The Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Candlemas Ceremonies & Sung Mass

Thursday 2 February 2023 6:15 p.m.





S. Bartholomew's Anglican Church, Regent Park The Ancient Faith for the Contemporary World

Welcome to S. Bart's, Regent Park!

Today's Feast, which marks the end of the Christmas season, is a feast both of Jesus and Mary: of Jesus, because He is presented by His Mother in the Temple forty days after His birth, according to the requirements of the law; of Mary, because she submits herself to the rite of purification.

The liturgy celebrates, primarily, the entrance for the first time of the Infant Jesus into the Temple: "Behold the Lord, the Ruler, cometh into His holy Temple: rejoice and be glad, O Sion, and hasten to meet your God" (Breviary). Let us, too, go to meet Him, emulating the holy sentiments of the old Simeon who "came by the Spirit into the Temple" (Gospel: Luke 2:22-32), and filled with joy, received the Divine Child into his arms.

In order to celebrate this event more fittingly, the Church today blesses candles and gives them to us; with burning tapers, we enter the Temple in procession. The lighted candle is a symbol of the Christian life, of the faith and grace which should shine in our soul. It is also the image of Christ, the light of the world, "a light to the revelation of the Gentiles," according to Simeon's canticle. The lighted candle reminds us that we must always bear Christ in us, the source of our life, the author of faith and grace. By his grace, Jesus Himself disposes us to meet Him with livelier faith and greater love. May our meeting with him today be particularly intimate and sanctifying!

Jesus is taken to the Temple to be offered to the Father, although, being God, He was not subject to the prescriptions of the Jewish law as were the other firstborn of the Hebrews. He is the Victim who will be immolated for the salvation of the world. His presentation in the Temple is, so to speak, the offertory of His life; the sacrifice will be consummated later, on Calvary. Let us offer ourselves with Jesus.

- Adapted from Father Gabriel of S. Mary Magdalene, O.C.D., Divine Intimacy: Meditations on the Interior Life for Every Day of the Liturgical Year, p. 1091-2.

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The Choir of S. Bartholomew's

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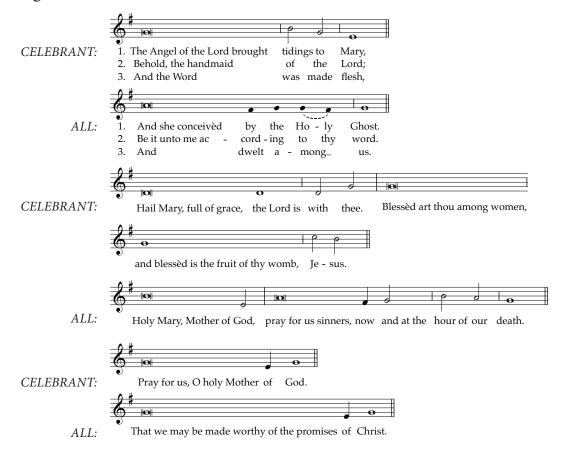
Sung Mass

Prelude Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr Dahin BWV 616 *In peace and joy I now depart*

J.S. Bach (1687-1750)

DEVOTIONS BEFORE MASS

Angelus



Let us pray:

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his Cross * and Passion, we may be brought unto the glory of his Resurrection.

Through the same Christ our Lord.



ALL:

CANDLEMAS CEREMONIES & PROCESSION

BLESSING OF CANDLES

- ▼ The Lord be with you.
- R⁄ And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. (THE PEOPLE KNEEL)

LORD holy, Father almighty, everlasting God, who hast made all things out of nothing, and hast appointed that the labours of bees should be formed into wax by thine ordinance: who didst likewise as on this day fulfil the prayers of thy righteous servant Simeon: we humbly beseech thee; that thou wouldest vouchsafe, by the power of thy holy Name, and at the intercession of blessed Mary ever-Virgin, whose festival we this day devoutly celebrate, and of all thy Saints, to ble ess and sanc tify these candles for the use of men, and for their protection, both in body and soul, in all perils of land or sea: hear, O Lord, we humbly pray thee, from thy holy heaven and from the throne of thy glory the voice of this thy people, that seeketh to bear them forth to thy glory and to sing thy praises: and we humbly beseech thee that thou wouldest have mercy on all them that call upon thee, whom thou hast redeemed with the precious Blood of thy dear Son: Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

R' Amen.

