## Mass of Our Lady on Saturday

with the Society of Mary in attendance

Saturday 10 May 2025 10:00 a.m.



*Madonna of Peace,* Pinturicchio (1454–1513)

S. Bartholomew's Anglican Church, Regent Park TORONTO, CANADA

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

May is the month of Our Lady! The Church's devotions, both public and popular, have developed side by side over centuries. Very often popular devotions are an amplification of one aspect of the Church's official liturgical life by and for the sake of those who find that this or that devotion helps them in their spiritual life overall. The tradition of dedicating the month of May to Mary is almost certainly the result of such popular devotional instinct. Most of May falls within Eastertide, the time of rebirth, both natural (springtime) and supernatural (Resurrection). Mary is the Mother of Jesus, but because of this is also the Mother of the Church, which is His Body (see John 19:26), and therefore of each one of us, who are members of His Body, and the "remnant of her seed" (Revelation 12:17).

This morning we undertake our major public devotion to Our Lady as we celebrate a Solemn Mass and Procession as part of the Toronto May Festival. There are also many ways we can celebrate her place in the history of our salvation in our own homes. One such is to create a 'May Altar' on a table or a mantelpiece, by surrounding an image of Mary with flowers, and lighting candles before it when we are near it, or when we say our prayers. Such a practice reminds us both that her courage and humility allowed God to become Man, and that, when we worship her Son, she worships Him with us and that we are helped by this truth.

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# Votive Mass of Our Lady

Prelude Tiento

Antonio Cabezon (1510-1566)

## THE MASS OF THE CATECHUMENS

## THE ENTRANCE RITES

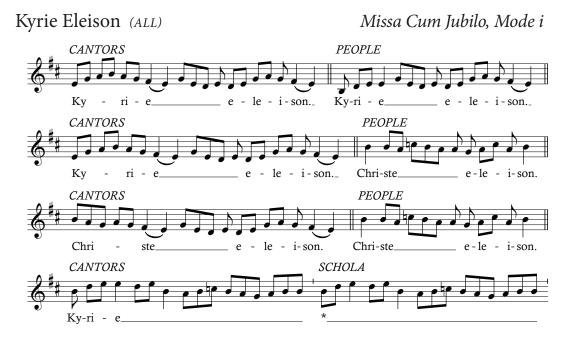
**Introit** — *Salve*, *sancta parens* 

Sedulius Scotus

(PLEASE KNEEL) (CANTORS)

Hail, O Mother most holy, who in childbirth didst bring forth the Monarch: him who o'er heaven and earth reigneth for ever and ever, alleluia, alleluia. Ps. 45 My heart is inditing of a goodly matter:

I speak of the things which I have made unto the King.









<sup>(</sup>For thou only art holy...)



#### The Collect

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

Let us pray. (PLEASE KNEEL)

OLORD God Almighty, we beseech thee to keep us thy servants both outwardly in their bodies and inwardly and our souls: that by the glorious intercession of blessed Mary Ever-virgin we may be delivered from our present sadness and attain in the end to everlasting gladness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

₿⁄ Amen.

## The Liturgy of the Word

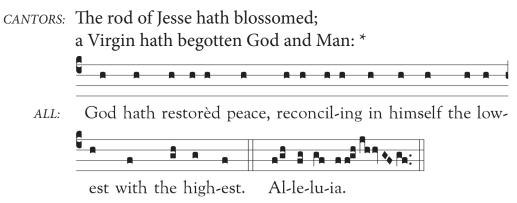
The Lesson for the Epistle: Ecclesiasticus 24:9 (PLEASE BE SEATED)

The Lesson for the Epistle is written in the twenty-fourth chapter of the Wisdom of Jesus the Son of Sirach, or Ecclesiasticus, beginning at the ninth verse.

Here endeth the Lesson.

#### Alleluia

Numbers 17; S. Luke 1



CANTOR: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: \*



ALL: Blessèd art thou a-mong wo-men. Al-le-lu-ia.

