

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

SOMERVILLE, NEW JERSEY



THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

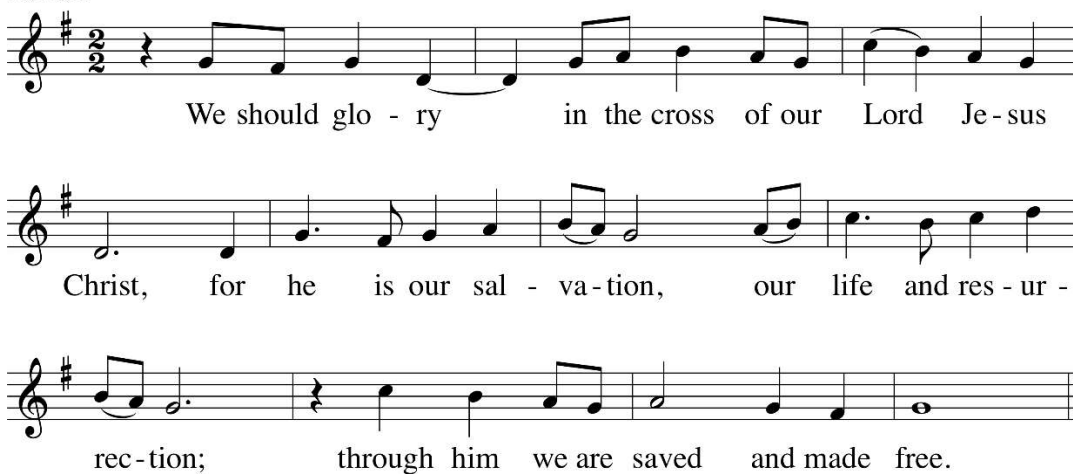
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INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN

Glory in the Cross

Refrain



GREETING

PENITENTIAL ACT

GLORIA



Lord God, heav'n-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa-ther.

Choir (Congr. 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.

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

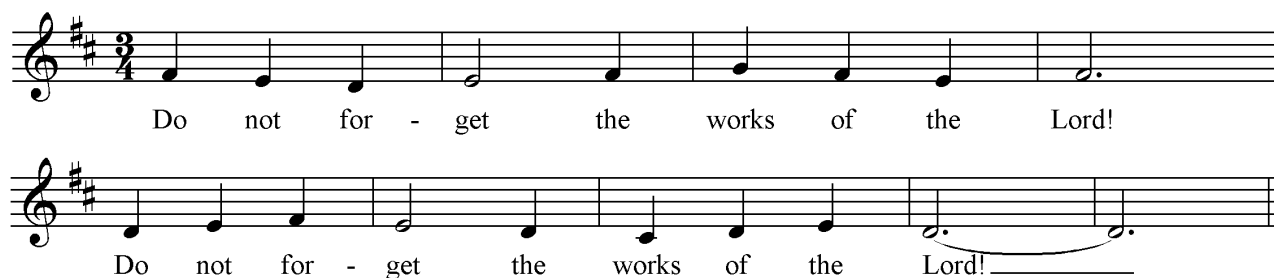
Numbers 21:4b-9

With their patience worn out by the journey, the people complained against God and Moses, "Why have you brought us up from Egypt to die in this desert, where there is no food or water? We are disgusted with this wretched food!"

In punishment the LORD sent among the people saraph serpents, which bit the people so that many of them died. Then the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned in complaining against the LORD and you. Pray the LORD to take the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people, and the LORD said to Moses, "Make a saraph and mount it on a pole, and if any who have been bitten

look at it, they will live." Moses accordingly made a bronze serpent and mounted it on a pole, and whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM



SECOND READING

Philippians 2:6-11

Brothers and sisters: Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

John 3:13-17

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

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

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

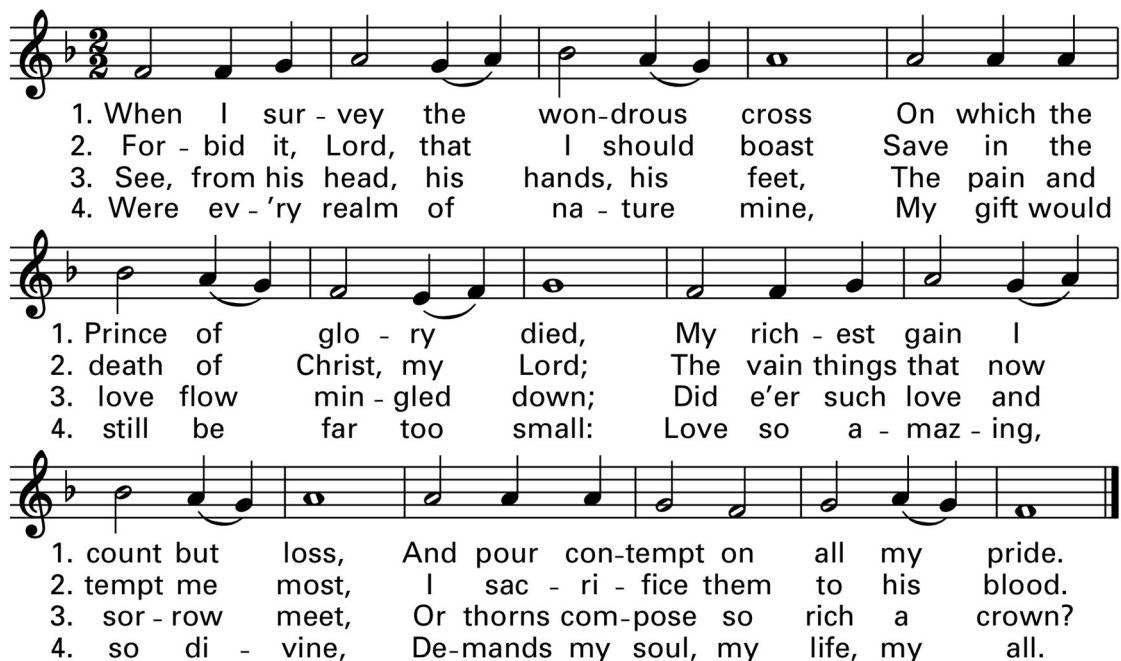
May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