Let us pray.

Adidst suffer thy only-begotten Son to be presented in the temple and to be received in the arms of Saint Simeon: we humbly beseech thy mercy; that like as we thy servants, taking these candles do seek to light them and bear them to the glory of thy Name, so thou wouldest vouchsafe to bleess and sance tiffy the same: that we being made worthy of offering them unto thee, our Lord and our God, and being enkindled with the holy flame of thy most gracious charity, may be found meet to be presented before thee in the temple of thy glory. Through the same Christ our Lord.

Ry Amen.

Let us pray.

LORD Jesu Christ, who art the true light that lightenest every man that cometh into the world: we beseech thee to pour out thy bless ing upon these candles, and sanc tify them with the light of thy grace; and mercifully grant, that even as they with their outward flame do scatter the darkness of night; so our hearts being inflamed with the inward brightness of thy Holy Spirit may be delivered from all blindness of iniquity: that the eyes of our souls being enlightened may discern such things as are pleasing unto thee and profitable unto us for our salvation; that finally after the darkness and dangers of this world we may attain in the end to light everlasting. Through thee, O blessed Jesu, Redeemer of the world, who in the unity of the blessed Trinity livest and reignest God, world without end.

Ry Amen.

Let us pray.

A LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who by the mouth of Moses thy servant didst command the children of Israel to bring pure olive oil for the lamps to burn always before thy face: we beseech thee to pour the bless ing of thy grace on these candles; that like as they shed forth on us their outward beams, so of thy bounteous goodness the light of thy Holy Spirit may never fail to enlighten us inwardly in our souls. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and regineth with thee in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

Ry Amen.

Let us pray.

OLORD Jesu Christ, who as on this day appearing among men in the substance of our flesh wast presented by thy parents in the temple: whom Simeon in his old age, being enlightened by the light of thy Spirit, knew and blessed, taking thee in his arms: Mercifully grant; that we, being enlightened and instructed by the grace of the same Spirit, may know thee truly in our minds and love thee faithfully with all our hearts. Who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the same Spirit ever one God, world without end.

R' Amen.

THE PRAYERS BEING ENDED, THE CELEBRANT SETS INCENSE IN THE THURIBLE;
AND THRICE SPRINKLES THE CANDLES WITH HOLY WATER, SAYING THE ANTIPHON
ASPERGES: AND THEN THRICE INCENSES THEM. THEN THE SENIOR OF THE CLERGY
APPROACHES THE ALTAR, AND FROM HIM THE CELEBRANT RECEIVES A CANDLE.
THEN THE CELEBRANT, STANDING IN THE MIDST OF THE ALTAR AND TURNING TO
THE PEOPLE, DISTRIBUTES CANDLES FIRST TO THE SENIOR, FROM WHOM HE HIMSELF
RECEIVED; THEN TO THE DEACON AND SUBDEACON, AND TO THE REST OF THE CLERGY,
ONE BY ONE IN ORDER, LASTLY TO THE LAITY AT THE ALTAR RAIL: ALL KNEELING AND
KISSING THE CANDLE AND THE CELEBRANT'S HAND. AND WHEN THE CELEBRANT
BEGINS TO DISTRIBUTE THE CANDLES THE CHOIR SINGS AS MUCH OF THE FOLLOWING
AS NECESSARY:

Antiphon — Lumen ad revelatiónem (CHOIR)

Luke 2:32

A light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of thy people Israel.

Canticle — Nunc Dimittis (CHOIR)

Luke 2:29-32

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation.

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people.

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Canticle — Exsurge Domine (CHOIR)

Psalm 44:26,1

O Lord, arise, help us: and deliver us for thy Name's sake.

O God, we have heard with our ears: our fathers have declared unto us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:

O Lord, arise, help us: and deliver us for thy Name's sake.

Let us pray. (PLEASE KNEEL)

WE beseech thee, O Lord, mercifully to hear the prayers of thy people: that this observance, whereby we do thee outward honour year by year, may by the light of thy grace bring forth fruit inwardly in our souls. Through Christ our Lord.