The Holy Gospel: S. John 19:25 (PLEASE STAND)

And with thy spirit.
 The Holy Gospel is written in the nineteeth chapter of the Gospel according to S. John, beginning at the twenty-fifth verse.

R Glory be to thee, O Lord.

A<sup>T</sup> that time: There stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.

 $\mathbb{R}$  Praise be to thee, O Christ.

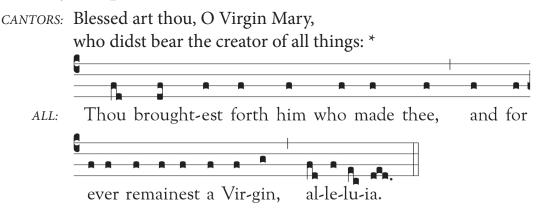
Sermon: Fr Brinton

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

## Offertory

- $\mathbb{V}$  The Lord be with you.
- R/And with thy spirit.Let us pray.(PLEASE KNEEL)

#### **Offertory Antiphon** — Beata es



#### **Offertory Motet** (*PLEASE BE SEATED*) *O Maria, virgo Davitica*

from the Codex las Huelgas (c. 1300)

O Maria, maris stella, plena gratie, Mater simul et puella vas munditie, templum nostri redemptoris sol iustitie; Porta celi, spes reorum, tronus glorie, Sublevatrix miserorum. vena venie, Audi servos te rogantes, mater gratie, Ut peccata sint abluta per te hodie, qui te puro laudant corde, in veritate. O Maria, virgo Davitica,

*Virginum flos, vite spes unica,* 

O Mary, star of the sea, full of grace, Mother and maiden, vessel of purity, temple of our Redeemer, sun of justice; Gate of heaven, hope of the guilty, throne of glory, Uplifter of the wretched, channel of mercy, Hear the servants who beseech you, *O Mother of grace*, That their sins may be washed away through you today, And who praise you with pure heart, in truth.

O Mary, Virgin of David's line, Flower of virgins, sole hope of life, Via venie, lux gratie, mater clementie; Sola iubnes in arce celica, Obediunt tibi militie, Sola sedes in trono glorie, Gratia plena fulgens deica, Stelle stupent de tua specie, Sol, luna de tua potentia; Que luminaria in meridie Tua facie vincis omnia. Prece pia mitiga filium, Miro modo cuius es filia, Ne iudicemur in contrarium, Sed det eterne vite premia. Way of pardon, light of grace, Mother of clemency; You alone command in heaven's citadel; Legions obey you: You alone sit on the throne of glory, Resplendent in the fullness of divine grace. The stars marvel at your beauty; The sun and moon, at your might: All lights in noon-day brightness You surpass in your own visage. With merciful prayer appease your Son, Whose daughter, marvellously, you are, That we may not be condemned, But that He may give us the prize of eternal life.

#### **Offertory Hymn** (*PLEASE STAND*) Gracious Lady, you are blest

#### Chiselhurst

Gracious Lady, you are blest with God's favour; In your womb all hopes shall rest – this world's Saviour; He shall save the world from sin, as the kingdom's ushered in. Hail Mary, Hail Mary, Hail Mary

Can it be I am God's choice? (Lowly maiden)? How can God's Word use my voice to proclaim him? Can the great God stoop to me: that the world his grace may see? Hail Mary, Hail Mary, Hail Mary.

Blessèd Mother you shall be; God's own dwelling; You, the rose whose sanctity, – sweetly smelling – Shall create the space on earth, For God's Son to come to birth. Hail Mary, Hail Mary, Hail Mary.

*Let it be then as you say; God me raises! Let me now and every day, learn his praises.*  May the 'Yes' that I have giv'n be a pathway into heav'n. Hail Mary, Hail Mary, Hail Mary.

Gracious Lady, your Amen is your blessing; Your obedience, now as then love confessing. And that Love will you sustain, through the time of trial and pain. Hail Mary, Hail Mary, Hail Mary.

Mary, Mother of the Lord, God once called you To bring forth his holy Word, that enthralled you, May I too wait patiently for God's will to form in me. Hail Mary, Hail Mary, Hail Mary.

