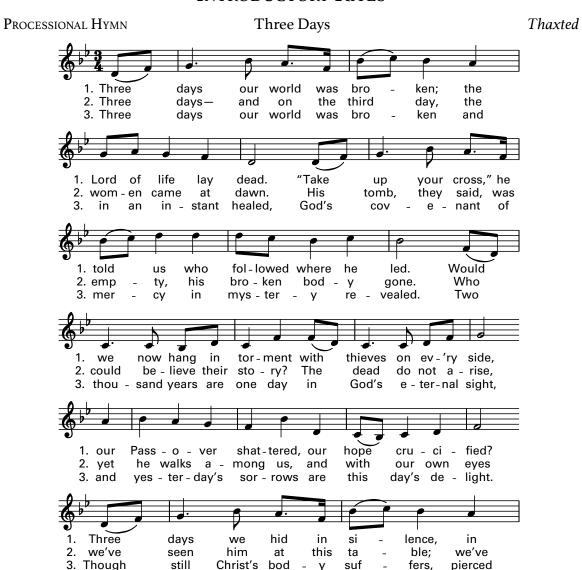
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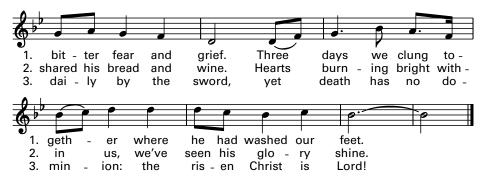
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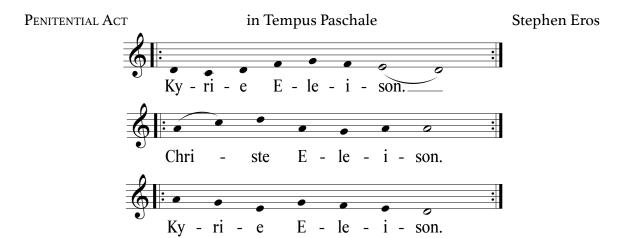
Georg Philip Telemann (1681-1767)

Introductory Rites





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GLORY TO GOD

Mass of Wisdom Found on the next page

Steve Janco

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, one God, for ever and ever.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

They chose seven men filled with the Spirit.

As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution.

So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said,

"It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table.

Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men,

filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

The proposal was acceptable to the whole community,

so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit,

also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas,

and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles

who prayed and laid hands on them.

The word of God continued to spread,

and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly; even a large group of priests were becoming obedient to the faith.



Fresco in Niccoline Chapel (Vatican) depicting Saint Peter consecrating the Seven Deacons. Fra Angelico



Lord, let your mer-cy be on us,

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for the upright.

Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp; with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.

as we place our trust in you.

For the word of the Lord is faithful, and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right, and his merciful love fills the earth.

Yes, the Lord's eyes are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

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Second Reading I Peter 2:20b-25

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

Beloved:

Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it says in Scripture: Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion, a cornerstone, chosen and precious, and whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame. Therefore, its value is for you who have faith, but for those without faith: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, a stone that will make people stumble, and a rock that will make them fall. They stumble by disobeying the word, as is their destiny. You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.



I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. - John 14:6

Gospel John 10:1-10

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled.

You have faith in God; have faith also in me.

In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.

If there were not,

would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you,

I will come back again and take you to myself,

so that where I am you also may be.

Where I am going you know the way."

Thomas said to him,

"Master, we do not know where you are going;

how can we know the way?"

Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

If you know me, then you will also know my Father.

From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him,

"Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us."

Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time

and you still do not know me, Philip?

Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.

How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own.

The Father who dwells in me is doing his works.

Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves.

Amen, amen, I say to you,
whoever believes in me will do the works that I do,
and will do greater ones than these,
because I am going to the Father."

HOMILY

Apostles' Creed

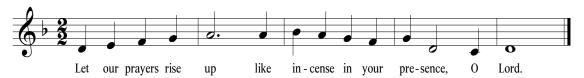
The Church particularly recommends the use of the Apostles' Creed during Easter Time. This ancient Creed, dating back to the early centuries of the Church, is the basis of our baptismal promises.

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 the Church: that we may live as God's chosen people and follow Christ who is our Way, our Truth and our Life.

