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

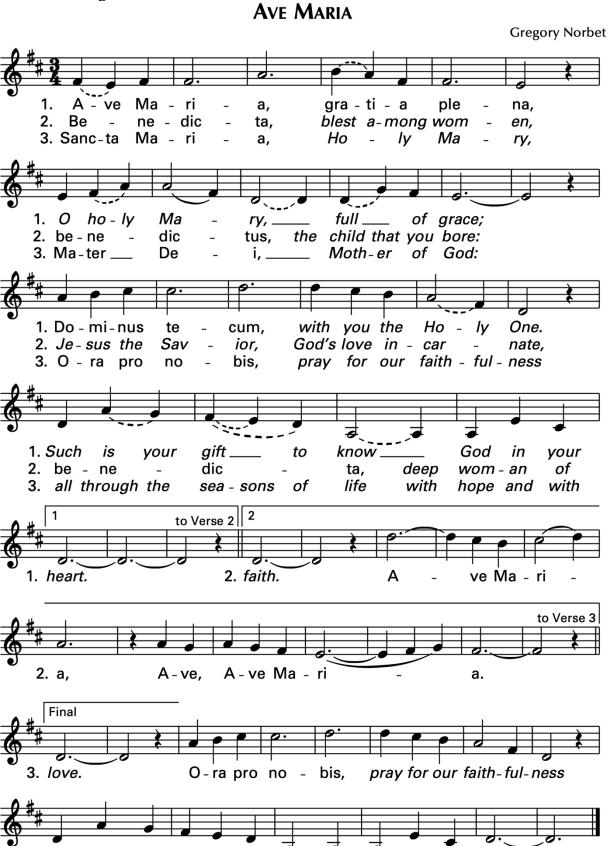
Psalm 47

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Prelude Song



3. all through the sea-sons of life with hope and with love.

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THE INTRODUCTORY RITES (GATHERING)

Entrance Antiphon

Acts of the Apostles 1:11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

Entrance Hymn



Text: 77 77 with alleluias; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Music: Robert Williams, 1781–1821.

<u>Greeting</u>

Priest: *In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

(All make the Sign of the Cross.) **Amen.**

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ...be with you all. And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

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;

(Strike breast) through my fault, through my fault,

through my most grievous fault;

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.

Priest/Deacon: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

Priest/Deacon: Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Priest/Deacon: Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.

Priest/Deacon: Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Gloria

GLORIA



Glo - ry God in the high-est, to and on earth



Verses

1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father. you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father. have mercy on us.

3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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Collect

(After the Priest says the Collect, all respond.) **Amen.** (Please be seated.)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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

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,

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?

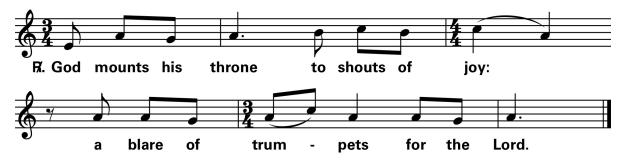
This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven

will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9, R. v.6



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

All the ends of the earth

shall remember and turn to the LORD;

all the families of the nations

shall bow down before him.

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

Second Reading Ephesians 1:17-23

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

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 and Verse

(Please stand.)

Matthew 28:19a, 20b



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Go and teach all nations, says the Lord;

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

<u>Gospel</u> Mark 16:15-20

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

The reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Go into the whole world

and proclaim the gospel to every creature.

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved;

whoever does not believe will be condemned.

These signs will accompany those who believe:

in my name they will drive out demons,

they will speak new languages.

They will pick up serpents with their hands,

and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them.

They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them,

was taken up into heaven

and took his seat at the right hand of God.

But they went forth and preached everywhere,

while the Lord worked with them

and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

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

Homily (Please be seated.)

Profession of Faith (Nicene Creed). (Please stand.)

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.

Universal Prayer (Prayers of the Faithful)

