

St. John Paul II Ordinariate Community

A Roman Catholic Parochial Community of the Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 5, 2021 † 1:30 p.m.

Holy Ghost Catholic Church, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania



Silent Devotion Before Mass

Announcements may be offered by the Priest

Organ Prelude

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

The People stand

Hymn in Procession

Prepare the Way, O Zion

F. Franzen / *Bereden väg för Herran*

1. Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on! Ye aw - ful deeps, rise high; sink low, ye tow - ering
2. Fling wide thy por - tals, Zi - on, and hail thy glo - rious King; his tid - ings of sal -
3. He com - eth not with war - riors, and not with pomp and show; yet smit - eth he with
4. The throne which he as - cend - eth is fixed in heaven a - bove: his ev - er - last - ing

moun - tains, the Lord is draw - ing nigh; the right - eous King of glo - ry, fore - told in
va - tion to ev - ery peo - ple bring; who, wait - ing yet in sad - ness, would sing his
ter - ror sin, death, and ev - ery foe. The Spir - it's sword he wield - eth, not e'en to
king - dom is light a - lone and love. His praise be ev - er sound - ing for grace and

sa - cred sto - ry. O blest is he that came in God the Fa - ther's name.
praise in glad - ness.
death he yield - eth.
peace a - bound - ing.

Sign of the Cross & Collect for Purity

Priest In the ✠ Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
People **Amen.**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

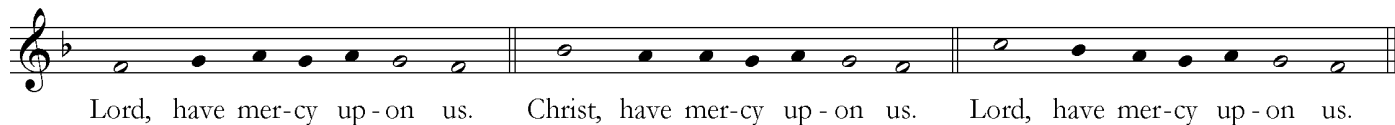
The Summary of the Law, proclaimed by the Priest

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie, sung by all

Each phrase is sung three times before proceeding to the next.

J. Merbecke



The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Priest Let us pray.

The People kneel. *The Priest offers the Collect, the People acclaiming 'Amen.'*

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the ways of thine Only Begotten Son: that through his advent we may be worthy to serve thee with purified minds; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The People sit

The First Lesson

Baruch 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting. For God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For your name will for ever be called by God, "Peace of righteousness and glory of godliness." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height and look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went forth from you on foot, led away by their

enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual, recited by the Priest

Ex Sion

Ps. 50:2, 3, 5

Out of Sion hath God appeared: in perfect beauty.

Gather my saints together unto me: those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice.

The Second Lesson

Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Brethren: Always in every prayer of mine for you all I make my prayer with joy, thankful for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure that he who began a good work in you will

bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and

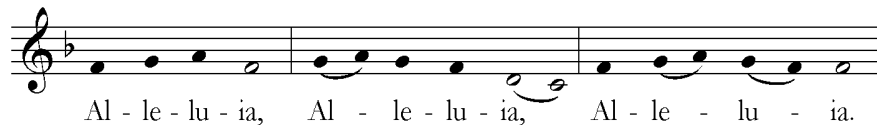
all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruits of righteousness which come through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand
Alleluia & Verse

Lætátus sum

The Alleluia is sung first by the Priest, then by the People



Priest I was glad when they said unto me:
 we will go into the house of the Lord.

Ps. 122:1 / plainsong

Then all again sing the Alleluia

The Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Priest ✠ A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, in the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness; and he went into all the region about the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the

prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The People sit
The Homily

Fr. Hummel

The People stand
The Nicene Creed

Priest I believe in one God,
People **the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,**
 and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,
genuflect and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man;
arise and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead, ✠ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The People kneel after the Priest's invitation to prayer.

The People respond after each intercession: Lord, have mercy.

The final intercession is followed by the response: To thee, O Lord our God.

After a concluding Collect or Doxology, the People acclaim: Amen.

