

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord ♦ May 24, 2020

St. Clare of Assisi Parish, O'Fallon Illinois

PRELUDE: Andante Cantabile
from *Symphony IV, Op. 13*

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Sing We Triumphant Hymns of Praise

Laast Uns Erfreuen

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| <p>1. Sing we triumphant hymns of praise
To greet our Lord these festive days,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Who by a road before untrod
Ascended to the throne of God,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!</p> <p>2. In wond'ring awe his faithful band
Upon the Mount of Olives stand.
Alleluia, alleluia!
And with the Virgin Mother see
Their Lord ascend in majesty.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!</p> | <p>3. O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to you let earth accord,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Who are, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit, One.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!</p> <p>4. To God the Father let us sing,
To God the Son, our risen King,
Alleluia, alleluia!
And equally let us adore
The Holy Spirit evermore,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!</p> |
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PENITENTIAL ACT

in Tempus Paschale

Stephen Eros

Ky - ri - e E - le - i - son.

Chri - ste E - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e E - le - i - son.

GLORY TO GOD

Mass of Wisdom

Steve Janco

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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,
one God, for ever and ever.

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 - might - y Fa - ther. 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. 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.

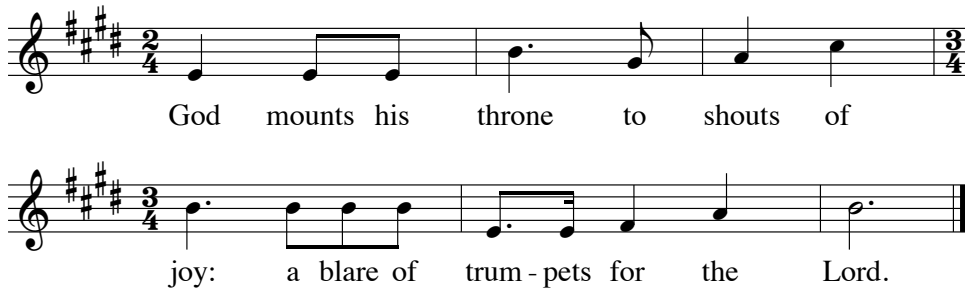
LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

As the Apostles were looking on, Jesus was lifted up.

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.”



All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the LORD, the Most High, is
awesome,
the great king over all the earth. *℟.*

God goes up with shouts of joy.
The LORD goes up with trumpet blast.

Sing praise for God; sing praise!
Sing praise to our king; sing
praise! *℟.*

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God reigns over the nations.
God sits upon his holy throne. *℟.*

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Put to death in the flesh, Christ was raised to life in the Spirit.

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

EASTER ALLELUIA

Paul M. French



*Go and teach all nations, says the Lord;
I am with you always, until the end of the world. - Matthew 28:19a, 20b*

All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

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.”

HOMILY

APOSTLES' CREED

The Church particularly recommends the use of the Apostles' Creed during Easter Time. This ancient Creed, dating back to the early centuries of the Church, is the basis of our baptismal promises.

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,

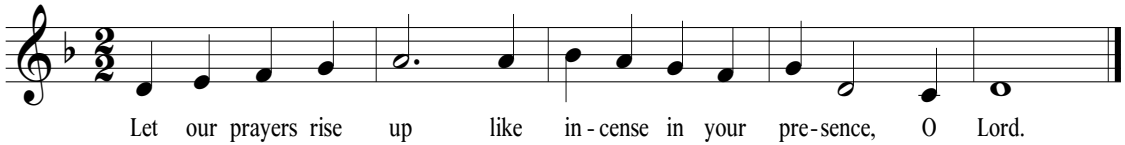
Making a profound bow...

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;

on the third day
he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.



We pray for our Church leaders—the successors of the Apostles: that they may stir up within themselves and the whole church the power they received when the Holy Spirit was given to them in the grace of their ordination.

We pray for the missionary outreach of the Church: that we may all support by our prayers and financial resources the final mandate of Jesus: to make disciples of all nations.

We pray for all who work in healthcare: that God will give wisdom to those working to contain the virus, insight to those searching for treatments or a vaccine, and strength to those caring for the sick.

We pray for all who need the comfort of prayer today in a time of mourning, pain, or weakness: that the power of this Holy Sacrifice will lift them up to new realms of grace and hope.

We pray for those gathered in spirit to pray this Mass: that we who celebrate the bodily Ascension of Jesus into heaven may follow Him in our thoughts and desires, seeing everything on earth from the standpoint of eternity.

We pray for the intentions of those watching this broadcast. At this time, we will pause for a moment as you voice your intentions in your home, or type them in the comments field to share with your community.

We pray for our faithful departed ones: that Jesus, whom the Father raised from the dead and seated above every authority and power, may use His dominion to bring them to eternal life in heaven.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY

GO TO THE WORLD

Sine Nomine



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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Tune: SINE NOMINE, 10 10 10 with alleluias; Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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.

PREFACE

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For the Lord Jesus, the King of glory, conqueror of sin and death,
ascended today to the highest heavens, as the Angels gazed in wonder.
Mediator between God and man, judge of the world and Lord of hosts,
he ascended, not to distance himself from our lowly state
but that we, his members, might be confident of following
where he, our Head and Founder, has gone before.

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:

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

MASS OF WISDOM

Steve Janco

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score consists of five lines of music.

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na,

ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high-est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high-est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, Sa - vior of the world, for by your
Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

The musical notation is in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. It consists of two staves. The first staff contains the melody for 'Save us, Sa - vior of the world, for by your'. The second staff contains the melody for 'Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.'.

GREAT AMEN

A - men. A - men. A - men.

The musical notation is in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. It consists of a single staff with three measures of the 'Amen' text, each measure ending with a repeat sign.

COMMUNION RITE

LAMB OF GOD

Cantor *All*
*Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have
Cantor *All*
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sins of the world, grant us peace.

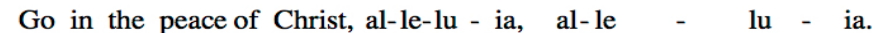
The musical notation is in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. It consists of three staves. The first staff contains the melody for '*Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have'. The second staff contains the melody for 'mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the'. The third staff contains the melody for 'sins of the world, grant us peace.'.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CONCLUDING RITES

SOLEMN BLESSING AND DISMISSAL



Thanks be to God, al-le-lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

RECESSIONAL: Finale from Symphony IV, Op. 13

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