Ry Amen.

PROCESSION

Ry In the name of Christ. **A**-men.

English Hymnal Nº 209

Hail to the Lord who comes

Old 120th

- 1 Hail to the Lord who comes, Comes to his temple gate! Not with his Angel host, Not in his kingly state; No shouts proclaim him nigh, No crowds his coming wait;
- 2 But, borne upon the throne Of Mary's gentle breast, Watched by her duteous love, In her fond arms at rest; Thus to his Father's house He comes, the heavenly Guest.
- 3 There Joseph at her side In reverent wonder stands; And, filled with holy joy, Old Simeon in his hands Takes up the promised Child, The glory of all lands.
- 4 Hail to the great First-born
 Whose ransom-price they pay!
 The Son before all worlds,
 The Child of man to-day,
 That he might ransom us
 Who still in bondage lay.
- 5 O Light of all the earth, Thy children wait for thee! Come to thy temples here, That we, from sin set free, Before thy Father's face May all presented be!

Responsory — Obtulerunt (CANTORS)

Luke 2:22-24

They offered for him unto the Lord a pair of turtle doves, or two young pigeons: As it is written in the law of the Lord. When the days of Mary's purification according to the law of Moses, were accomplished, they brought Jesus to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord.

THE MASS OF THE CATECHUMENS

THE ENTRANCE RITES

THE CELEBRANT APPROACHES THE ALTAR AND MAKES HIS PREPARATION WITH THE SERVER. LET US RECOLLECT THE GREAT MYSTERY IN WHICH WE ARE ABOUT TO PARTICIPATE.

Introit — Suscepimus (Please Kneel) (Cantors)

Psalm 48

We have waited, O God, for thy loving-kindness in the midst of thy temple: according to thy Name, O God, so is thy praise also unto the world's end; thy right hand is full of righteousness.

We Great is the Lord and highly to be praised: in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

Missa super Dixit Maria

(CHOIR)

—Hans Leo Hassler (1599)

Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy. Christe eleison. Christ, have mercy. Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis (PLEASE STAND)

Missa de Angelis





The Collect

- ▼ The Lord be with you.
- Ry And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. (PLEASE KNEEL)

Athy Majesty, that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Ry Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lesson for the Epistle: Malachi 3:1 (PLEASE BE SEATED)

The Lesson for the Epistle is written in the third chapter of Malachi, beginning at the first verse.

BEHOLD, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple; even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in; behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap. And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. Then shall the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in former years. And I will come near to you to judgement, and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the Lord of hosts.

Here endeth the Lesson.

DURING THE GRADUAL AND ALLELUIA THE CANDLES ARE LIGHTED FOR THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL.

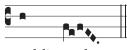
Gradual — Suscepimus

Psalm 48

CANTOR: We have waited, O God, for thy loving-kindness in the midst of thy temple: *

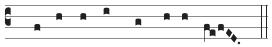


ALL: Ac-cording to thy Name, O God, so is thy praise un-to the



world's end.

CANTOR: Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of our God: *



ALL: E-ven up-on his ho-ly hill.

Alleluia — Senex puerum (ALL STAND)

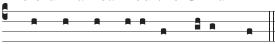
S. Augustine

CANTOR: Alleluia.



ALL: Al-le-lu-ia.

CANTOR: The old man carried the Child*



ALL: But the Child governed the old man.

Sequence — *Laetabundus* (CHOIR)

11th century

THE PEOPLE SIT AND STAND WITH THE SACRED MINISTERS.

Come rejoicing, faithful men with rapture singing Alleluia! Monarch's Monarch, from a holy maiden springing, mighty wonder! Angel of the Counsel here, Sun from star, he doth appear, born of maiden:

He a sun who knows no night, she a star whose paler light fadeth never.

As a star its kindred ray, Mary doth her Child display, Like in nature; Still undimmed the star shines on, and the maiden bears a Son, pure as ever.

Lebanon his cedar tall to the hyssop on the wall lowly bendeth; From the highest, him we name Word of God, to human frame now descendeth.

No longer then delay, hear what the Scriptures say, why be cast away, a race forlorn?