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)

WE beseech thee, O Lord, that by the bountiful goodness of thy mercy, and by the intercession of Blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, these our oblations may be acceptable in thy sight: that we being delivered in this present life from all adversities may obtain in that which is to come peace everlasting. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

₿⁄ 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. †

W<sup>E</sup> F 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.

<sup>†</sup> 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

Y E 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.

₿⁄ Amen.

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

COME 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

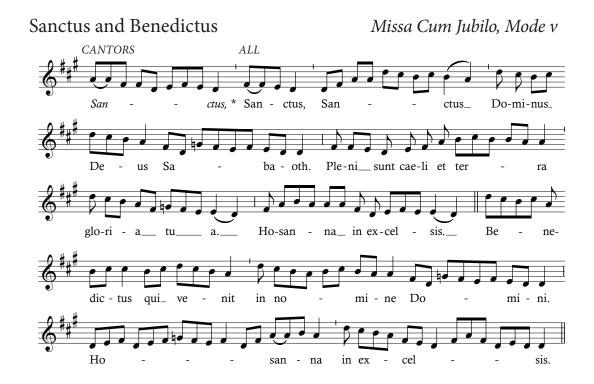
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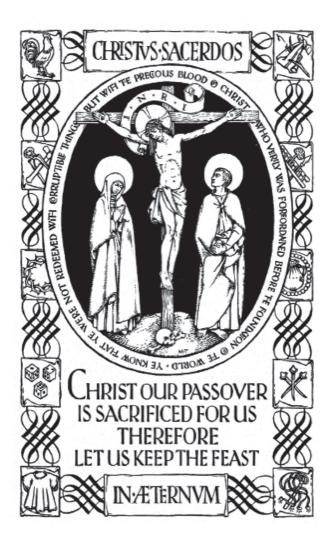


R. It is meet and right so to do.

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. A ND that in the veneration of blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, we should praise, bless, and tell forth thy wonders: In that, by the overshadowing of the Holy Ghost, she conceived thy only begotten Son: and without let to the glory of her abiding maidenhood, brought forth for man the Light eternal, even Jesus Christ our Lord.

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





## CANON OF THE MASS

(CELEBRANT)

**B**LESSING 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;

A 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  $\clubsuit$  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.

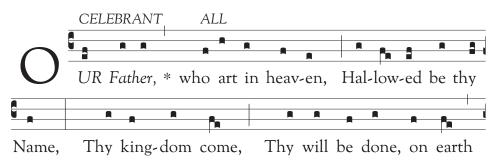
R∕ Amen.

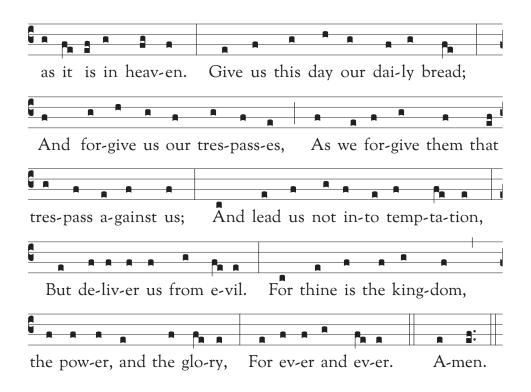
## Communion of the Faithful

#### 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.-

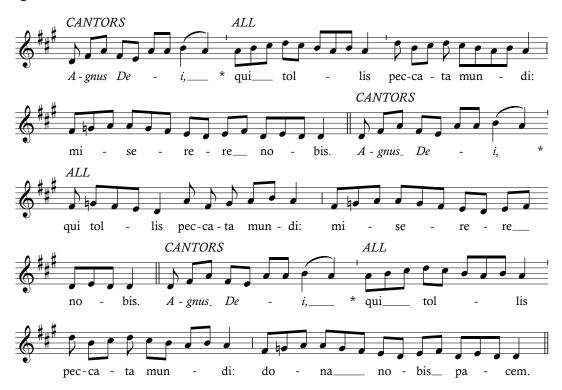
#### The Prayer of Humble Access

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.