The Penitential Rite

The Priest says

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

Priest Almighty God,

People Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, judge of all men:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest says

May Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy on us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Comfortable Words

Hear what comfortable words our Savior Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him:

(here the Priest proclaims one or more of the prescribed sentences from Scripture)

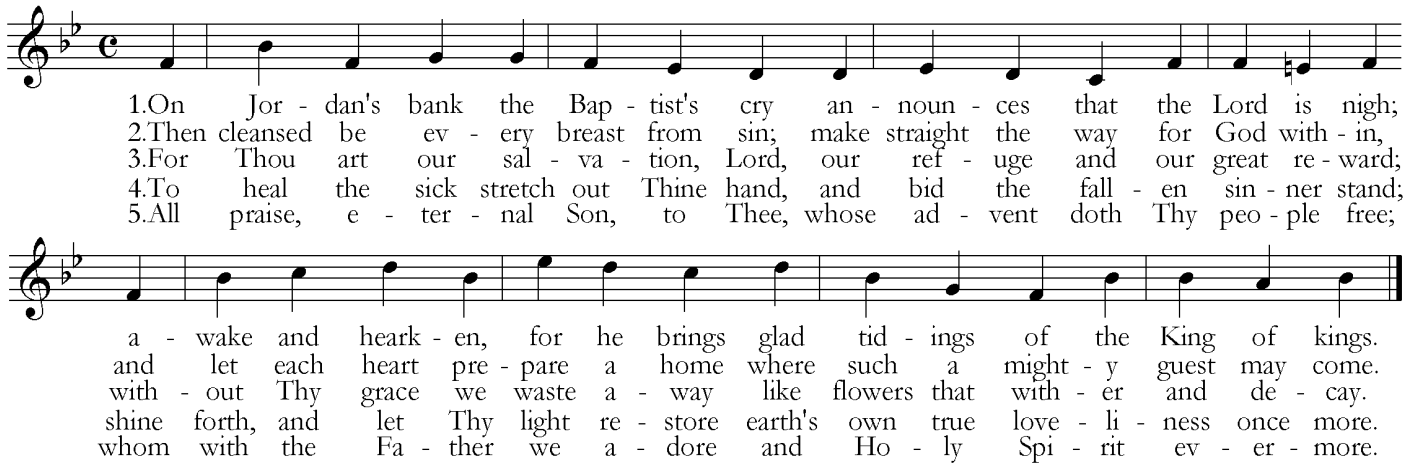
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The People sit

Offertory Sentence

The Priest pronounces a Sentence inviting the collection of tithes & offerings

Offertory Hymn, *sung by all, seated* On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry C. Coffin, tr. W. Douglas / Winchester New



1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - noun - ces that the Lord is nigh;
2. Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make straight the way for God with - in;
3. For Thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our ref - uge and our great re - ward;
4. To heal the sick stretch out Thine hand, and bid the fall - en sin - ner stand;
5. All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee, whose ad - vent doth Thy peo - ple free;
a - wake and heark - en, for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
and let each heart pre - pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
with - out Thy grace we waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
shine forth, and let Thy light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
whom with the Fa - ther we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

The People stand

Orate Fratres

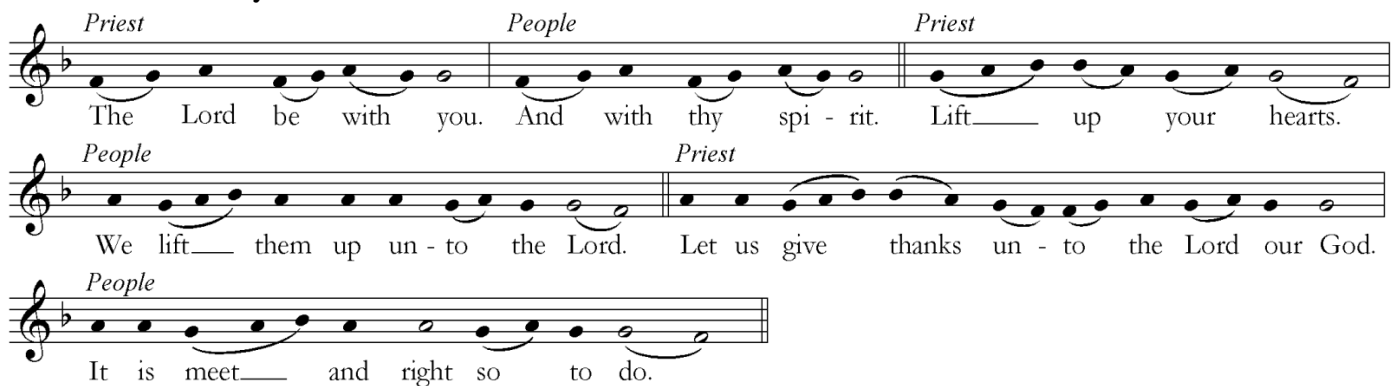
Priest Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Father almighty.

