



Ascension Sunday  
Easter  
May 16-17, 2026  
May Crowning following  
12 noon Mass



Gathering Song:

INTRODUCTORY RITES

SING A JOYFUL SONG

Jim Farrell

Refrain

Sing a joy-ful song to the Lord! Al-le - lu - ia!

Let the heav-ens and earth re - jice! Al - le - lu - ia!

Verses

Al - le - lu - ia!

1. The heav-ens pro -
2. Our God is a
3. Sing praise, O Je -
4. Sing praise to the

1. claim God's name, and earth in re - ply ech-oes
2. might - y God, un - e - equalled in pow'r, yet with
3. ru - sa - lem! Sing praise to your King, rul - ing
4. God of gods, the An - cient of Days! Ho - ly,

to Refrain

1. back with joy - ful songs \_ of praise!
2. gen - tle mer - cy cov-ers the earth.
3. earth with jus - tice age af - ter age.
4. ho - ly, ho - ly Lord \_ of all!

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Sign of the Cross  
Greeting

## Gloria

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace, peace to  
peo-ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we  
glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry, Lord  
God, heav-en-ly King, O God, al-might-y Father. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, On - ly Be-got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Fa - ther, you take a-way the sins of the world, have  
mer-cy on us; you take a-way the sins of the world, re-ceive our  
prayer; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have  
mer-cy on us. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the  
Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men, a - men.

## Opening Prayer

Ascension Sunday

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### **The Ascension of the Lord**

#### **Reading 1 [Acts 1:1-11](#)**

In the first book, Theophilus,  
I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught  
until the day he was taken up,  
after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit  
to the apostles whom he had chosen.  
He presented himself alive to them  
by many proofs after he had suffered,  
appearing to them during forty days  
and speaking about the kingdom of God.  
While meeting with them,  
he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem,  
but to wait for “the promise of the Father  
about which you have heard me speak;  
for John baptized with water,  
but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

When they had gathered together they asked him,  
“Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”  
He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons  
that the Father has established by his own authority.  
But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you,  
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem,  
throughout Judea and Samaria,  
and to the ends of the earth.”

When he had said this, as they were looking on,  
he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.  
While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going,  
suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them.  
They said, “Men of Galilee,  
why are you standing there looking at the sky?  
This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven  
will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

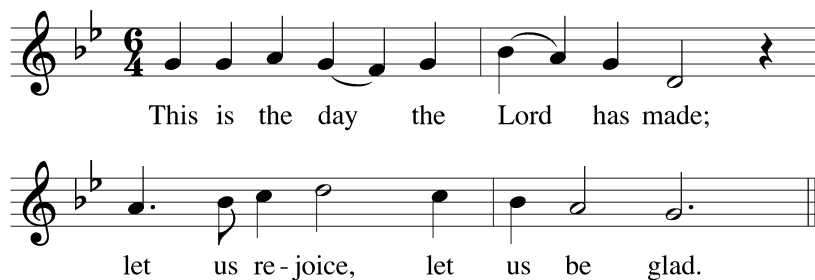
## The Word of the Lord

*All respond: Thanks be to God.*

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118

Tune: O FILII ET FILIAE  
Arr. Richard Proulx



This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us re-joice, let us be glad.

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## Reading 2 [Ephesians 1:17-23](#)

Brothers and sisters:

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,  
give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation  
resulting in knowledge of him.

May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened,  
that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call,  
what are the riches of glory  
in his inheritance among the holy ones,  
and what is the surpassing greatness of his power  
for us who believe,  
in accord with the exercise of his great might,  
which he worked in Christ,  
raising him from the dead  
and seating him at his right hand in the heavens,  
far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion,  
and every name that is named  
not only in this age but also in the one to come.

And he put all things beneath his feet  
and gave him as head over all things to the church,  
which is his body,  
the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

The Word of the Lord

*All respond: Thanks be to God.*

## Alleluia



Al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

Al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

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## Gospel

*Priest or Deacon: The Lord be with you*

*All Respond: And with your spirit*

*Priest or Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel According to: Matthew*

*All Respond: (signing the cross on their forehead, lips and heart) Glory to you, O Lord.*

## Gospel

### [Matthew 28:16-20](#)

The eleven disciples went to Galilee,  
to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them.  
When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted.  
Then Jesus approached and said to them,  
“All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.  
Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,  
teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.  
And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

## The Gospel of the Lord

*All respond: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Homily

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven and is seated  
at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge  
the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful)

Please respond: Risen Lord hear our prayer

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation Song:

### Eat This Bread

Refrain

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and nev-er be hun-gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.