Turn and this Child behold, that very Son, of old in God's writ foretold, a maid hath borne.

The Holy Gospel: S. Luke 2:22

- Ry And with thy spirit.
 - The Holy Gospel is written in the second chapter of the Gospel according to S. Luke, beginning at the twenty-second verse.
- Ry Glory be to thee, O Lord.

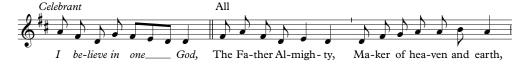
At that time: When the days of Mary's purification, according to the law of Moses, were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord; (as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;) and to offer a sacrifice, according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons. And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had

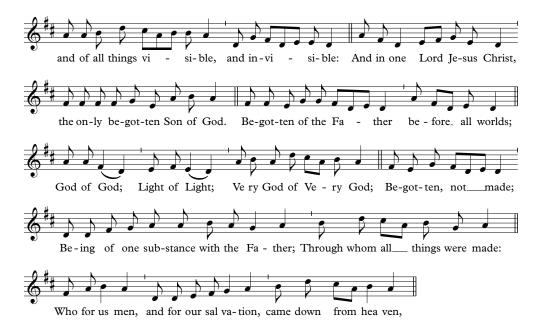
seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, According to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, And the glory of thy people Israel. And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him. And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; (yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also;) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. And there was one Anna a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity: and she was a widow of about fourscore and four years; which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem. And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee to their own city Nazareth. And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon him.

Ry Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE CANDLES ARE EXTINGUISHED.

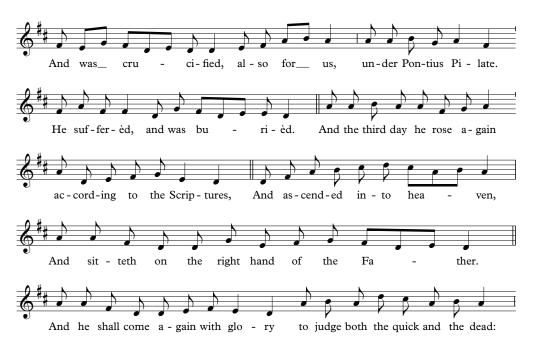
Creed Missa de Angelis





ALL KNEEL AS THE CHOIR SINGS:

AND WAS INCARNATE BY THE HOLY GHOST OF THE VIRGIN MARY, AND WAS MADE MAN:





THE MASS OF THE FAITHFUL (LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST)

OFFERTORY

- RY And with thy spirit.

 Let us pray. (PLEASE KNEEL)

Offertory Antiphon — Diffusa est

Psalm 45

CANTOR: Full of grace are thy lips: *



ALL:

Be-cause God hath blessèd thee for e-ver.

Offertory Motet (PLEASE BE SEATED) Hodie beata virgo Maria

Jacques Arcadelt (1539)

Hodie beata virgo Maria puerum Jesum presentavit in templo, et Simeon, repletus spiritu sancto, accepit eum in ulnas suas, et benedixit Deum, dicens: Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine, secundum verbum tuum in pace.

Today the blessèd Virgin Mary presented the child Jesus in the temple, and Simeon, full of the Holy Spirit took him in his arms and blessed God, saying:
"Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart, according to thy word, in peace."

Offertory Hymn O Sion, open wide thy gates

Bedford

O Sion, open wide thy gates, Old types now disappear; A Priest and Victim, both in One, The Truth himself, is here.

No more the simple flock shall bleed; Behold, the Father's Son Himself to his own altar comes For sinners to atone. Conscious of hidden Deity, The lowly Virgin brings Her newborn Babe, with two young doves, Her humble offerings

The agèd Simeon sees at last His Lord, so long desired, And Anna welcomes Israel's Hope, With holy rapture fired.

But silent knelt the Mother blest Of the yet silent Word, And pondering all things in her heart, With speechless praise adored.

All glory to the Father be, All glory to the Son, All glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee, While endless ages run. Amen.

Orate Fratres (CELEBRANT) (PLEASE KNEEL)

CELEBRANT: Pray, brethren, that this my sacrifice, and yours, may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

PEOPLE: The Lord receive this Sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his Name, both to our benefit, and that of all his holy Church.