People **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at thy hands for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

The Prayer over the Offerings

Priest We beseech thee, O Lord, mercifully to accept the prayers and oblations of us thy humble servants: that we, who can do nothing of ourselves to help ourselves, may be defended by the succor of thy grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer



Priest The Lord be with you. *People* And with thy spi - rit. *Priest* Lift — up your hearts.
People We lift — them up un - to the Lord. *Priest* Let us give thanks un - to the Lord our God.
People It is meet — and right so to do.

The Priest proceeds

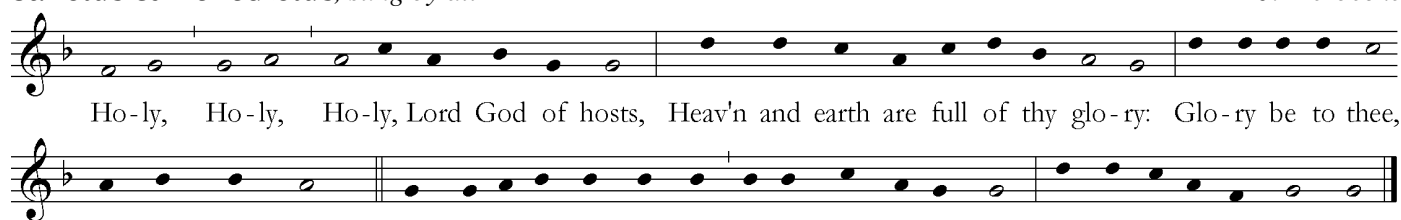
It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God;

Here a Proper Preface is said as appointed for the day. Then the Priest continues

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus & Benedictus, sung by all

J. Merbecke



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Lord God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo-ry: Glo-ry be to thee,
O Lord Most High. ✠ Bless-ed is he that com-eth in the Name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the High-est.

The People kneel. Then the Priest says

Therefore, most merciful Father, we humbly pray thee, through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, and we ask, that thou accept and bless ✠ these gifts, these offerings, these holy and unblemished sacrifices. We offer them unto thee, first, for thy holy Catholic Church: that thou vouchsafe to keep her in peace, to guard, unite, and govern her throughout the whole world: together with thy servant Francis our Pope, Steven our Bishop, and all the faithful guardians of the catholic and apostolic faith.

Commemoration of the Living

Remember, O Lord, thy servants and handmaids and all who here around us stand, whose faith is known unto thee and their steadfastness manifest, on whose behalf we offer unto thee or who themselves offer unto thee this sacrifice of praise: for themselves, and for all who are theirs: for the redemption of their souls, for the hope of their health and well-being: and who offer their prayers unto thee, the eternal God, the living and the true.

United in one communion, we venerate the memory, first of the glorious ever-virgin Mary, Mother of our God and Lord Jesus Christ; of blessed Joseph her spouse; as also of thy blessed Apostles and Martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon, and Thaddaeus; Linus, Cletus, Clement, Xystus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian, and of all thy Saints; grant that by their merits and prayers we may in all things be defended with the help of thy protection.

We beseech thee then, O Lord, graciously to accept this oblation from us thy servants, and from thy whole family: order thou our days in thy peace, and bid us to be delivered from eternal damnation and to be numbered in the fold of thine elect.

Vouchsafe, O God, we beseech thee, in all things to make this oblation blessed, approved, and accepted, a perfect and worthy offering: that it may become for us the Body and Blood of thy dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Who the day before he suffered, took bread into his holy and venerable hands, and with eyes lifted up to heaven unto thee, God, his Almighty Father, giving thanks to thee, he blessed, broke, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

Likewise, after supper, taking also this goodly chalice into his holy and venerable hands, again giving thanks to thee, he blessed, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE
BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND
FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

Priest The mystery of faith:

People **When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim thy death, O Lord, until thou come again.**

The Priest continues

Wherefore, O Lord, we thy servants, and thy holy people also, remembering the blessed passion of the same Christ thy Son our Lord, as also his resurrection from the dead, and his glorious ascension into heaven; do offer unto thine excellent majesty of thine own gifts and bounty, the pure victim, the holy victim, the immaculate victim, the holy Bread of eternal life, and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.

Vouchsafe to look upon them with a merciful and pleasant countenance: and to accept them even as thou didst vouchsafe to accept the gifts of thy servant Abel the Righteous, and the sacrifice of our patriarch Abraham: and the holy sacrifice, the immaculate victim, which thy high priest Melchisedech offered unto thee.

