The Conversion of S. Paul

Thursday, 25 January 2024

6:15 p.m. Sung Mass



The Conversion on the Way to Damascus, Caravaggio (1571-1610)



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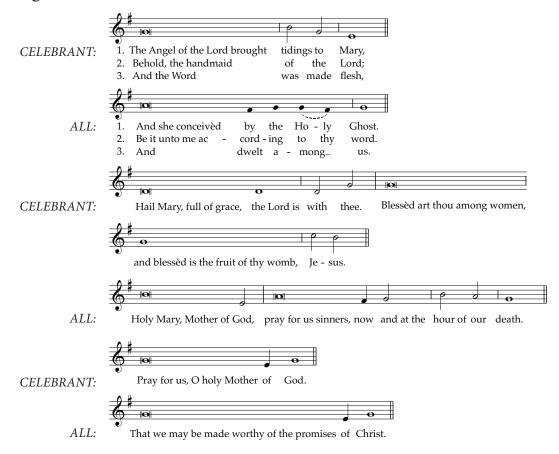
Sung Mass

Prelude Variation 2, 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

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.



English Hymnal Nº 207

We sing the glorious conquest

King's Lynn

We sing the glorious conquest Before Damascus' gate, When Saul, the Church's spoiler, Came breathing threats and hate; The ravening wolf rushed forward Full early to the prey; But lo! the Shepherd met him, And bound him fast today!

O Glory most excelling That smote across his path! O Light that pierced and blinded The zealot in his wrath! O Voice that spake within him The calm reproving word! O Love that sought and held him The bondman of his Lord!

O Wisdom, ordering all things In order strong and sweet, What nobler spoil was ever Cast at the Victor's feet? What wiser master-builder E'er wrought at thine employ, Than he, till now so furious Thy building to destroy? Lord, teach thy Church the lesson, Still in her darkest hour Of weakness and of danger To trust thy hidden power. Thy grace by ways mysterious The wrath of man can bind, And in thy boldest foeman Thy chosen Saint can find!

THE MASS OF THE CATECHUMENS

The Entrance Rites

Introit — Scio cui

(CANTORS) (PLEASE KNEEL)

I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day, a just Judge. PS 139 O Lord, thou hast searched me out, and known me: thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising. 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 (CHOIR)

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Messe in C – J.C. Ahne

2 Timothy 1

Gloria in Excelsis (PLEASE STAND)

Missa de Angelis



The Collects

- \mathring{V} The Lord be with you.
- \mathbb{R}^{\prime} And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. (PLEASE KNEEL)

OGOD, who through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Saint Paul, hast caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: grant, we beseech thee, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show forth our thankfulness unto thee for the same, by following the holy doctrine which he taught. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

₿⁄ Amen.

Let us pray.

OGOD, who didst bestow upon thy blessed Apostle Saint Peter the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and dist appoint unto him the priesthood for the binding and loosing of sin: grant, we beseech thee; that by the help of his intercession we may be delivered from the bonds of all our iniquities. Who livest and reignest, one God, now and forever.

₿⁄ Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Lesson for the Epistle: Acts 9:1 (PLEASE BE SEATED)

The Epistle is written in the ninth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, beginning at the first verse.

IN those days: Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, and desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues: that, if he

found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem. And, as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven. And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him: Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said: Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said: I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And he, trembling and astonished, said: Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him: Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do. And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man. And Saul arose from the earth, and when his eyes were opened he saw no man. But they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus. And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink. And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias: and to him said the Lord in a a vision: Ananias. And he said: Behold, I am here, Lord. And the Lord said unto him: Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight: and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus: for behold, he prayeth, and hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias, coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight. Then Ananias answered: Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem: and here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy Name. But the Lord said unto him: Go thy way; for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my Name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel. For I will show him how great things he must suffer for my Name's sake. And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and, putting his hands on him, said: Brother Saul, the Lord, (even Jesus that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest,) hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith: and arose, and was baptized. And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain

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days with the disciples which were at Damascus. And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God. But all that heard him were amazed and said: Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this Name in Jerusalem: and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests? But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ.

Here endeth the Lesson.

Gradual

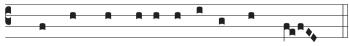
CANTORS: He that wrought effectually in Peter to the Apostleship, was also mighty in me toward the Gentiles:



ALL: And they perceived the grace that was giv-en unto

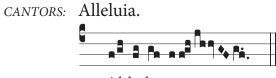
me.

CANTORS: The grace of God which was bestowed upon me was not in vain: *



ALL: But his grace ever a-bi-deth in me.