Secret (Prayer over the Gifts)

OLORD, we beseech thee mercifully to hear our prayers: and that these gifts which we offer unto thy divine Majesty may be an acceptable offering in thy sight, do thou show forth on us the succour of thy loving-kindness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

R' Amen.

Prayer for the Catholic Church (CELEBRANT) (PLEASE KNEEL)

Let us pray for Christ's holy Catholic Church.

A LMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men: We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

WE beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and so to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace: And grant unto thy servant CHARLES our King, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

GIVE grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and specially to thy servant Andrew our Bishop, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: Prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the Gospel of thy kingdom among the nations: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, † and specially to this congregation here present, that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

AND we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those for whom our prayers are desired. †

WE remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: † and we bless thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified thee; beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

RANT this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

Ry Amen.

† HERE THE CELEBRANT REMEMBERS THOSE FOR WHOM HE IS SPECIALLY BOUND TO PRAY, WHO HAVE NOT BEEN MENTIONED IN THE BIDDING OF THE BEDES. YOU MAY REMEMBER THOSE FOR WHOM YOU ARE OFFERING HOLY MASS, OR ANY PERSONS OR CLAIMS FOR WHICH YOU WISH TO PRAY.

Confession and Absolution

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

Almighty God,

ALL: Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Maker of all things, Judge of all men:
We acknowledge and confess
our manifold sins and wickedness,
Which we from time to time
most grievously have committed,
By thought, word, and deed,
Against thy Divine Majesty.
We do earnestly repent,

And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. 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 honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

OME unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. S. Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. *S. John 3:16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. 1 S. John 2:1,2

Consecration and Oblation

Sursum Corda and Preface

- ▼ The Lord be with you.
- Ry And with thy spirit.
- We lift them up unto the Lord.
- ▼ Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
- Ry It is meet and right so to do.

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, Creator and Preserver of all things.

BECAUSE thou didst give Jesus Christ thine only Son to be born for us; who, by the operation of the Holy Spirit, was made very man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; and that without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin.

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

THE CANDLES ARE LIGHTED.

Sanctus and Benedictus (CHOIR)

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.

₩ Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

Missa super Dixit Maria —Hans Leo Hassler (1599)

HOLY, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

★ BLESSED is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

CANON OF THE MASS

(CELEBRANT)

BLESSING and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

HEAR us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood;

WHO, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat;

This is MY Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all, of this;

FOR THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW COVENANT, WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS:

Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

WHEREFORE, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded;

And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and Aheavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

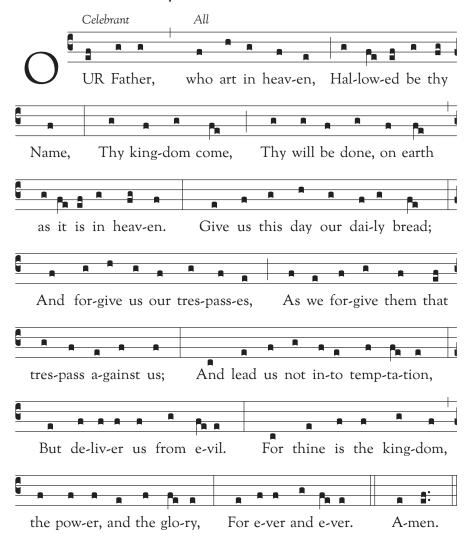
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COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Pater Noster

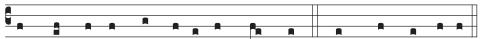
CELEBRANT: Let us pray.

As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say,



Fraction and Pax

Celebrant



The peace of the Lord be always with you. RAnd with thy spirit.-

The Prayer of Humble Access

CELEBRANT: We do not presume

ALL: 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.

Agnus Dei

(CHOIR)

Missa super Dixit Maria
—Hans Leo Hassler (1599)

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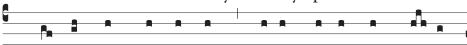
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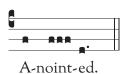
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

Communion Antiphon — Responsum

CANTOR: It was revealed unto Simeon by the Holy Spirit: *



ALL: That he should not see death, be-fore he had seen the Lord's



THE CELEBRANT TURNS TO SHOW THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, THE PEOPLE LOOK UP AND MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS.

