

ASCENSION SUNDAY

THE ORDER OF MASS

INTRODUCTORY RITES

OPENING HYMN

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!



1. A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New
 2. The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up -
 3. To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why
 4. O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, All



hymns through - out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 on the Mount of Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 stand and gaze up - on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 praise to you let earth ac - cord: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un - trod. As -
 lu - ia! And with his faith - ful fol - l'wers see Their
 lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior!" Thus they say, "This
 lu - ia! You are, while end - less a - ges run, With



cends un - to the throne of God.
 Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 is his glo - rious tri - umph day!"
 Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GREETING

- In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.
- The Lord be with you.
- And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

- Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

*A brief pause for silence follows.
Then all recite together the formula of general confession:*

- I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

And, striking their breast, they say:

- through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;

Then they continue:

- therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.


The absolution by the Priest follows:

- May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.
- Amen.

KYRIE

The Kyrie, eleison (Lord, have mercy) invocations follow, unless they have just occurred in a formula of the Penitential Act.

Priest, deacon, or cantor, then all:



(Invocation)

1. Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son.
2. Chri - ste, e - lé - i - son.
3. Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son.

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GLORIA

All:
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, Lord God,
heav - en - ly King, O God, al - mighty Fa - ther.

Choir (Cong. ad lib.):
Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of
God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy on us;
you take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer;
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have
mer - cy on us.

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It features a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests and ties. The lyrics are printed below the corresponding musical lines. A tempo marking 'All:' is present at the beginning, and a performance instruction 'Choir (Cong. ad lib.):' is placed above the choir's entry. The score concludes with a change in time signature to 3/2 and then back to 4/4.

All:

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.

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COLLECT

■ Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God,
 and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving,
 for the Ascension of Christ your Son
 is our exaltation,
 and, where the Head has gone before in glory,
 the Body is called to follow in hope.
 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

■ Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 1: 1-11

In the first book, Theophilus,
I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught
until the day he was taken up,
after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit
to the apostles whom he had chosen.
He presented himself alive to them
by many proofs after he had suffered,
appearing to them during forty days
and speaking about the kingdom of God.
While meeting with them,
he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem,
but to wait for "the promise of the Father
about which you have heard me speak;
for John baptized with water,
but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

When they had gathered together they asked him,
"Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"
He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons
that the Father has established by his own authority.
But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you,
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem,
throughout Judea and Samaria,
and to the ends of the earth."

When he had said this, as they were looking on,
he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.
While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going,
suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them.
They said, "Men of Galilee,
why are you standing there looking at the sky?
This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven
will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.

■ The word of the Lord.

■ Thanks be to God.

R. (6) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All you peoples, clap your hands,
shout to God with cries of gladness,
for the LORD, the Most High, the awesome,
is the great king over all the earth.

R. (6) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;
the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.
Sing praise to God, sing praise;
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

R. (6) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

For king of all the earth is God;
sing hymns of praise.
God reigns over the nations,
God sits upon his holy throne.

R. (6) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Brothers and sisters:

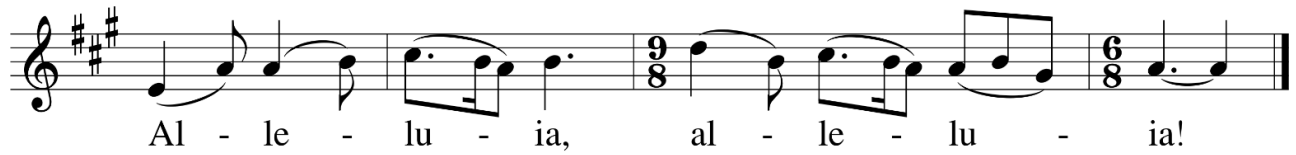
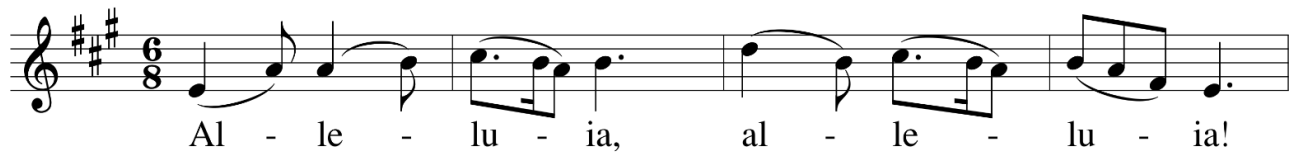
May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,
give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation
resulting in knowledge of him.

May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened,
that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call,
what are the riches of glory
in his inheritance among the holy ones,
and what is the surpassing greatness of his power
for us who believe,
in accord with the exercise of his great might,
which he worked in Christ,
raising him from the dead
and seating him at his right hand in the heavens,
far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion,
and every name that is named
not only in this age but also in the one to come.
And he put all things beneath his feet
and gave him as head over all things to the church,
which is his body,
the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

■ The word of the Lord.

■ Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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Go and teach all nations, says the Lord;
I am with you always, until the end of the world. **R.**

- The Lord be with you.
- And with your spirit.
- A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.
- Glory to you, O Lord.