Alleluia

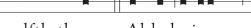


ALL: Al-le-lu-ia.

CANTORS: Great and holy is Paul, the vessel chosen of God: *



ALL: Meet indeed to be glo-ri-fi-ed, and to inhe-rit the



twelfth throne. Al-le-lu-ia.

The Holy Gospel: S. Matthew 19:27 (PLEASE STAND)

- \checkmark The Lord be with you.
- And with thy spirit.
 The Holy Gospel is written in the nineteenth chapter of the Gospel according to S. Matthew, beginning at the twenty-seventh verse.
- \mathbb{R}^{\prime} Glory be to thee, O Lord.

A T that time: Peter answered and said unto Jesus: Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee: what shall we have therefore? And Jesus said unto them: Verily I say unto you, that ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my Name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. But many that are first shall be last, and the last shall be first.

₿⁄ Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Creed (PLEASE STAND)

Missa de Angelis



Whose king-dom shall have no end. And I be - lieve in the Ho - ly Gho	 st,
The Lord, The Gi-ver of Life, Who pro-ceed-eth from the Fa-ther and the S	on,
Who with the Fa-ther and the Son to -ge ther is wor-ship-pèd, and glo-ri - fi -	èd,
Who spake by the Pro - phets. And I be-lieve One, Ho - ly, Ca - tho - ly, Ca - t	
and A-po-sto-lic Church. I ac-know-ledge one_ Bap - tism for the re-mis-sion of	sins.
And I look for the Re-sur-rec-tion of the dead, And the life of the world to c	ome.
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The Prone (Bidding of the Bedes, Feasts & Fasts, Parish Announcements)

THE MASS OF THE FAITHFUL (LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST)

Offertory

- R'And with thy spirit.Let us pray.(PLEASE KNEEL)

Offertory Antiphon — Constitues eos (CANTOR)

Psalm 139

Right dear are thy friends unto me, O God: their rule and governance is exceeding steadfast.

Offertory Motet (CHOIR)

Tu es vas electionis

Tu es vas electionis, Sancte Paule apostole, praedicator veritatis, in universo mundo, per quem omnes gentes cognoverunt gratiam Dei: Intercede pro nobis ad Deum, qui te elegit. Roberto Vailerio (c. 1616)

You, O Holy Paul the Apostle are the chosen vessel, the preacher of truth, throughout the world, through whom all peoples have come to know the grace of God Pray for us to God, who has chosen you.

English Hymnal Nº 519 (PLEASE STAND)

Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Ye watchers and ye holy ones, Bright Seraphs, Cherubim and Thrones, Raise the glad strain, Alleluya! Cry out Dominions, Princedoms, Powers', Virtues, Archangels, Angels' choirs, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya! O higher than the Cherubim, More glorious than the Seraphim, Lead their praises, Alleluya! Thou Bearer of the eternal Word, Most gracious, magnify the Lord, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya! Respond, ye souls in endless rest, Ye Patriarchs and Prophets blest, Alleluya, Alleluya! Ye holy Twelve, ye Martyrs strong, All Saints triumphant, raise the song Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya! O friends, in gladness let us sing, Supernal anthems echoing,

Supernal anthems echoing, Alleluya, Alleluya! To God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit, Three in One, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya! 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.

Secrets (Prayers over the Gifts)

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GRANT, O Lord, we pray thee, that these oblations of thy people may be sanctified by the prayers of thy holy Apostle Saint Paul: and that the favour which thou showest upon them that observe the institution of thine ordinance, may be increased by the effectual help of his advocacy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

WE pray thee, O Lord, that the intercession of thy blessed Apostle Saint Peter may so commend our prayers and oblations unto thee: that those things which we offer for his honour and glory may be profitable to us for the remission of our sins. 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.

₿⁄ 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

CELEBRANT: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

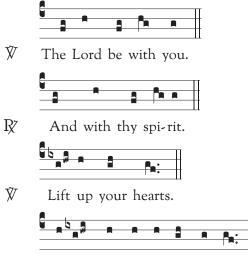
Almighty God,

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;
M 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.
R Amen.

CONSECRATION AND OBLATION

Sursum Corda and Preface



 \mathbb{R} We lift them up unto the Lord.



 $\mathbf{\tilde{V}}$ Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

 \mathbb{R} It is meet and right so to do.

T 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.