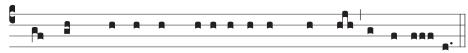
Agnus Dei (ALL)

Missa Cum Jubilo, Mode v



#### **Communion Antiphon** — Beata viscera

CANTORS: Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary: \*



ALL: That bore the Son of the everlasting Fa-ther, al-le-lu- ia.-

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) Sing of Mary, pure and lowly *Pleading Saviour*

*Sing of Mary meek and lowly, Virgin-mother pure and mild, Sing of God's own Son most holy, Who became her little child.* 

*Fairest child of fairest mother, God the Lord who came to earth, Word made flesh, our very brother, Takes our nature by his birth.* 

Sing of Jesus, son of Mary, In the home at Nazareth. Toil and labor cannot weary Love enduring unto death. Constant was the love he gave her, Though he went forth from her side, Forth to preach, and heal, and suffer, Till on Calvary he died.

Glory be to God the Father; Glory be to God the Son; Glory be to God the Spirit; Glory to the Three in One. From the heart of blessed Mary, From all saints the song ascends, And the Church the strain reechoes Unto earth's remotest ends. Amen.

#### **Communion Motet**

Castitatis thalamum

Castitatis thalamum, ventrem virginalem, pater dedit filio, vallem specialem; Invenire poterat quis in mundo talem, ut portaret filium Patri coequalem? from the Codex las Huelgas (c. 1300)

The Father gave to the Son a chaste wedding-chamber, a virginal womb, a singular dwelling; Who in this world but she was he able to find to bear such a Son, co-equal with the Father?

## Thanksgiving

Post-Communion Collect

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

Let us pray. (PLEASE REMAIN KNEELING)

OLORD, who hast appointed this holy sacrament which we have here received to be the means of our salvation: mercifully grant, that we which have offered our gifts unto thy divine majesty in honour of blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, may by her protection may be preserved both in body and soul. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

₿⁄ Amen.

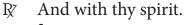
Blessing (CELEBRANT)

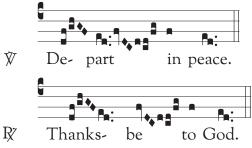
THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.

R∕ Amen.

Dismissal (PLEASE STAND)

 $\mathbb{V}$  The Lord be with you.





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

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

The beginning of the Holy Gospel according to John.

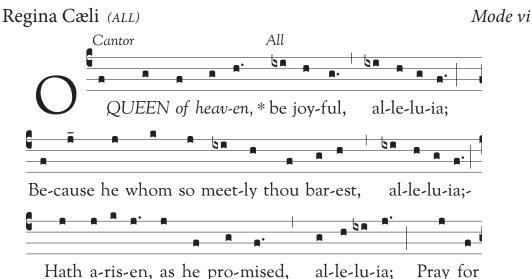
₿⁄ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

IN 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.

₽⁄ Thanks be to God.

## **Devotions After Mass**





us to the Fa-ther, al-le-lu-ia.

- $\tilde{\mathbb{V}}$  Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, allelu-**ia**.
- ℵ For the Lord is risen indeed, allelu-ia. Let us pray.

OGOD, who, by the resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ, didst vouchsafe to give gladness unto the world: grant, we beseech thee, that we, being holpen by the Virgin Mary, his Mother, may attain unto the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord.

R∕ Amen.

#### PROCESSION

- $\tilde{\mathbb{V}}$  Let us go forth **in** peace.
- $\mathbb{R}$  In the Name of Christ. **A**-men.

AS YOU ARE ABLE, PLEASE FOLLOW THE SACRED MINISTERS IN THE PROCESSION. IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER PREVENTING AN OUTDOOR PROCESSION THE PEOPLE REMAIN IN THEIR PEWS DURING THE PROCESSION AND THE FIRST STATION COLLECT AND SECOND HYMN ARE OMITTED.

#### Hymn: Ye who own the faith of Jesus

Daily, daily

Ye who own the faith of Jesus, Sing the wonders that were done, When the love of God the Father O'er our sin the victory won, When he made the Virgin Mary Mother of his only Son. Hail, Mary, full of grace.

