

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

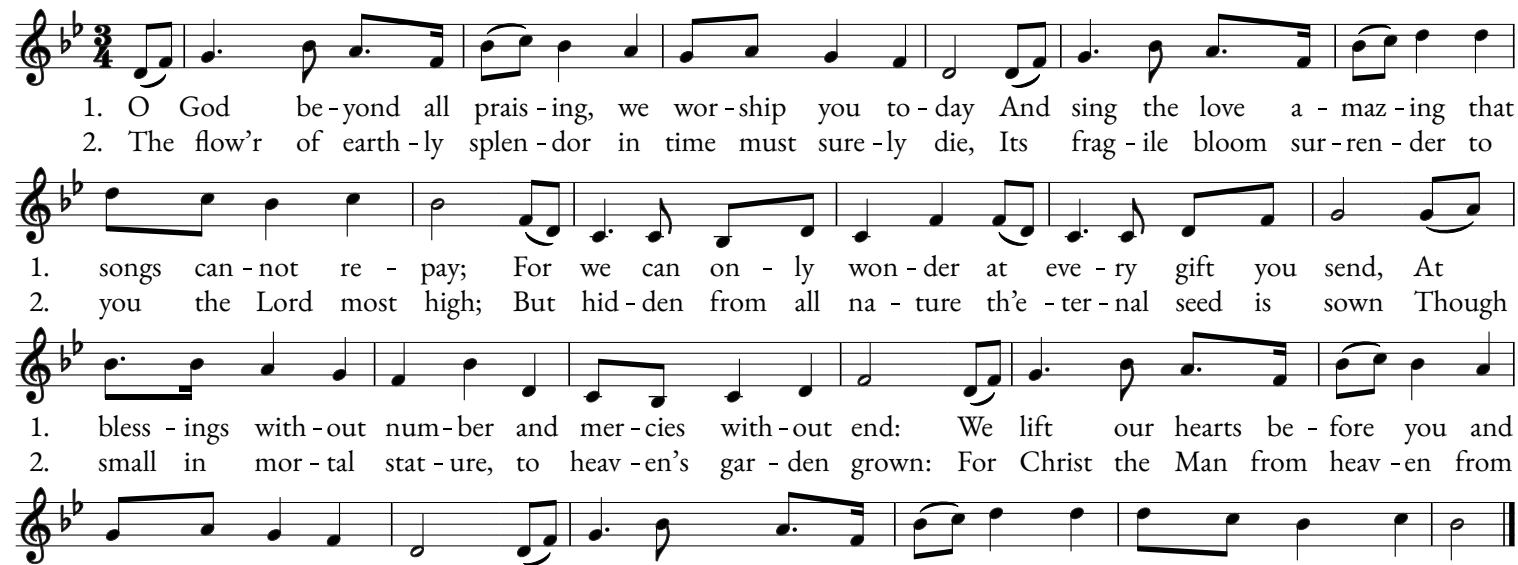
Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, / and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries / to pass from former ways to newness of life. / Through Christ our Lord.

## PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; / be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. / May God rebuke him, we humbly pray: / and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, / 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.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

*O God Beyond All Praising*



1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day And sing the love a-maz-ing that  
2. The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die, Its frag-ile bloom sur-ren-der to

1. songs can-not re-pay; For we can on-ly won-der at eve-ry gift you send, At  
2. you the Lord most high; But hid-den from all na-ture th'e-ter-nal seed is sown Though

1. bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end: We lift our hearts be-fore you and  
2. small in mor-tal stat-ure, to heav-en's gar-den grown: For Christ the Man from heav-en from

1. wait up-on your Word, We hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.  
2. death has set us free, And we through him are giv-en the fi-nal vic-to-ry!

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Melody: THAXTED, 7.6.7.6.7.6 D; Gustav Holst.