We humbly beseech thee, Almighty God, command these offerings to be brought by the hands of thy holy Angel to thine altar on high, in sight of thy divine majesty: that all we who at this partaking of the altar shall receive the most sacred Body and Blood of thy Son, may be fulfilled with all heavenly ✠ benediction and grace.

Commemoration of the Dead

Remember also, O Lord, thy servants and handmaids who have gone before us sealed with the seal of faith, and who sleep the sleep of peace. To them, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, we beseech thee to grant the abode of refreshing, of light, and of peace.

To us sinners also, thy servants, who hope in the multitude of thy mercies, vouchsafe to grant some part and fellowship with thy holy Apostles and Martyrs: with John, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicitas, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia, and with all thy saints: within whose fellowship, we beseech thee, admit us, not weighing our merit, but granting us forgiveness.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; through whom, O Lord, thou dost ever create all these good things: dost sanctify, quicken, bless, and bestow them upon us.

By whom and with whom and in whom, to thee, O Father Almighty, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory throughout all ages, world without end. **Amen.**



The Communion Rite

The People stand

The Lord's Prayer

The Priest says As our Savior Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say,

Priest Our Father,

People **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.

The Priest continues Deliver us, O Lord, we beseech thee, from all evils, past, present, and to come; and at the intercession of the blessed and glorious ever Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with thy blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and with Andrew, and all the Saints, favorably grant peace in our days, that by the help of thine availing mercy we may ever both be free from sin and safe from all distress.

People **For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Peace

The Priest says

O Lord Jesus Christ, who saidst to thine Apostles, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you: Regard not our sins, but the faith of thy Church; and grant to her peace and unity according to thy will; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Priest The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

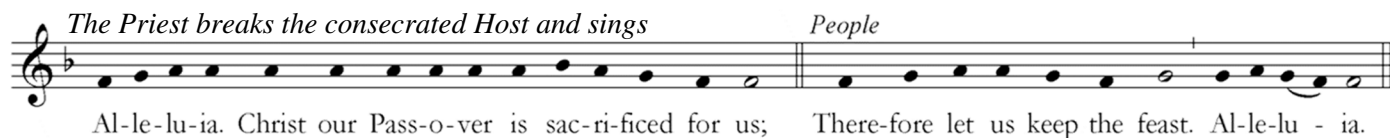
The People may offer one another a sign of Peace

The People kneel

The Fraction of the Host

plainsong

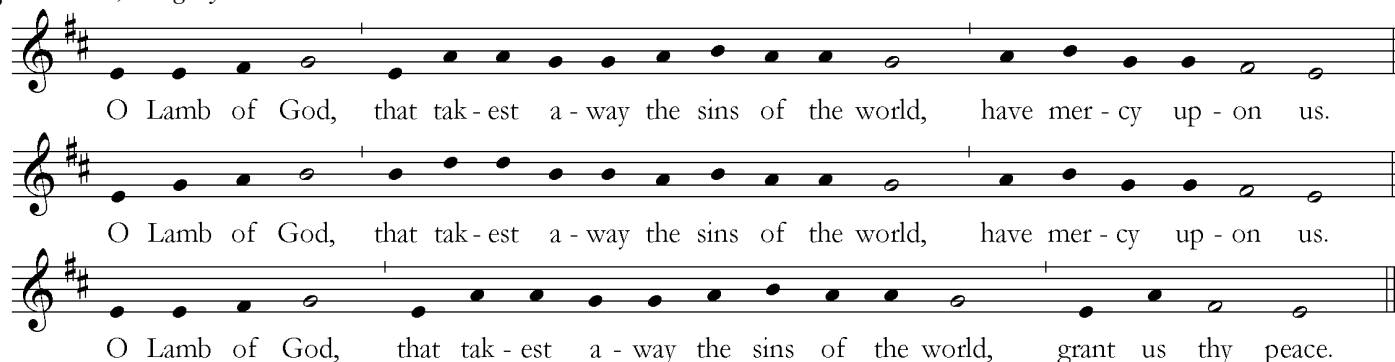
The Priest breaks the consecrated Host and sings *People*



Al-le-lu-ia. Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast. Al-le-lu - ia.

Agnus Dei, sung by all

J. Merbecke



O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access

The Priest and People say

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen.**

Facing the People, and showing the Chalice and Host, the Priest says

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

The People respond three times

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof,
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

The Holy Communion

All are welcome to file forward down the center aisle, kneel (as you are able) to receive Communion, and return to your pew by the side aisles.