Blessed were the chosen people Out of whom the Lord did come; Blessed was the land of promise Fashion'd for his earthly home: But more blessed far the Mother, She who bare him in her womb. Hail, Mary, full of grace. For the King of men and Angels Chose her out of all he made, And in robes of grace and glory Her humility arrayed; With the radiant sun he clothed her, At her feet the moon he laid. Hail, Mary, full of grace.

Thus prepared, and thus exalted, Lowly still, and still unknown, Mary waited till the fullness Of her destiny was shown, Till the Maid became God's Mother, And her nursing arms his throne. Hail, Mary, full of grace.

So of her that loved and suffered Was our better Samuel born; So did Sion's Virgin Daughter Laugh Assyria's might to scorn; So did Esther, daring all things, Lift again the captive's horn. Hail, Mary, full of grace.

Wherefore let all faithful people Tell the honour of her name, Let the Church in her foreshadowed Part in her thanksgiving claim; What Christ's Mother sang in gladness, Let Christ's people sing the same. Hail, Mary, full of grace.

Let us weave our supplications, She with us and we with her, For th' advancement of the faithful, For each faithful worshipper, For the doubting, for the sinful, for each heedless wanderer. Hail, Mary, full of grace.

May the Mother's intercessions On our homes a blessing win, That the children all be prosper'd Strong and fair and pure within, Following our Lord's own footsteps, Firm in faith and free from sin. Hail, Mary, full of grace.

For the sick and for the aged, For our dear ones far away, For the hearts that mourn in secret, All who need our prayers to-day, For the faithful gone before us, May the holy Virgin pray Hail, Mary, full of grace.

As we sing, her prayer is rising, For her heart with us is one; We with confidence will ask it, That the Mother from her Son May obtain the full fruition Of his work in us begun. Hail, Mary, full of grace. Praise, O Mary, praise the Father, Praise thy Saviour and thy Son, Praise the everlasting Spirit, Who hath made thee Ark and Throne; O'er the Seraphim exalted, Lowly praise the Three in One. Hail, Mary, full of grace.

#### Station at Sackville Street

- $\tilde{\mathbb{V}}$  Thou art exalted, O Holy Mother of **God**.
- $\mathbb{R}$  Above choirs of angels, unto the heavenly king-**dom**.

Let us pray.

**G**RANT, we beseech thee, O Lord God, that we thy servants may enjoy perpetual health of mind and body: and, by the glorious intercession of blessed Mary ever Virgin, be delivered from present sadness, and rejoice in everlasting gladness. Through the same Christ our Lord.

₿⁄ Amen.

### **Hymn:** The happy birds Te Deum sing

Forest Green

The happy birds Te Deum sing, 'Tis Mary's month of May; Her smile turns winter into spring, And darkness into day; And there's a fragrance in the air, The bells their music make, And O the world is bright and fair, And all for Mary's sake.

Where'er we seek the holy Child, At every sacred spot, We meet the Mother undefiled; Who shun her seek him not: At cloistered Nazareth we see, At haunted Bethlehem, The throne of Jesus, Mary's knee, Her smile, his diadem.

The Daughter, Mother, Spouse of God, None silence her appeal Who long to tread where Jesus trod, What Jesus felt to feel. O, Virgin-born, from thee we learn To love thy Mother dear; Her teach us duly to discern, And rightly to revere.

*To love the Mother, people say, Is to defraud the Son; For them, alas, there dawns no May, Until their hearts are won:*  *Then, when their hearts begin to burn, Ah, then, to Jesus true, And loving whom he loves, they learn To love Saint Mary too.* 

How many are the thoughts that throng On faithful souls to-day! All year we sing our Lady's song, 'Tis still the song of May: Magnificat! O may we feel That rapture more and more; And chiefly, Lord, what time we kneel Thine altar-throne before.

