alone:*

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer

you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.



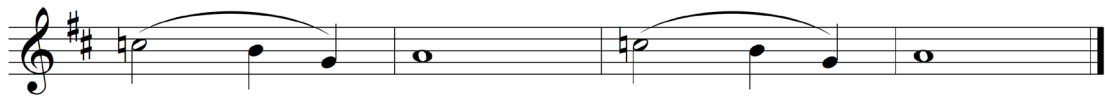
For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the



Ho-ly Spir-it in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.



A-men. A-men.

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## COLLECT

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# LITURGY of THE WORD

FIRST READING  
PRIMERA LECTURA

ACTS of THE APOSTLES 10:34a, 37-43  
HECHOS de LOS APÓSTOLES 10, 34a. 37-43

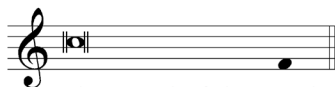
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Lectura del libro de los Hechos de los Apóstoles

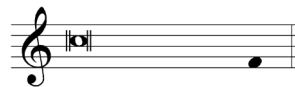
En aquellos días, Pedro tomó la palabra y dijo: “Ya saben ustedes lo sucedido en toda Judea, que tuvo principio en Galilea, después del bautismo predicado por Juan: cómo Dios ungió con el poder del Espíritu Santo a Jesús de Nazaret, y cómo éste pasó haciendo el bien, sanando a todos los oprimidos por el diablo, porque Dios estaba con él.

Nosotros somos testigos de cuanto él hizo en Judea y en Jerusalén. Lo mataron colgándolo de la cruz, pero Dios lo resucitó al tercer día y concedió verlo, no a todo el pueblo, sino únicamente a los testigos que él, de antemano, había escogido: a nosotros, que hemos comido y bebido con él después de que resucitó de entre los muertos.

Él nos mandó predicar al pueblo y dar testimonio de que Dios lo ha constituido juez de vivos y muertos. El testimonio de los profetas es unánime: que cuantos creen en él reciben, por su medio, el perdón de los pecados”.



Cantor: The word of the Lord.



ALL: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM  
SALMO RESPONSORIAL

PSALM 89  
SALMO 88

HOWARD HUGHES



For - ev - er I will sing the good-ness of the Lord.

Howard L Hughes  
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*Translation*  
*Por siempre cantaré la bondad del Señor.*

Hallé a David, mi siervo,  
y lo he ungido con óleo sagrado  
a fin de que mi mano lo sostenga  
y lo revista de valor, mi brazo. *Respuesta*

“My faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him,  
and through my name shall his horn be exalted.  
He shall say of me, ‘You are my father,  
my God, the Rock, my Savior.’” *Response*

SECOND READING  
SEGUNDA LECTURA

HEBREWS 5:1-10  
HEBREOS 5, 1-10

*English translation, read in Spanish*

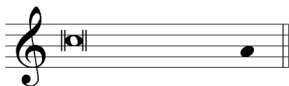
A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Every high priest is taken from among men and made their representative before God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring, for he himself is beset by weakness and so, for this reason, must make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people.

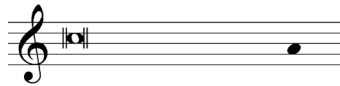
No one takes this honor upon himself but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. In the same way, it was not Christ who glorified himself in becoming high priest, but rather the one who said to him:

*“You are my son; this day I have begotten you”;*  
*just as he says in another place:*  
*“You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”*

In the days when he was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death,\* and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was,\* he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, declared by God high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.



Cantor: Palabra de Dios.



ALL: Te alabamos, Se - ñor.



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

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

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*Spanish translation, sung in English*

A ustedes los llamo amigos, dice el Señor,  
porque les he dado a conocer todo lo que le he oído a mi Padre.

GOSPEL  
EVANGELIO

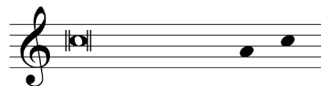
JOHN 15:9-17  
JUAN 15, 9-17

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel according to John.



ALL: And with your spir - it.



ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

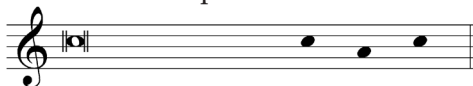
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En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: "Como el Padre me ama, así los amo yo. Permanezcan en mi amor. Si cumplen mis mandamientos, permanecen en mi amor; lo mismo que yo cumplo los mandamientos de mi Padre y permanezco en su amor. Les he dicho esto para que mi alegría esté en ustedes y su alegría sea plena.

Este es mi mandamiento: que se amen los unos a los otros como yo los he amado. Nadie tiene amor más grande a sus amigos, que el que da la vida por ellos. Ustedes son mis amigos, si hacen lo que yo les mando. Ya no los llamo siervos, porque el siervo no sabe lo que hace su amo; a ustedes los llamo amigos, porque les he dado a conocer todo lo que le he oído a mi Padre.

No son ustedes los que me han elegido, soy yo quien los ha elegido y los ha destinado para que vayan y den fruto y su fruto permanezca, de modo que el Padre les conceda cuanto le pidan en mi nombre. Esto es lo que les mando: que se amen los unos a los otros".

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.



ALL: Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

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# RITE *of* ORDINATION *of* PRIESTS

ELECTION *of* THE CANDIDATES

(*all sit*)

DEACON: Let those who are to be ordained Priests come forward.

*The candidates respond "present."*

Charles Henry Cappelli  
Thomas Gaetano Cipolla  
Declan John Cole  
Alexander Benjamin Cross  
Michael Jeffery Gokie  
Dominic William Ferdinand Mirenda  
Jude Ugochukwu Opara  
Griffen Thomas Schlaepfer and  
David Wang

*The Rector of the seminary presents to the Archbishop the candidates for Ordination and, in the name of the Church, asks that they be ordained to the Priesthood.*

FATHER REDCAY: Most Reverend Father, holy Mother Church asks you to ordain these men, our brothers, to the responsibility of the Priesthood.

ARCHBISHOP PÉREZ: Do you know them to be worthy?

FATHER REDCAY: After inquiry among the Christian people and upon the recommendation of those concerned with their formation, I testify that they have been found worthy.

ARCHBISHOP PÉREZ: Relying on the help of the Lord God and of our Savior Jesus Christ, we choose these our brothers for the Order of the Priesthood.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY

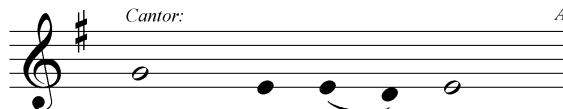

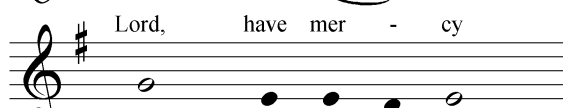
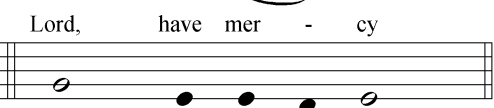
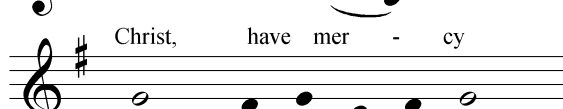
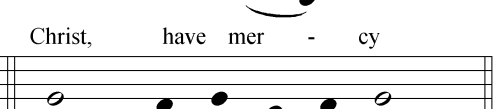
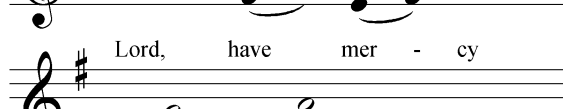
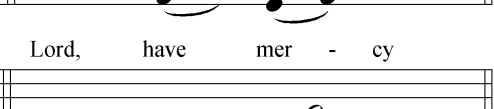
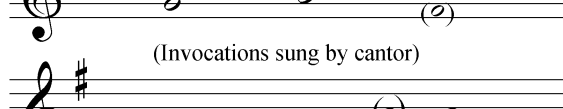
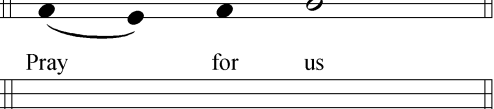
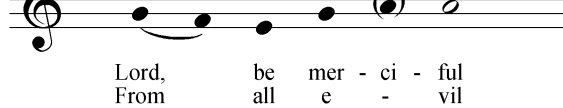
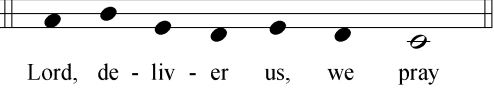
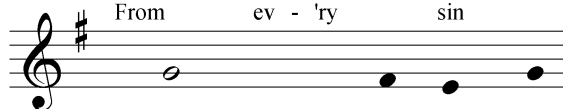

Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez

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## PROMISE of THE ELECT

*The elect are questioned as to their intention  
in undertaking the Office of the Priesthood.*

## LITANY of SUPPLICATION

<i>Cantor:</i>	<i>Assembly:</i>
	
Lord, have mer - cy	Lord, have mer - cy
	
Christ, have mer - cy	Christ, have mer - cy
	
Lord, have mer - cy	Lord, have mer - cy
	
(Invocations sung by cantor)	Pray for us
	
Lord, be mer - ci - ful	Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray
From all e - vil	
From ev - 'ry sin	
	
From ev - er last - ing death	Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray
By your in - car - na - tion	
By your death and res - ur - rec - tion	
By the outpouring of the Ho - ly Spir - it	
	
Be merciful to us sin - ners	Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer
Govern and protect your ho - ly Church	
<i>cantor continues...</i>	

Christ, hear us Christ hear us  
Christ, gra-cious-ly hear us Christ, gra-cious-ly hear us

### LAYING ON *of* HANDS

*Archbishop Pérez lays his hands on the head of each candidate,  
followed by the other priests present.*

*During the course of the Laying on of Hands by the priests,  
the faithful are invited to sit.*

### PRAYER *of* ORDINATION

*(all stand)*

*With his hands extended over the candidates,*

*Archbishop Pérez pronounces the Prayer of Ordination.*

*The Laying on of Hands and the Prayer of Consecration  
together constitute the essential elements of the Sacrament of Holy Orders.*

### INVESTITURE WITH STOLE AND CHASUBLE

*(all sit)*

*Assisting priests come forward*

*to change the stoles of the newly ordained  
from the Deacon position to that of the Priest.*

*They then vest them with the Chasuble.*

### PSALM 110

ANTHONY J. DiCELLO

Christ the Lord, a priest for - ev - er, in the line of Mel -  
chi - ze - dek, of - fered bread and wine, al - le - lu - ia.

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## ANOINTING of HANDS

*Archbishop Pérez then anoints the hands  
of the newly ordained Priests with Sacred Chrism.*

## HANDING OVER of THE BREAD AND WINE

*The Chalice and Paten that will be used at this Mass  
are handed to the newly ordained Priests by Archbishop Pérez  
on behalf of the People of God for the Celebration of the Lord's Sacrifice.*

## FRATERNAL KISS

*Finally, Archbishop Pérez extends the Fraternal Kiss to the newly ordained Priests.  
This gesture is then carried out by the newly ordained Priests' Sponsors,  
the Pastors of their home parishes,  
the Pastors of their diaconate assignment parishes,  
and the Seminary Formation Faculty.*

## PSALM 100

*Chant*

You are my friends, says the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ if you do what

I com - mand \_\_\_\_\_ you, al - le - lu - ia.

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# LITURGY of THE EUCHARIST

## PREPARATION of THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY

EKELE DIRI CHUKWU

JUDE NNAM (b. 1965)

*English translation, sung in Igbo*

Refrain: Thank you, God.

EARTHLY GIFTS

EMMANUEL ATUANYA

Refrain: Earthly gifts we offer you O God.  
Receive us, O God, And bless us,  
shower your blessings upon us.