The eleven disciples went to Galilee,
to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them.
When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted.
Then Jesus approached and said to them,
"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,
teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.
And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

- The Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

■ 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,

*At the words that follow,
up to and including and became man, 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.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

- ...We pray to the Lord.
- ...Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God



1. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, Fill
 2. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, Un -
 3. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, My
 4. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, So



me with life a - new, That I may love the
 til my heart is pure; Un - til my will is
 will to yours in - cline, Un - til this self - ish
 shall I nev - er die, But live with you the



things you love And do what you would do.
 one with yours, To do and to en - dure.
 part of me Glows with your fire di - vine.
 per - fect life Of your e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Edwin Hatch, 1835-1889
 Tune: ST. COLUMBA, CM; Irish melody

PRESENTATION AND PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

■ Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the bread we offer you:

fruit of the earth and work of human hands,
it will become for us the bread of life.

■ Blessed be God for ever.

By the mystery of this water and wine
may we come to share in the divinity of Christ
who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

■ Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the wine we offer you:

fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it will become our spiritual drink.

■ Blessed be God for ever.

With humble spirit and contrite heart
may we be accepted by you, O Lord,
and may our sacrifice in your sight this day
be pleasing to you, Lord God.

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

■ Pray, brothers and sisters,
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

■ May the Lord accept the 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 OFFERINGS

■ We offer sacrifice now in supplication, O Lord,
to honor the wondrous Ascension of your Son:
grant, we pray,
that through this most holy exchange
we, too, may rise up to the heavenly realms.
Through Christ our Lord.

■ Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

■ The Lord be with you.

■ And with your spirit.

■ 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.

■ It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation...

Therefore, overcome with paschal joy,
every land, every people exults in your praise
and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts,
sing together the unending hymn of your glory,
as they acclaim:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of
hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry.
Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed 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 five staves in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats. It begins with a four-measure rest. The lyrics are: "Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed 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 score ends with a double bar line.

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■...**T**HE mystery of faith.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION B

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

The musical score is written on two staves in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats. The lyrics are: "When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a-gain." The score ends with a double bar line.

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The Eucharistic Prayer culminates and concludes when the Priest sings or says:

■ Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours,
for ever and ever.

AMEN

A - men, a - men, a - men!

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The Priest invites all to join in the Lord's Prayer:

■ At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

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 for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not
in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord...and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All:
For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the glo - ry are yours now and for ev - er.

SIGN OF PEACE

■ Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

■ Amen.

■ The peace of the Lord be with you always

■ And with your spirit.

Then, if appropriate, the Deacon, or the Priest, adds:

■ Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

The people exchange a sign of peace, according to local custom.

LAMB OF GOD

Cantor: *Assembly:*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the

To repeat

world, have mer - cy on us.

Last time

world, grant us peace.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in B-flat major. It consists of three lines of music. The first line is for the Cantor and Assembly, with lyrics 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the'. The second line is for the assembly, with lyrics 'world, have mer - cy on us.' and a 'To repeat' instruction. The third line is for the assembly, with lyrics 'world, grant us peace.' and a 'Last time' instruction. The time signature changes from 3/4 to 2/4 and back to 4/4.

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The faithful kneel after the "Agnus Dei" unless the Diocesan Bishop determines otherwise.

■ Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those 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 OFFERING

Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly



1. Sing of Mar - y, pure and low - ly, Vir - gin Moth - er
2. Sing of Je - sus, son of Mar - y, In the home at
3. Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther; Glo - ry be to



un - de - filed. Sing of God's own Son most ho - ly,
Naz - a - reth. Toil and la - bor can - not wea - ry
God the Son; Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it;



Who be - came her lit - tle child. Fair - est Child of
Love en - dur - ing un - to death. Con - stant was the
Glo - ry to the Three in One. From the heart of



fair - est Moth - er, God the Lord who came to earth,
love he gave her, Though he went forth from her side,
bless - ed Mar - y, From all saints the song as - cends,



Word - made - flesh, our ver - y broth - er,
Forth to preach, and heal, and suf - fer,
And the Church the strain re - ech - oes



Takes our na - ture by his birth.
Till on Cal - va - ry he died.
Un - to earth's re - mot - est ends.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

■ Almighty ever-living God,
who allow those on earth to celebrate divine mysteries,
grant, we pray,
that Christian hope may draw us onward
to where our nature is united with you.
Through Christ our Lord.

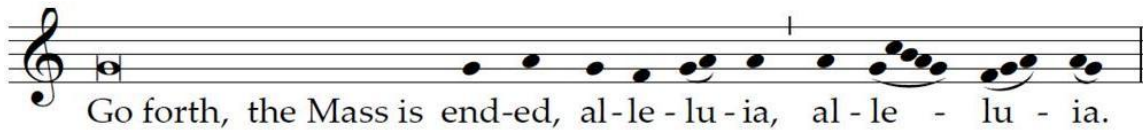
■ Amen.

■ The Lord be with you.

■ And with your spirit.

■ May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

■ Amen.



Go to the World!



1. Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth. Go
 2. Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place. Go
 3. Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless and pray. The
 4. Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, For



preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth, Bap -
 live the Word of God's re - deem - ing grace. Go
 nights of tears give way to joy - ous day. As
 I am with you till the age shall end, When



tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth. Al -
 seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 ser - vant Church you fol - low Christ's own way.
 all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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