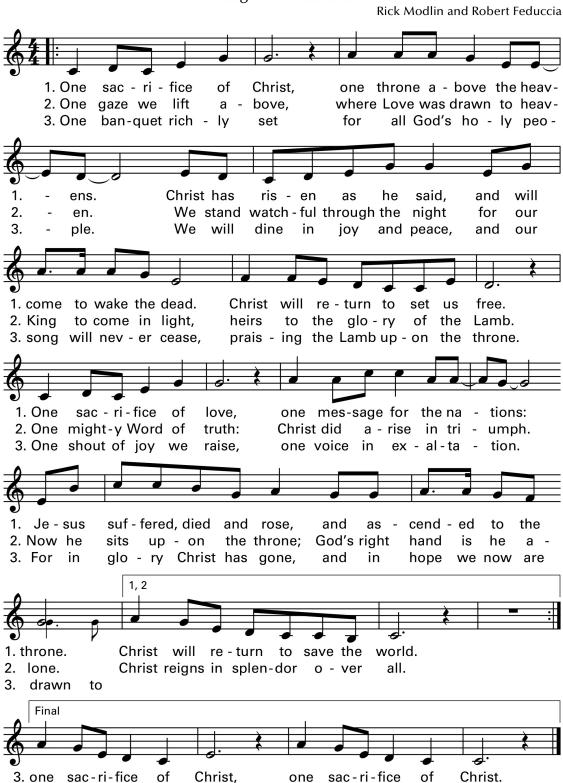
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

(Please be seated.)

Hymn for Presentation of the Gifts and Preparation of the Altar (verses 1 and 3)

ONE SACRIFICE OF CHRIST

Song for Ascension



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Presentation of the Gifts and Preparation of the Altar

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

(Please stand.) 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

Amen

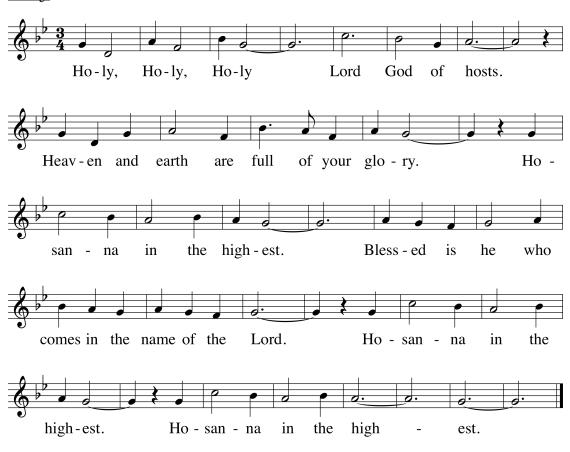
Preface

Priest: The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right and just.

Holy



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(Please kneel.)

Mystery of Faith





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Amen



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(Please stand.)

Our Father

Our Father, 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.

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

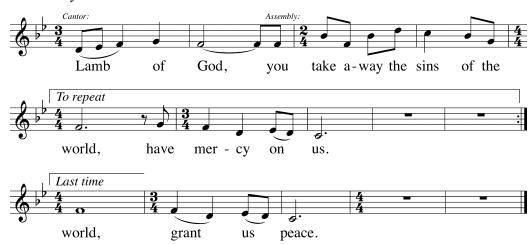
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ ... Who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always. And with your spirit.

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God



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(Please kneel.)

Communion

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God ... 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.

Act of 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 into my soul.

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.

Communion Antiphon

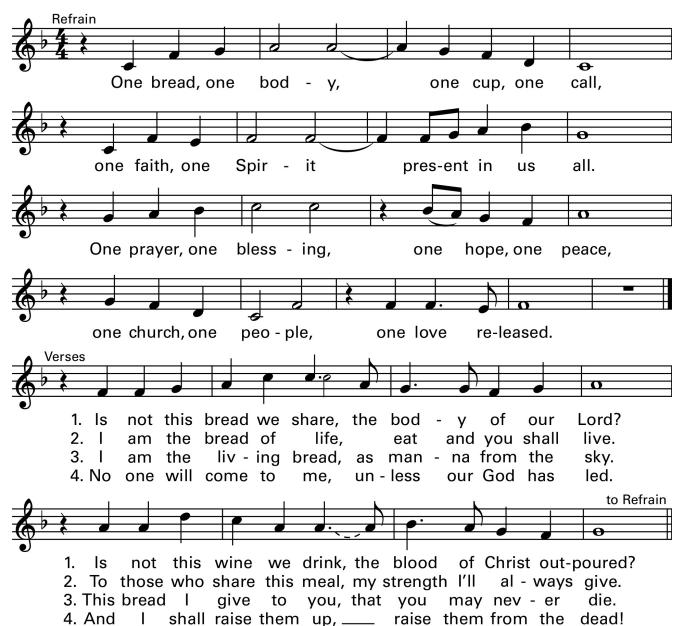
Matthew 28:20

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Communion Hymn

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Prayer after Communion

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Announcements

Greeting and Blessing

(Please stand.)

Priest: The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Priest: May almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Dismissal

Deacon/Priest: Go in peace. Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn



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