# The Third Sunday after Epiphany

(com. S. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr)

Sunday, 21 January 2024

9:00 a.m. Low Mass | 11:00 a.m. Sung Mass



The Centurion Kneeling at the Feet of Christ, Joseph-Marie Vien the elder (1716-1809)



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

## Welcome to S. Bart's, Regent Park!

We're so happy to have you worshipping with us this morning!

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CELEBRANT & PREACHER
The Rev'd Dr Walter Hannam,
Vicar, S. Bartholomew's

CANTOR
Katherine Hill, BMus, MA

SUNG BY
The Choir of S. Bartholomew's

ORGANIST
Fr David Smith

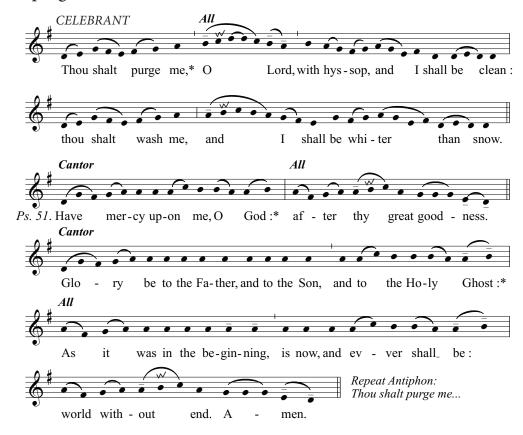
# Sung Mass

**Prelude** Variation 7, Goldberg Variations BWV 988 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

PLEASE STAND WHEN THE BELL RINGS. THE PEOPLE REMAIN STANDING UNTIL THE INTROIT.

### DEVOTIONS BEFORE MASS

#### Asperges





- $\forall$  O Lord, show thy mercy up on us.
- Ry And grant us thy salva tion.
- ♥ O Lord, hear our prayer.
- Ry And let our cry come un to thee.
- ♥ The Lord be with you.
- Ry And with thy spi - rit.

Let us pray.

RACIOUSLY hear us, O Lord, holy Father Almighty, everlasting God: and vouchsafe to send thy holy Angel from heaven; to guard and cherish, to protect and visit, and to defend all who dwell in this thy holy habitation. Through Christ our Lord.

R' Amen.

## English Hymnal Nº 365

All people that on earth do dwell

Old Hundredth

All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell, Come ye before him, and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed, Without our aid he did us make; We are his folk, he doth us feed, And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise, Approach with joy his courts unto; Praise, laud, and bless his name always, For it is seemly so to do. For why? The Lord our God is good: His mercy is for ever sure; His truth at all times firmly stood, And shall from age to age endure. To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, The God whom heaven and earth adore, From men and from the angel-host Be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

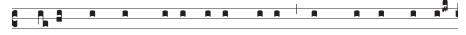
## THE MASS OF THE CATECHUMENS

## The Entrance Rites

Introit — Adorate Deum (PLEASE KNEEL)

Psalm 97

CANTOR: All ye angels of God, fall down, and worship before him: \*



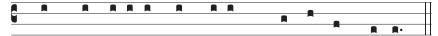
ALL:

Si- on heard, and was exceeding joyful, and the daughters of



Ju-dah were glad.

CANTOR: The Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof: \*



ALL: Yea, the multi-tude of the isles may be glad thereof.

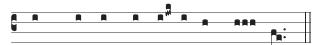
CANTOR: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; \*



ALL: As it was in the be-ginning, is now and ev-er shall be,



wor-ship be-fore him: Si- on heard, and was exceeding joyful,



and the daughters of Ju-dah were glad.

#### CELEBRANT: 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 them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. 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.

Ry Amen.

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## The Summary of the Law

CELEBRANT: Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength.

This is the first and great commandment

And the second is like unto it:

Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

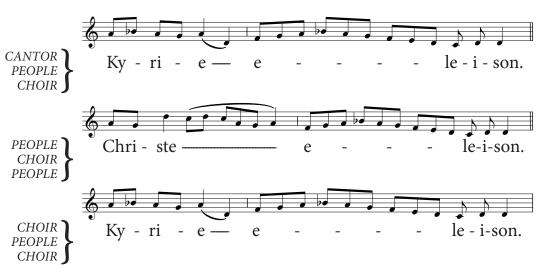
On these two commandments

hang all the Law and the Prophets.