1. Christ is the bread of life, the true bread sent from the Father.
2. Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, but this is the bread come down from heaven.
3. Eat his flesh and drink his blood and Christ will raise you up on the last day.
4. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever.
5. If we believe and eat this bread, we will have eternal live.

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### Invitation to Pray

Pray brothers and sisters ...

Response: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name, for our good  
and the good of all his holy Church.

### Preface Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

Response: And with your spirit.

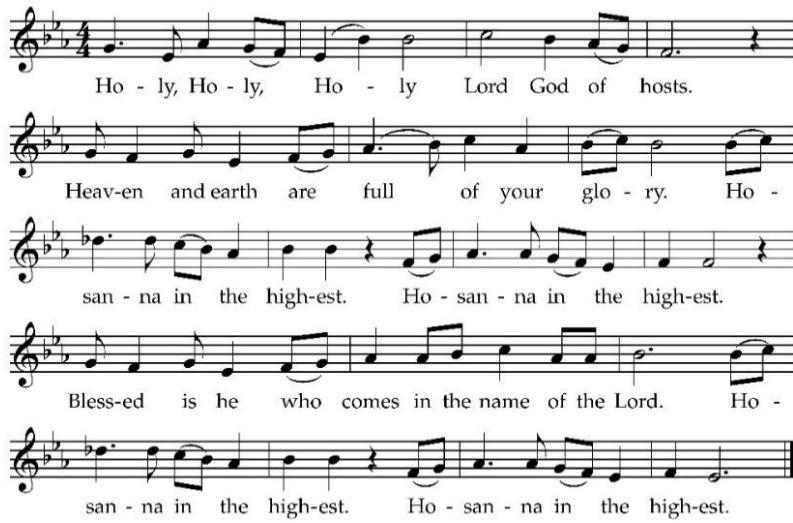
Lift up your hearts.

Response: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Response: It is right and just.

## Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass for Our Lady



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.  
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

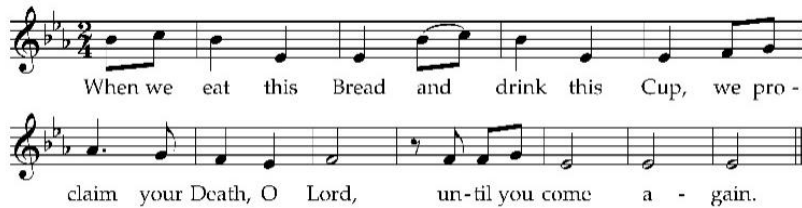
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## Memorial Acclamation

Priest: Let us proclaim the Mystery of Faith:

*All Sing:*

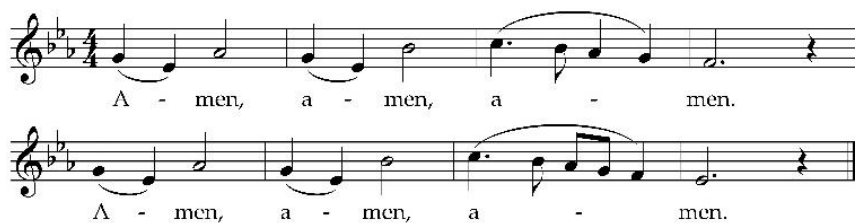


When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -  
claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a - gain.

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## Amen



A - men, a - men, a - men.  
A - men, a - men, a - men.

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## The Lord's Prayer

## Sign of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
Response: And with your Spirit

## Breaking of the Bread

Musical score for 'Breaking of the Bread'. It consists of three staves of music in 4/4 time. The first staff is marked 'Cantor' and 'All'. The lyrics are: 'A-gnus De - i, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. A-gnus De - i, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, O grant us peace.' The second staff is also marked 'Cantor'. The third staff is marked 'All'.

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## Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God,  
Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.  
Response: Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

## Communion Songs:

### UBI CARITAS

Laurence Rosania

Musical score for 'Ubi Caritas' in 6/8 time. The score includes a Refrain and several verses. The lyrics are: 'U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, De - us i - bi est. est. 1. We gath - er to - geth - er Our God is a - live, the 3. Then, joined with the bless - ed, Our joy none can mea - sure, 1. in the love of Christ; let each one be God of love is near; so love one an - 3. filled with hope and grace, dear Lord, in great joy that knows no end, re - sound - ing from 1. glad in him and re - joice. oth - er with a heart sin - cere. (to Refrain) 3. glo - ry may we see your face. end - less age to age. A - men. (to Refrain)'

Verse 2

2. We, the man - y, be - come one bod - y  
 Let all quar - rels, all di - vi - sion,

2. as the Spir - it binds, and we seek to be  
 all our con - flict cease; then will Christ tru - ly

2. one in Christ and one in heart and mind.  
 dwell a - mong us as our Lord of Peace. (to Refrain)

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## Pan de Vida

### Refrain

\* Pan de Vi - da, cuer-po del Se - ñor,  
 cup of bless - ing, blood of Christ the Lord.