HAMBURG



1. When I sur - vey the won-drous cross On which the
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, The pain and
 4. Were ev - 'ry realm of na - ture mine, My gift would

1. Prince of glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
 2. death of Christ, my Lord; The vain things that now
 3. love flow min - gled down; Did e'er such love and
 4. still be far too small: Love so a - maz - ing,

1. count but loss, And pour con-tempt on all my pride.
 2. tempt me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 3. sor - row meet, Or thorns com-pose so rich a crown?
 4. so di - vine, De-mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: LM; Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt. Music: Lowell Mason, 1792–1872.

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

HOLY

Heritage Mass
Owen Alstott



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na! Ho-san-na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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MYSTERY OF FAITH

WE PROCLAIM YOUR DEATH

Heritage Mass
Owen Alstott



We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your
Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come, un - til you come a - gain.

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AMEN



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THE COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SIGN OF PEACE

LAMB OF GOD

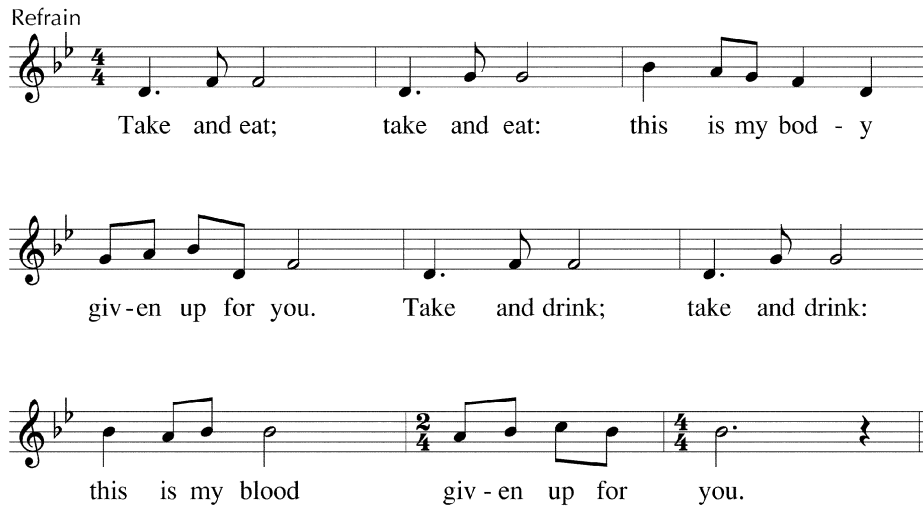
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COMMUNION HYMN

Take and Eat



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION



THE CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

MARIAN ANTIPHON

SALVE REGINA

Sal-ve, Re - gí - na, ma - ter mi - se - ri - cór - di - ae, Vi - ta dul -
cé - do et spes no - stra, sal - ve. Ad te cla - má - mus,
éx - su - les, fí - li - i He - vae. Ad te sus - pi - rá - mus,
ge - mén - tes et flen - tes in hac la - cri - má - rum val - le.
E - ia er - go, Ad - vo - cá - ta no - stra, il - los tu - os mi -
se - ri - cór - des ó - cu - los ad nos con - vér - te.
Et Je - sum, be - ne - dí - ctum fruc - tum ven - tris tu - i,
no - bis post hoc ex - sí - li - um os - tén - de.
O cle - mens, O pi - a,
O dul - cis Vir - go Ma - rí - a.

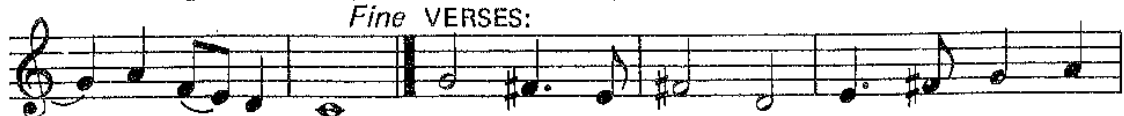
CONCLUDING HYMN

LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

CRUCIFER, 10 10 with refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim till all the world a-dore.



his sa-cred name. 1. Led on their way by this tri-umphant

2. Each new-born ser-vant of the Cru-ci-

3. O Lord, once lift-'ed on the glo-rious

4. So shall our song of tri-umph ev-er

to Refrain



1. sign, the hosts of God in con-quering ranks com-bine.

2. fied bears on the brow the seal of him who died.

3. tree, as thou hast prom-ised, draw the world to thee.

4. be praise to the Cru-ci-fied for vic-to-ry.

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