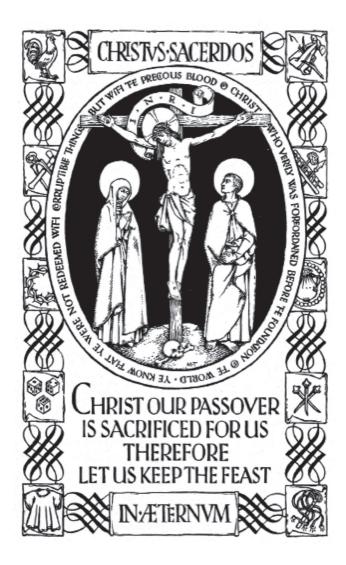
WHO in the multitude of thy Saints hast compassed us about with so great a cloud of witnesses, that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us, and together with them may receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away.

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 (CHOIR)

Messe in C – J.C. Ahne

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,	HOLY, Holy, Holy,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.	Lord God of hosts,
Pleni sunt coeli	Heaven and earth
et terra gloria tua.	are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in excelsis.	Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
★ Benedictus qui venit	■ BLESSED is he that cometh
in nomine Domini.	in the Name of the Lord:
Hosanna in excelsis.	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:

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 🙀 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.

R Amen.

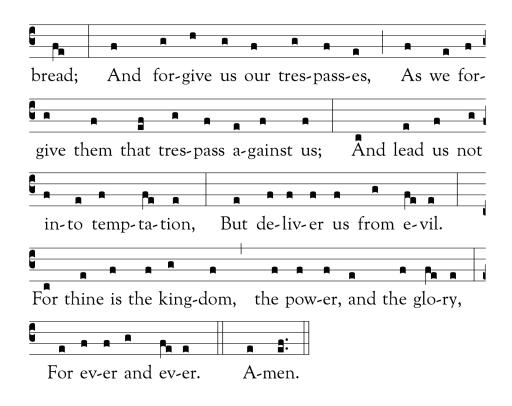
COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Pater Noster

CELEBRANT: Let us pray.

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





Fraction and Pax



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 (CHOIR)

Messe in C – J.C. Ahne

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

Communion Antiphon —

Amen dico vobis (CANTORS)

S. Mark 10

Verily I say unto you; that ye which have forsaken all, and followed after me, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

	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 FA-THER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST, AND ARE COMMUNICANT MEM-BERS 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 <u>ONLY</u> 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 ADMINIS-TERED 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 SACRA-MENT IN FAITH AND REPENTANCE, 'DISCERNING THE LORD'S BODY.'

Communion Hymn (PLEASE REMAIN KNEELING OR SEATED) A heavenly splendour from on high Sple

Splendor Coelestis

A heavenly splendour from on high, A light too great for mortal eye, Deprives the hunter of the prey And turns his threatening wrath away.

In darkened eyes, an inward light Begins to shine upon his sight, As in his heart he hears the call To follow, and surrender all.

The Christ, for sinners crucified, Whose risen power he had denied, Now claims this servant for his own, And bids him make the gospel known.

Blest Paul, the convert of the Lord, May heaven's light to us afford A blindness to the lures of sin, that we with thee a crown may win. To God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit, Three in One, From saints on earth and saints in heaven, Let everlasting praise be given. Amen.

Communion Motet (CHOIR)

Gustate et videte

Giovanni Paulo Cima (1610) TEXT PSALM 34:8,9

Gustate et videte quoniam suavis est Dominus. Beatus vir qui sperat in eo. Timete Dominum, omnes Sancti eius, quoniam non est inopia timentibus eum.

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the man that trusteth in him. O fear the Lord, ye that are his Saints, for they that fear him lack nothing.

Thanksgiving

Post-Communion Collect

- R⁄ And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. (PLEASE KNEEL)

O LORD, who hast vouchsafed to sanctify us with these saving mysteries: grant, we beseech thee, that, as thou hast given unto us to be governed by the advocacy of thy holy Apostle Saint Paul, so we may never fail to receive the assistance of his mediation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

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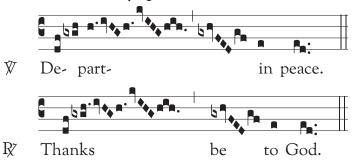
Blessing (CELEBRANT)

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.

₿⁄ Amen.

Dismissal (PLEASE STAND)

- \mathbb{V} The Lord be with you.
- \mathbb{R}^{\prime} And with thy spirit.



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

- \mathbb{V} The Lord be with you.
- \mathbb{R}^{γ} And with thy spirit.
 - The beginning of the Holy Gospel according to John.
- \mathbb{R}^{\prime} Glory be to thee, O Lord.

TN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and L 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.

 \mathbb{R}^{\prime} Thanks be to God.

Postlude Improvisation

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

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