ALL: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

#### Kyrie Eleison

Missa Orbis Factor – Mode vi Adriano Banchieri (1628)







#### The Collects

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

Let us pray. (PLEASE KNEEL)

A LMIGHTY and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

R' Amen.

Let us pray.

A LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost choose the weak things of the world to confound those things that are strong: mercifully grant, that we who keep the feast of blessed Agnes thy Virgin and Martyr may feel the succour of her intercession in thy sight. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

R⁄ Amen.

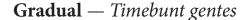
### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Epistle: Romans 12:16 (PLEASE BE SEATED)

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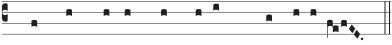
BE not wise in your own conceits. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath; for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

Here endeth the Epistle.



Psalm 102

CANTOR: The heathen shall fear thy Name, O Lord: \*



ALL:

And all the kings of the earth thy ma-jesty.

CANTOR: When the Lord shall build up Sion: \*



ALL: And when his glo-ry shall appear.

## **Alleluia** — Dominus regnavit (PLEASE STAND)

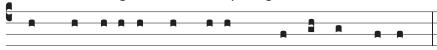
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The Holy Gospel: S. Matthew 8:1 (PLEASE STAND)

- ☼ The Lord be with you.
- Ry And with thy spirit.
  - The Holy Gospel is written in the eighth chapter of the Gospel according to S. Matthew, beginning at the first verse.
- Ry Glory be to thee, O Lord.

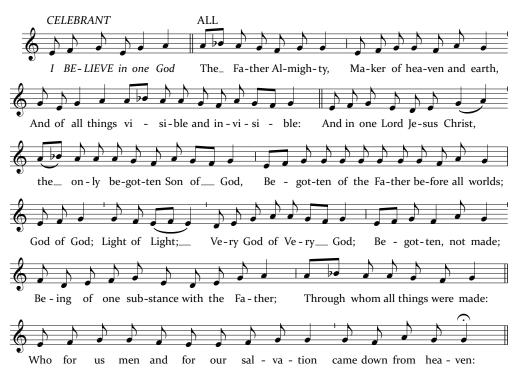
HEN Jesus was come down from the mountain, great **V** multitudes followed him. And behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. And Jesus saith unto him, See thou tell no man, but go thy way, show thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them. And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion beseeching him, and saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof; but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say unto this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no not in Israel. And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. But

the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way, and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the self-same hour.

Ry Praise be to thee, O Christ.

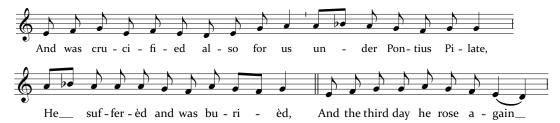
Creed (SAID AT 9:00 A.M.) (PLEASE STAND)

**Authenticus** 



ALL KNEEL AS THE CHOIR SINGS:

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





The Prone (Bidding of the Bedes, Feasts & Fasts, Parish Announcements)

Sermon: The Father Vicar (11 A.M. ONLY)

PLEASE STAND AS THE CELEBRANT RETURNS TO THE ALTAR AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SERMON.

# THE MASS OF THE FAITHFUL (LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST)

## Offertory (please kneel)

- And with thy spirit.

  Let us pray.

### **Offertory Antiphon** — Dextera Domini

Psalm 118

CANTOR: The right hand of the Lord hath the pre-eminence;

the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass: \*



ALL:

I shall not die but live, and de-clare the works of the Lord.

#### **Offertory Motet** (PLEASE BE SEATED)

Orlando Gibbons

Almighty and Everlasting God

(1583-1625)

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

### English Hymnal Nº 470

Praise my soul, the King of heaven

Praise my soul

Praise my soul, the King of heaven; To his feet thy tribute bring. Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Who like me his praise should sing? Praise him! Praise him! Praise him!

Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour To our fathers in distress; Praise him still the same for ever, Slow to chide, and swift to bless. Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise the everlasting King.

Father-like, he tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame he knows; In his hands he gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes. Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise the everlasting King.

Angels, help us to adore him; Ye behold him face to face; Sun and moon, bow down before him; Dwellers all in time and space. Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise the everlasting King.