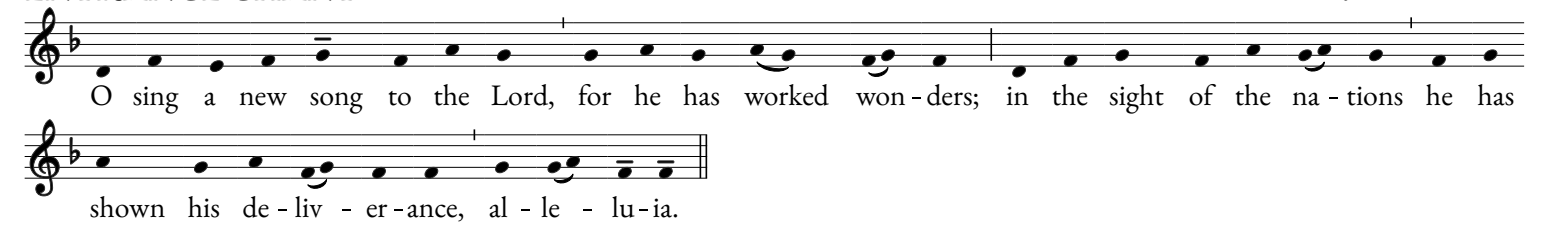
## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 3, 2026

WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

~ PLEASE HELP MAINTAIN A REVERENT SILENCE BEFORE AND AFTER THE LITURGY ~

## ENTRANCE CHANT

*Cf. Ps 98 (97): 1-2 · VI*



O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked won-ders; in the sight of the na-tions he has shown his de-liv-er-ance, al-le-lu-ia.

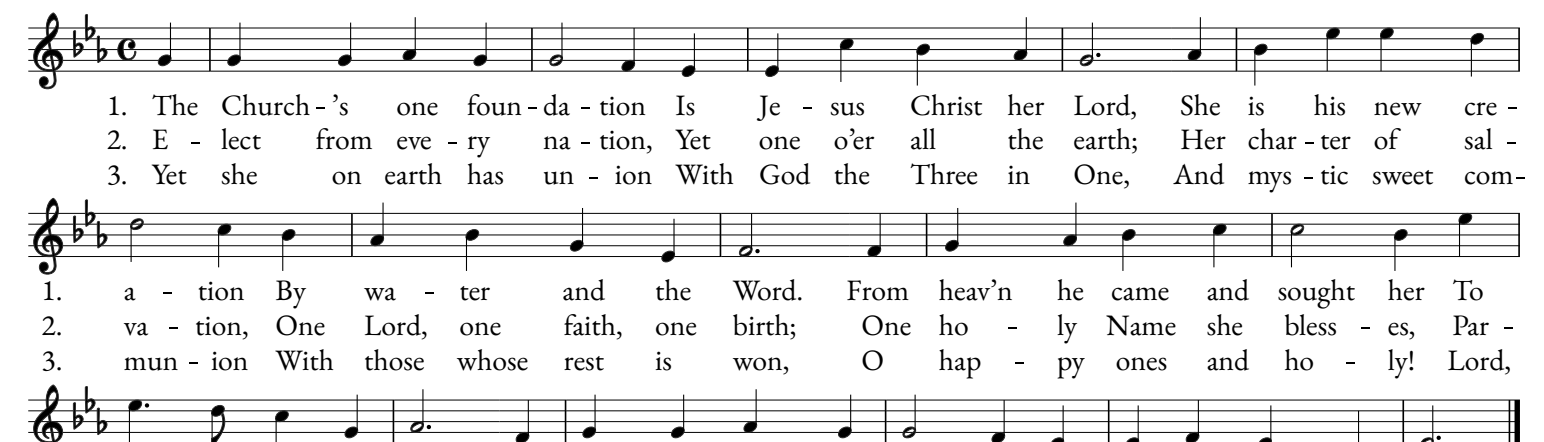
ꝫ. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, / world without end. Amen.

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## OPENING HYMN

*The Church's One Foundation*



1. The Church-'s one foun-da-tion Is Je-sus Christ her Lord, She is his new cre-  
2. E-lect from eve-ry na-tion, Yet one o'er all the earth; Her char-ter of sal-  
3. Yet she on earth has un-ion With God the Three in One, And mys-tic sweet com-

1. a-tion By wa-ter and the Word. From heav'n he came and sought her To  
2. va-tion, One Lord, one faith, one birth; One ho-ly Name she bless-es, Par-  
3. mun-ion With those whose rest is won, O hap-py ones and ho-ly! Lord,

1. be his ho-ly bride; With his own Blood he bought her And for her life he died.  
2. takes one ho-ly Food, And to one hope she press-es, With eve-ry grace en-dued.  
3. give us grace that we Like them, the meek and low-ly, On high may dwell with thee.