*`Tis then, when at thy feet we pray, We share our Lady's mirth; Her joy we know who hail to-day Thy Eucharistic birth; That trembling joy to Mary sent, Ah, Christians know it well, With whom in his dear sacrament Their Saviour deigns to dwell.* 

Yes, Mary's month has come again, The merry month of May; And sufferers forget their pain, And sorrows flee away, And joys return, the hearts whose moan Was desolate erewhile Are blithe and gay, once more they own The charm of Mary's smile.

Thy Son our Brother is, and we, Whatever may betide, A Mother, Mary, have in thee, A guardian and a guide; Thy smiles a tale of gladness tell No words can ever say? If but, like thee, we love him well, The year will all be May.

All hail! An angel spake the words We lovingly repeat; The song-notes of the singing birds They are not half so sweet: This is a music that endures, It cannot pass away, For Mary's children it ensures A never-ending May.

#### Station at the May Altar

- $\mathbb{R}$  The Lord is with **thee**.

Let us pray.

GOD, whose mercies cannot be numbered, whose goodness passeth man's understanding, we render humble and hearty thanks to thy most gracious majesty for the gifts that thou hast bestowed upon us through the intercession of blessed Mary ever-Virgin: humbly beseeching thy mercy that like as thou hast heard the prayers of them that call upon thee, so thou wouldest hereafter evermore dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord.

₿⁄ Amen.

## THE MAY CORONATION

#### **Crowning Hymn:**

In splendour arrayed, in vesture of gold

Hanover

In splendour arrayed, in vesture of gold, The Mother of God in glory behold! O daughter of David, thou dwellest on high, Excelling in brightness the hosts of the sky.

O Maiden thou art a Mother renowned; A mother who yet as Virgin art crowned; The Lord of the angels, God high and supreme, Took flesh of thy substance, the world to redeem.

All kindreds and tongues thine offspring adore; Creation must bow his footstool before. At thy gentle pleadings may he from his height Disperse all our shadows and fill us with light.

The Father we praise who chose for his Son A mother on earth. Like glory be done To Him, her pure Offspring who saveth our race. Like praise to the Spirit who filled her with grace.

- $\tilde{V}$  After child-bearing thou remainedst a pure Virgin. Allelu-**ia**.
- R/ Mother of God, intercede for us. Allelu-**ia**.

Let us pray.

O MOST loving Lord Jesus, who, when thou wert hanging on the Cross, didst commend us all in the person of thy disciple John to thy most sweet Mother, that we might find in her our refuge, our solace and our hope; look graciously upon our beloved land, and those who are bereaved of so powerful a patronage, that, acknowledging once more the dignity of this holy Virgin, they may honour and venerate her with all affection of devotion, and own her as Queen and Mother. May her sweet name be lisped by little ones and linger on the lips of the aged and the dying; and may it be invoked by the afflicted and hymned by the joyful; that this Star of the Sea being their protection and guide, all may come to the harbour of eternal salvation. Who livest and reignest, world without end.

- R∕ Amen.
- *ALL:* To our Lady, Queen of the May, we consecrate this month.

(AT THE CLOSE OF THIS ACT OF CONSECRATION, THE STATUE OF OUR LADY IS CROWNED TO A FANFARE FROM THE ORGAN.)

#### Postlude Improvisation

Fr David Smith

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

## Music Note

Today's Gregorian chant mass setting, the Missa Cum Jubilo (Eng. 'With Joyful Singing') is specifically appointed for liturgies offered in honour of Our Lady, in a tradition going back at least nine hundred years. The Gloria from this mass will feature insertions of text (known as tropes) in praise of the Virgin, with additional music from the Codex las Huelgas, a manuscript compiled around the year 1300 in a convent in northern Spain. Our motets also come from this source, in each case showing the emerging polyphonic style of the time, with voice-parts that criss-cross with one another, sometimes presenting different texts at the same time, creating moments of beguiling chaos that resolve to sonorous unity as the music unfolds. The Codex las Huelgas contains music and poetry for the Mass, Office, and for various saints, but the overwhelming majority of pieces are Marian, making it clear that the nuns of the Abbey of Las Huelgas used their finest poetic and musical talents to honour the Mother of our Lord!

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