#### 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.

### Secrets (Prayers over the Gifts)

RANT, O Lord, we pray thee, that this oblation may in such wise cleanse us from all our sins: that we thy servants, being sanctified both in body and soul, may worthily offer unto thee this our sacrifice. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

#### R' Amen.

A CCEPT, O merciful Lord, the sacrifice which we offer unto thee: and at the intercession of blessed Agnes thy Virgin and Martyr, deliver us from the bonds of all our iniquities. 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 REMAIN KNEELING)
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.

A ND 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.

GRANT 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.

CELEBRANT: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins
to all them that with hearty repentance
and true faith turn unto him:
Have mercy upon you;

★ pardon and deliver you from all your sins;
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness;
and bring you to everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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,

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Amen.

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





Y The Lord be with you.



Ry And with thy spi-rit.



V Lift up your hearts.



Ry We lift them up unto the Lord.



V Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.



RY It is meet and right so to do.

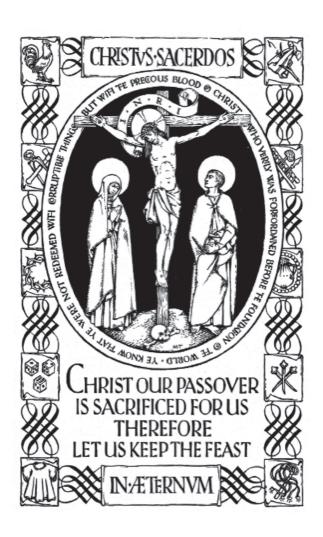
It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things.

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 and Benedictus

Missa Orbis Factor - Mode ii





## 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;

ND 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 A heavenly 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.

Amen.  $\mathbb{R}^{7}$ 

### COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

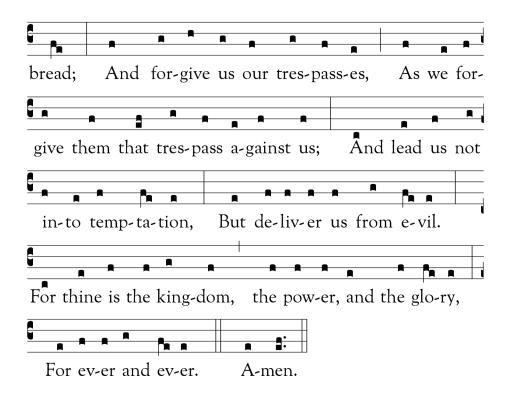
#### Pater Noster

CELEBRANT: Let us pray.

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

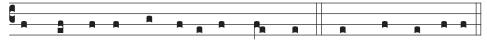


earth as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our dai-ly



#### Fraction and Pax





The peace of the Lord be always with you. R.And 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

#### Missa Orbis Factor - Mode i



## Communion Antiphon —

## Mirabantur omnes S. Luke 4

CANTOR: All wondered at the gracious words: \*



ALL: Which pro-ceed-ed out of his mouth.

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.

ALL CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTISED WITH WATER IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST, AND ARE COMMUNICANT MEMBERS OF THEIR OWN CHURCHES, ARE WELCOME TO RECEIVE THE HOLY COMMUNION.

THE SACRED HOST WILL BE PLACED UPON YOUR TONGUE OR IN THE PALM OF YOUR HAND. PLEASE GUIDE THE CHALICE TO YOUR MOUTH BY PLACING YOUR RIGHT HAND ONLY UPON THE BASE OF THE CHALICE. IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE A BLESSING, PLEASE FOLD YOUR ARMS ACROSS YOUR CHEST TO SIGNIFY THIS TO THE PRIEST.

SHOULD YOU BE UNABLE TO MANAGE STEPS, HOLY COMMUNION CAN BE ADMINISTERED AT YOUR PEW. PLEASE ASK ONE OF THE SIDESMEN, WHO WILL BE HAPPY TO ASSIST YOU.

THE FIRST PRAYER-BOOK EXHORTATION ENCOURAGES US TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT IN FAITH AND REPENTANCE, 'DISCERNING THE LORD'S BODY.'

#### **Communion Hymn**

Not worthy, Lord, to gather up the crumbs (PLEASE REMAIN KNEELING OR SEATED)

S. Agnes (Langran)

Not worthy, Lord, to gather up the crumbs With trembling hand that from thy table fall, A weary, heavy-laden sinner comes To plead thy promise and obey thy call.