At this ta - ble the last shall be first, \*\* po -  
 der es ser - vir, por-que Dios es a - mor.

### Verses

1. We are the dwell-ing of God,  
 \*\*\* 2. Us - te - des me lla - man "Se - ñor," me in -  
 3. There is no Jew or Greek,  
 fra - gile and wound-ed and weak. We are the  
 cli - no a la - var - les los pies: Ha - gan lo  
 there is no slave or free: there is no

bod - y of Christ, called to be the com -  
 mis - mo, hu - mil - des, sir - vién - do - se -  
 wom-an or man; on - ly heirs of the  
 D.C.

pas - sion of God.  
 u - nos a o - tros.  
 prom - ise of God.

\* Bread of Life, body of the Lord, \*\*power is for service, because God is Love.  
 \*\*\*You call me "Lord," and I bow to wash your feet:  
 you must do the same, humbly serving each other.

Meditation Song: Let us Be Bread (First Communion Masses only)

Post Communion Prayer

## CONCLUDING RITES

Announcements

Final Blessing

Dismissal

**Sending Song:**

### ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! LET THE HOLY ANTHEM RISE

Anonymous



1. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Let the ho-ly an-them rise, And the  
2. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Like the sun from out the wave, He has  
3. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Bless-ed Je-sus, make us rise From the



1. choirs of heav-en chant it In the tem-ple of the skies; Let the  
2. ris-en up in tri-umph From the dark-ness of the grave. He's the  
3. life of this cor-rup-tion To the life that nev-er dies. May your



1. moun-tains skip with glad-ness, And the joy-ful val-leys ring With ho-  
2. splen-dor of the na-tions, He's the lamp of end-less day; He's the  
3. glo-ry be our por-tion, When the days of time are past, And the



1. san-nas in the high-est To our Sav-ior and our King!  
2. ver-y Lord of glo-ry Who is ris-en up to-day!  
3. dead shall be a-wak-ened By the trum-pet's might-y blast!

Text: 87 87 D; Anon.; probably American, ca 1887, alt. Music: *St Basil's Hymnal*, 1889.

### Parish May Crowning 12 Noon only

#### Procession Song: Immaculate Mary

Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing.

You reign now in heaven with Jesus our King.

Ave, Ave, Ave Maria. Ave, Ave, Ave Maria

In heaven the blessed your glory proclaim;  
On earth we your children invoke your fair name.  
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria. Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

## **Rite of Crowning**

### **Prayer**

#### **Crowning Hymn: Bring Flowers of the Fairest**

Bring flowers of the fairest, bring flowers of the rarest,  
From garden and woodland and hillside and vale.  
Our full hearts are swelling, our glad voices telling,  
The praise of the loveliest Rose of the dale.

Refrain: O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today,  
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.  
Mary we crown thee with blossoms today,  
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.

#### **A Decade of the Rosary**

We will pray one decade of the Rosary meditating on the Fifth Glorious  
Mystery: The Coronation, which celebrates the  
crowning of Mary as Queen of Heaven.

#### **Our Father:**

*(Leader):* Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.

**All: Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we  
forgive those who trespass against us, And lead us not into temptation, but  
deliver us from evil. Amen**

#### **10 Hail Mary's**

*(Leader):* Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee,  
blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.

**All: Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our  
death. Amen**

## **Glory Be**

(Leader): Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Sprit,

**All: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end.  
Amen.**

## **Closing Prayer**

## **Final Blessing**

## **Dismissal**

### **Song: Hail Holy Queen**

Hail Holy Queen enthroned above; O Maria. Hail, mother of mercy and of love, O Maria. Triumph, all ye cherubim; sing with us ye seraphim! Heaven and earth resound the hymn: Salve, Salve, Salve Regina

Our life our sweetness, here below, O Maria. Our hope in sorrow and in woe O Maria! Triumph, all ye cherubim; sing with us ye seraphim! Heaven and earth resound the hymn: Salve, Salve, Salve Regina

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