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 Bishop-Elect Michael McGovern: that the Spirit of the Lord may be upon him and give him both courage and strngth as he prepares to be ordained the ninth bishop of the Diocese of Belleville.

We pray for all mothers living and deceased; for expecting mothers, especially those in domestic crisis; and for mothers grieving the loss of a child. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, may these special women be guided and affirmed in their vocation.

We pray for mothers experiencing fertility complications: that they will look faithfully to Christ for trust and patience during their time of frustration.

We pray for all who serve the poor, widows, orphans and the forgotten of society: that God will renew their hearts and strengthen their spirits to continue to reach out to those in need.

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, who has prepared a place for each of them in the Father's house, may now welcome them home into heavenly joy, especially Ed Bugger.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY

THE CALL from Five Mystical Songs

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a Way, as gives us breath: Such a Truth, as ends all strife: Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a Light, as shows a feast: Such a Feast, as mends in length: Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy, as none can move: Such a Love, as none can part: Such a Heart, as joys in love.

Text by George Herbert (1593-1633)

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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.

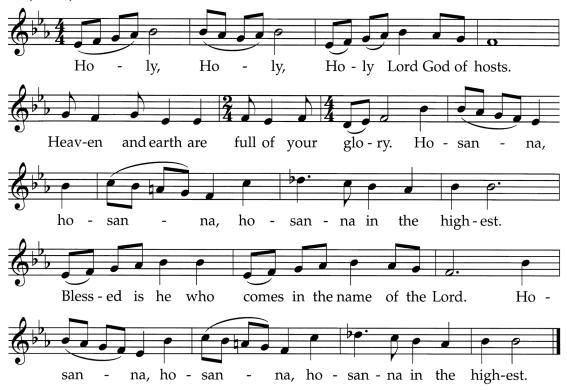
PREFACE

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, at all times to acclaim you, O Lord, but on this day / in this time above all to laud you yet more gloriously, when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

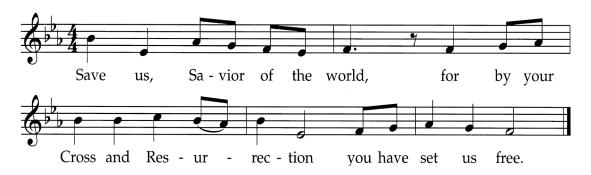
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Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of your glory, as they acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy



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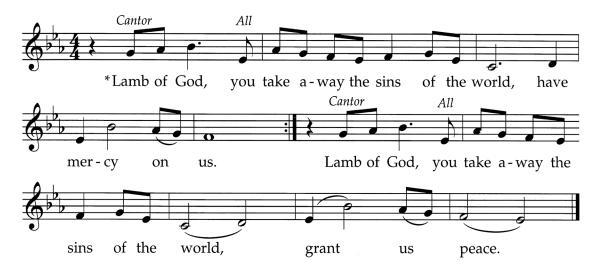


GREAT AMEN



COMMUNION RITE

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION CHANT: JOHN 15:1, 5

Graduale Romanum

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things

and I desire to receive You in my body, my soul, and my whole being.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

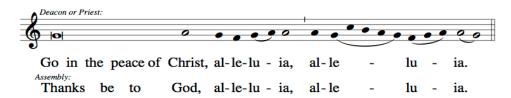
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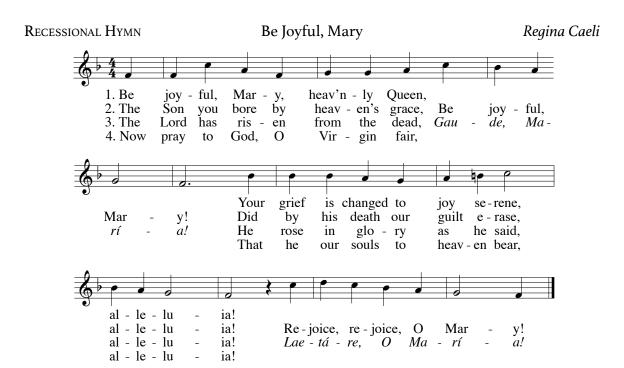
Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life.

Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITES

SOLEMN BLESSING AND DISMISSAL





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