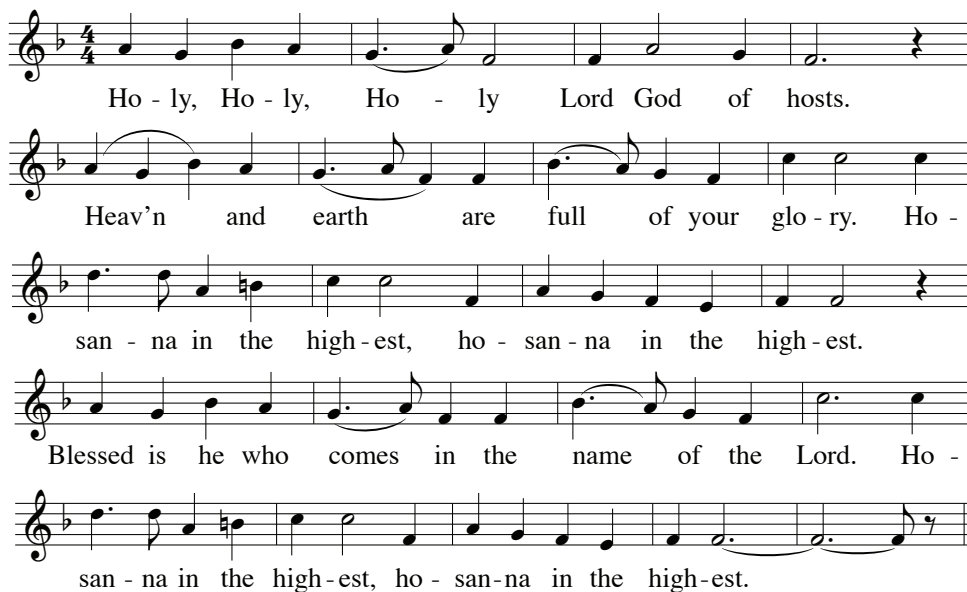
## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

SANCTUS

A COMMUNITY MASS

RICHARD PROULX



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, 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.

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MYSTERY of FAITH

A COMMUNITY MASS

RICHARD PROULX



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-  
claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

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AMEN

A COMMUNITY MASS

RICHARD PROULX



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

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COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER

RITE of PEACE

AGNUS DEI

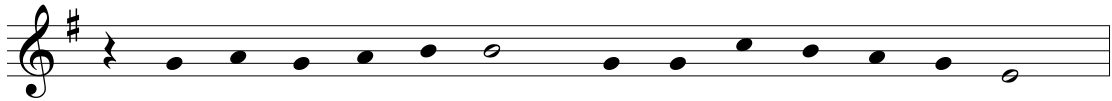
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# CONCLUDING RITES

GREETING AND SOLEMN BLESSING

THE FIRST BLESSING *of* THE NEWLY ORDAINED PRIESTS

DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL

O GOD, BEYOND ALL PRAISING

THAXTED

ARR. ROBERT HOBBY



1. O God, be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to -  
2. The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly  
3. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we



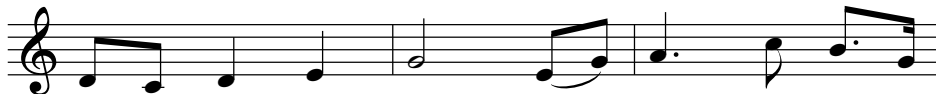
day and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-  
die, its frag-ile bloom sur-ren-der to you, the Lord most  
bring, that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our



pay; for we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you  
high; but hid-den from all na-ture the e-ter-nal seed is  
King; and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or



send, at bless-ings with-out num-ber and  
sown— though small in mor-tal stat-ure, to  
ill, we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and



mer-cies with-out end: we lift our hearts be-  
heav-en's gar-den grown: for Christ the man from  
rise to praise you still: to mar-vel at your



fore you and wait up - on your word, we  
heav - en from death has set us free, and  
beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways, and



hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.  
we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.  
make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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POSTLUDE

TOCCATA

PAUL AYRES

## LITURGICAL MUSIC MINISTRY

Jackie Dunleavy, *Psalmist*  
Jessica Kerler, *Cantor*

Ed Jakuboski, *trumpet*  
Tessa Ellis, *trumpet*  
Justin Moore, *trombone*  
Kathryn Mehrtens, *horn*  
William Kerrigan, *percussion*  
Mark Loria, *organ*

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*Director of Cathedral Parish Music*

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## GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION *of* Holy Communion

### **For Catholics**

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

### **For our fellow Christians**

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (Jn 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 § 4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 § 3).

### **For those not receiving Holy Communion**

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

### **For non-Christians**

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.



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