I am not worthy to be thought thy child, Nor sit the last and lowest at thy board; Too long a wanderer and too oft beguiled, I only ask one reconciling word.

My praise can only breathe itself in prayer, My prayer can only lose itself in thee; Dwell thou for ever in my heart, and there, Lord, let me sup with thee; sup thou with me.

#### Thanksgiving

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Let us pray. (PLEASE KNEEL)

Athee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences. Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

R' Amen.

#### Post-Communion Collects

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

Let us pray. (PLEASE KNEEL)

ORD, who hast vouchsafed unto us to be made partakers of so great a mystery: we humbly beseech thee, that thou wouldest render us worthy thereby to enjoy the benefits of the same. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Ry Amen.

Let us pray.

GOD, who hast vouchsafed to feed us with heavenly meat and drink: mercifully grant that, like as we have received the same in devout remembrance of thy blessed Saint Agnes, so we may evermore be defended by her intercession. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Ry Amen.

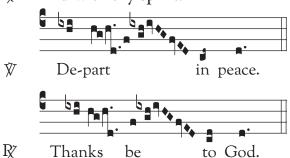
## Blessing (CELEBRANT)

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 (PLEASE STAND)

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



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

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

**T**N 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 through 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 through 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.

## BURIAL OF THE ALLELUIA

AFTER THE LAST GOSPEL, THE CELEBRANT REMOVES THE MASS VESTMENTS AND VESTS IN VIOLET STOLE AND COPE. THE ALLELUIA, WHICH HAS RESTED ON THE NORTH CREDENCE THROUGHOUT THE MASS, IS BORNE IN PROCESSION TO THE LADY ALTAR, WHERE IT IS 'BURIED' UNDER THE FAIR LINEN. THE ALLELUIA WILL BE 'RESURRECTED' IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE CHANGING OF THE GOSPEL AT THE EASTER VIGIL, WHEN HOLY CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE RESURRECTION OF HER RISEN LORD.

#### **Motet** (PLEASE BE SEATED)

'Songs of Syon' (1923),

### Alleluia, song of sweetness

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Alleluia, song of sweetness, voice of joy that cannot die; Alleluia is the anthem, ever dear to choirs on high; In the house of God abiding, thus they sing eternally.

Alleluia, thou resoundest, true Jerusalem and free; Alleluia, joyful mother, all thy children sing with thee; But by Babylon's sad waters, mourning exiles now are we.

Alleluia cannot always be our song while here below; Alleluia our transgressions make us for awhile forego; For the solemn time is coming when our tears for sin must flow.

Therefore in our hymns we pray thee, grant us, Blessèd Trinity, At the last to see thine Easter, in our home beyond the sky; There to thee for ever singing alleluia joyfully. Amen.

#### Postlude Improvisation

FR DAVID REQUESTS THAT THE CONGREGATION REFRAIN FROM APPLAUSE AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE POSTLUDE

## Liturgical Note

From time immemorial, the Church's exclamation of her joy in the Resurrection, the Hebrew word 'Hallelujah' — 'Alleluia' in Greek — or 'Praise the Lord' — has been 'buried' during her solemn fast in preparation for Easter.

Since the pontificate of Alexander II (1061-73) the dismissal of the Alleluia has taken place at the First Evensong of Septuagesima Sunday, when the hymn *Alleluia*, *dulce carmen* and the Easter Dismissal — *Depart in peace*, *alleluia*, *alleluia* — are sung. During the Middle Ages this custom was enriched, in some places, by a popular ritual led by the choir boys. It is described in the fifteenth-century statute book of the church of Toul, France:

"On Saturday before Septuagesima Sunday all choir boys gather in the sacristy during the prayer of the None, to prepare for the burial of the Alleluia. After the last *Benedicamus Domino* [i.e., at the end of the Vespers service] they march in procession, with crosses, tapers, holy water and censers; and they carry a coffin, as in a funeral. Thus they proceed through the aisle, moaning and mourning, until they reach the cloister. There they bury the coffin; they sprinkle it with holy water and incense it; whereupon they return to the sacristy by the same way."

The Burial of the Alleluia reminds us of our separation, in this life, from the complete enjoyment or 'fruition' of God which we will have in the Beatific Vision, and, as such, encourages us to pray for the grace of perseverance, so that we might at length know and love God face to face. (With materials from newliturgicalmovement.org.)