We ask that only those in full communion with the Catholic Church receive Holy Communion. Non-Catholics are reminded that this is not an expression of exclusivity, but of the fervent hope that all Christians will one day be authentically reunited, fulfilling our Lord's prayer "that they all may be one."

If not receiving the Holy Communion, please cross your arms across your chest and bow your head as a sign that you wish to receive a prayer of blessing from the Priest instead.

For those receiving the Sacrament, the Host, after intinction, is given on the tongue with these words:

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. ✠ **Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving, *said by All after Communion, still kneeling*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Postcommunion Prayer

Priest Let us pray: O Lord, who hast vouchsafed to satisfy us with heavenly sustenance: we humbly beseech thee; that we, whom thou hast made partakers of thy holy mysteries, may learn therein to despise all things earthly, and to cleave steadfastly unto all things heavenly; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The People kneel

Blessing & Dismissal

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Priest The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing ✠ of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

Priest Go forth in peace.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand

Hymn in Procession

How Bright Appears the Morning Star P. Nicolai / P. Nicolai, *Wie schön leuchtet*



1. How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing from a - far; the
2. Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a pit - ying eye up -
3. Re - jice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners, fill the sky, for
host of heaven re - joic - es; O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and
on his help - less crea - ture; the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a -
this his In - car - na - tion. In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great
Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es: Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly,
phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture; Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it,
Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion. A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia,
yet most low - ly, draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.
to in - her - it thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.
al - le - lu - ia! Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Organ Postlude

Silent Devotion Upon the Conclusion of Mass

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Hosted in the Diocese of Allentown by Holy Ghost Catholic Church, Bethlehem

About Us

Our community was founded in 2014 – as the Bl. John Henry Newman Society – as a pastoral response to a group of Anglican Christians in the Lehigh Valley seeking to be reconciled to the Catholic Church, as well as former Anglicans already within the Catholic fold. Now with the collaboration of Bishops Steven Lopes and Alfred Schlert, the congregation continues under the title of the **St. John Paul II Ordinariate Community**. While erected with a special mission to welcome our separated Anglican brethren home to the Catholic Church, persons of all backgrounds and walks of life are most welcome to participate fully in the worship and ministries of this community, whether lifelong Catholics, Christians of other Protestant backgrounds, lapsed Catholics rediscovering the Church, or non-Christians wanting to learn more about Jesus Christ.

Though hosted by **Holy Ghost Parish** here in Bethlehem, this congregation began as a mission of **St. Thomas More Parish in Scranton**, which was founded as a similar society in 2005 and has since become a Parish of the **Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter**, a nationwide diocese comprised of parishes of former Anglicans who have come home to the Catholic Church as intact congregations. Our community is ministered to by **Fr. Matthew Hummel** of St. John the Baptist Parish, Bridgeport, PA. Our Mass here at Holy Ghost is offered **every Sunday at 1:30 p.m.**

Our community is named for **Pope St. John Paul II**, who in 1980 first established a Pastoral Provision for former Anglicans to enter the full communion of the Catholic Church while retaining their liturgical traditions, and – by special permission – married priests, who had formed families prior to their call to the Catholic priesthood.

About This Mass

This Mass is a **fully valid, specially permitted variation** of the Roman Rite Mass, incorporating approved prayers and music beloved by Christians of the Anglican tradition (and by others as well) in order to welcome our separated brethren into the fullness of the Catholic faith. We offer this liturgy not merely to grasp what is familiar to us, but to offer hospitality to others and thereby to welcome them into the Catholic Church.

This Mass may be a little different from other Catholic Masses you may have attended. The English we speak and the music we sing are richly traditional; we sing all the verses of our hymns; we kneel to receive Communion on the tongue; and we confess our sins later in the Mass, just before the Communion liturgy. Despite these variations, **this is a fully valid Catholic Mass**, and any Catholic may fulfill his Sunday obligation here.

On Receiving Communion

Though people of all backgrounds are most welcome to participate in this Mass – and the other activities and ministries of this congregation – we ask that only those in full communion with the Catholic Church receive Holy Communion, an expression not of exclusion, but of the fervent hope that all Christians may one day be authentically reunited, fulfilling our Lord's prayer "that they all may be one."

The custom at this Mass will be to receive kneeling. If for reasons of physical limitation you prefer to receive standing, you are welcome to do so. If not receiving the Holy Communion, you are welcome to go forward with the other worshipers, but please cross your arms across your chest and bow your head as a sign that you wish to receive a prayer of blessing from the Priest instead.

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