CELEBRANT: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him that taketh away the sin of the world.

ALL SAY TOGETHER THREE TIMES, STRIKING THE BREAST AT EACH BEGINNING:

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

Communion Hymn

Divinum Mysterium

Of the Father's Love begotten

ALL: Of the Father's love begotten, Ere the worlds began to be, He is Alpha and Omega, He the Source, the Ending He, Of the things that are, that have been, And that future years shall see, Evermore and evermore.

ALL: At His Word the worlds were framed; He commanded; it was done: Heaven and earth and depths of ocean In their threefold order one;

All that grows beneath the shining Of the moon and burning sun, Evermore and evermore.

WOMEN: O that birth forever blessèd, When the Virgin, full of grace, By the Holy Ghost conceiving, Bare the Saviour of our race; And the Babe, the world's Redeemer, First revealed His sacred face, Evermore and evermore.

MEN: This is He Whom seers in old time Chanted of with one accord; Whom the voices of the prophets Promised in their faithful word; Now He shines, the long expected, Let creation praise its Lord, Evermore and evermore.

WOMEN: O ye heights of heaven adore Him; Angel-hosts, His praises sing; Powers, dominions, bow before Him, And extol our God and King; Let no tongue on earth be silent, Every voice in concert sing, Evermore and evermore.

MEN: Thee let old men, thee let young men, Thee let boys in chorus sing; Matrons, virgins, little maidens, With glad voices answering:

Let their guileless songs re-echo, And the heart its music bring,
Evermore and evermore.

ALL: Christ, to Thee with God the Father, And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee, Hymn, and chant, and high thanksgiving, And unwearied praises be: Honour, glory, and dominion, And eternal victory, Evermore and evermore. Amen.

Communion Motet

Senex puerum portabat

Senex puerum portabat, puer autem senem regebat, quem Virgo peperit, et post partum virgo remansit, ipsum quem genuit adoravit. William Byrd (1605)

The old man carried the child, but the child ruled the old man; him whom the Virgin brought forth, and after childbirth remained a virgin, him whom she bore, she adored.

THANKSGIVING

Post-Communion Collect

- ▼ The Lord be with you.
- R⁄ And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. (PLEASE KNEEL)

RANT, we beseech thee, O Lord our God: that these holy mysteries, which thou hast given unto us for the assurance of our salvation, may, by the intercession of Blessed Mary ever-Virgin, both in this life and in that which is to come, be profitable unto us for the healing of our souls. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Ry Amen.

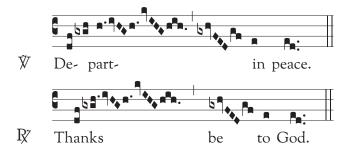
Blessing (CELEBRANT)

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 Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.

Ry Amen.

Dismissal

- Ry And with thy spirit.



The Last Gospel: John 1:1 (PLEASE REMAIN STANDING)

- The Lord be with you.
- Ry And with thy spirit.
 - The beginning of the Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to S. John.
- Ry Glory be to thee, O Lord.

TN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **▲** the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him: and without him was not any thing made that was made: in him was life, and the life was the light of men: and the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his Name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. (ALL KNEEL) AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH (ALL RISE), and dwelt among us, and

we beheld his glory, the glory as of the Only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Ry Thanks be to God.

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Crüger

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Hail to the Lord's Anointed! Great David's greater Son; Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun! He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free; To take away transgression, And rule in equity.

He comes, with succour speedy, To those who suffer wrong; To help the poor and needy, And bid the weak be strong; To give them songs for sighing, Their darkness turn to light, Whose souls, condemned and dying, Were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers Upon the fruitful earth, And love, joy, hope, like flowers, Spring in his path to birth: Before him, on the mountains, Shall peace the herald go; And righteousness, in fountains, From hill to valley flow.

O'er every foe victorious, He on his throne shall rest, From age to age more glorious, All-blessing and all-blest: The tide of time shall never His covenant remove; His name shall stand for ever; That Name to us is Love.

Postlude

Chorale prelude on Lasst uns alle froehlich sein *Let all be merry and joyful*

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