Text: Samuel J. Stone. Melody: AURELIA, 7.6.7.6 D; Samuel S. Wesley.

## KYRIE

Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison.  
Christe, eléison. Christe, eléison.  
Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison.

## GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / 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 alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

## COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, / constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, / that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism / may, under your protective care, bear much fruit /

and come to the joys of life eternal. / Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, / who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, / God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

*They chose seven men filled with the Spirit.*

*Acts 6: 1-7*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM



Lord, let your mer-cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

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*Ps 33 (32): 22 · III*

SECOND READING

*You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.*

*1 Pt 2: 4-9*

ALLELUIA



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

*Jn 14: 6 · VI*

☩ I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Ant. Melody: Gregorian Chant.

GOSPEL

*I am the way and the truth and the life.*

*Jn 14: 1-12*

HOMILY

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, / 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

℟. Lord, hear our prayer.

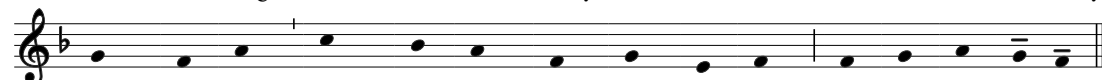
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN

*Sounds of Joy Have Put to Flight*



- 1. Sounds of joy have put to flight All the sad-ness of the night. And the Church de-
- 2. Bloom-ing like the lil-y flow'r In the res-ur-rec-tion hour, Filled with fruit-ful,
- 3. By the heav'n-ly choirs is she Praised with cho-ral har-mo-ny. With the whole ce-
- 4. O most glo-rious Trin-i-ty, Un-di-vid-ed Un-i-ty, Through Ma-ri-a's



- 1. lights to raise Un - to Mar - y songs of praise:
- 2. ho - ly joy, When she saw her ris - en Boy. Vir-go Ma-ri-a!
- 3. les - tial ring, New-born an - thems let us sing.
- 4. mer - its' store, Save us, Lord, for ev - er - more.

Text: 13th c. Latin; Tr. St. Basil Hymnal. Melody: CONCORDI LAETITIA, 7.7.7.5, Mode 6; Anon.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice / have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, / grant, we pray, / that, as we have come to know your truth, / we may make it ours by a worthy way of life. / Through Christ our Lord.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. / Heaven and earth are full of your glory. / Hosanna in the highest. / Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. / Hosanna in the highest.

MYSTERY OF FAITH

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, / and profess your Resurrection / until you come again.

DOXOLOGY AND AMEN

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, / hallowed be thy name; / thy kingdom come, / thy will be done / on earth as it is in heaven. / Give us this day our daily bread, / and forgive us our trespasses, / as we forgive those who trespass against us; / and lead us not into temptation, / but deliver us from evil.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

COMMUNION CHANT

*Cf. Jn 15: 1, 5 · VIII*



I am the true vine and you are the branch-es, says the Lord. Who-ev-er re-mains in me,



and I in him, bears fruit in plen-ty, al-le-lu-ia.

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COMMUNION HYMN

*Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All*



- 1. Je - sus, my Lord, my God, my all, How can I love thee as I ought?
- 2. Had I but Mar - y's sin - less heart With which to love thee, dear - est King,
- 3. Thy Bod - y, Soul and God - head, all; O mys - ter - y of love di - vine;
- 4. Sound, then, his prais - es high - er still, And come, ye an - gels, to our aid;



- 1. And how re - vere this won - drous gift, So far sur - pas - sing hope or thought?
- 2. Oh, with what bursts of fer - vent praise, Thy good - ness, Je - sus, would I sing.
- 3. I can - not com - pass all I have, For all thou hast and art is mine.
- 4. For this is God, the ver - y God Who hath both men and an - gels made.



Sweet Sac-ra-ment, we thee a - dore; Oh, make us love thee more and more. Oh, make us



love thee more and more.

Text: Frederick W. Faber. Melody: SWEET SACRAMENT, 8.8.8.8. (L.M.) with refrain; 19th c. German.