

# THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 16, 2021



## *Pandemic safety*

- \* Staying healthy is our common responsibility!
- \* **Masks are required at all times** (covering your mouth **and** nose) even if you have been vaccinated.
- \* Respect **physical distancing**. Stay at least six feet apart from anyone who is not in your household and refrain from physical contact with others.
- \* If you would like to have **the text of the readings**, free copies of the *United in Christ* missal are available near the entrance. Please keep this missal for yourself and bring it with you to Mass every Sunday.
- \* **Thank you** for your patience and presence!

## Opening Song

*A Hymn of  
Glory Let Us  
Sing* 🎵

A hymn of glory let us sing! New songs throughout the world shall ring: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, by a road before untrod, ascends unto the throne of God.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O Lord, our homeward pathway bend, that our unwearied hearts ascend, alleluia, alleluia! Where, seated on your Father's throne, you reign as King of kings alone.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

# Glory to God

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to  
God, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen! Amen!

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## LITURGY OF THE WORD

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### Reading

Acts 1:1-11 (A cloud took him from their sight...)

*Lector: ...The word of the Lord.*

**Assembly: Thanks be to God!**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 47*

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a  
blare of trum - pets for the Lord. →

All peoples, clap your hands.  
Cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the LORD, the Most High, is  
awesome,  
the great king over all the earth. R̥.

God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God reigns over the nations.  
God sits upon his holy throne. R̥.

God goes up with shouts of joy.  
The LORD goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God; sing praise!  
Sing praise to our king; sing praise! R̥.

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## Reading

Ephesians 4:1-13 (Live in a manner worthy of the call...)

*Lector: ...The word of the Lord.*

**Assembly: Thanks be to God!**

## Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ri - sen from the dead!

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## Gospel

*Priest/Deacon: The Lord be with you.*

**Assembly: And with your spirit.**

*Priest/Deacon: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.*

**Assembly: Glory to you, O Lord!**

Mark 16:15-20 (Go... Jesus ascends...)

*Priest/Deacon: ...The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Assembly: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**



## Profession of Faith

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,  
*At the words that follow, all bow:*  
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

Respuesta / Response



¡Te ro - ga - mos, ó - ye - nos! Lord, hear our prayer!

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## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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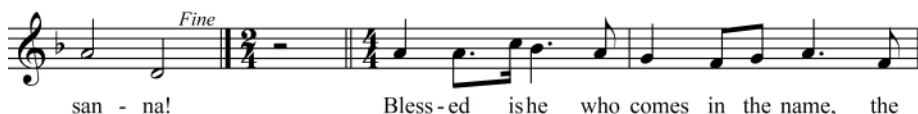
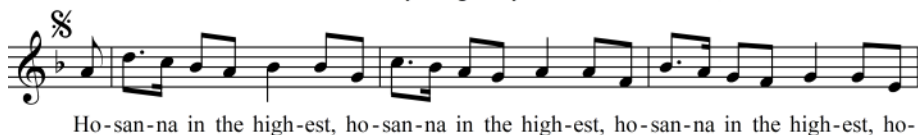
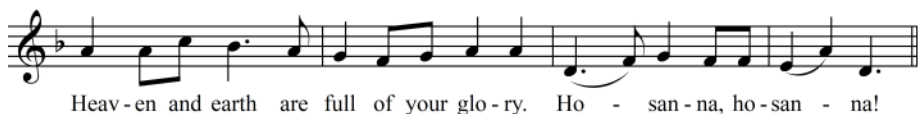
### Preparation of the Altar & Gifts

*Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.*

**Assembly: 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 & Eucharistic Prayer

Holy



### Memorial Acclamation



Amen



- The bishop has instructed us to **omit sharing the sign of peace** at this time to limit physical contact that can spread disease. Mass continues with the Lamb of God.

## Lamb of God Litany

O Lamb of\_ God,\_\_\_ you take a-way the sins of the  
world, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

*3rd time*

O Lamb of\_ God,\_\_\_ you take a-way the sins of the  
world, grant us\_\_\_ peace, grant us\_\_\_ peace,  
grant\_\_\_ us\_\_\_ peace, O Lamb of God.

*Priest: 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.*

**Assembly: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

## Holy Communion

**Please follow these instructions for approaching the sanctuary and receiving Holy Communion:**

- The ushers will signal when each section is to come forward for Communion. The first to be invited to Communion will be the **side sections** beginning with those sitting near the back.
- Please use the **center aisle** to approach the front. (Those in the side sections, please walk back to the vestibule, over to the center, and then walk forward.)
- All will return to their seats by the **side aisles**.
- **Maintain at least six feet** from anyone who is not in your household.

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- Keep your **mask** on except for the moment you receive Communion.
- At the marked position six feet from the priest, **PAUSE** and express your reverence for the Eucharist with a bow of your head. When he says, “The Body of Christ!” respond “Amen!” and **then** remove your mask and step forward to receive Communion.
- You are strongly encouraged to receive Communion in the hand to reduce the spread of disease.
- After you consume the Eucharist, place your mask back on (covering your mouth and nose) and **then** turn to go back to your place.

## *We Remember*

### Refrain

The musical notation for the Refrain is written on five staves. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/2. The lyrics are: We re - mem - ber how you loved us to your death, and still we cel - e - brate, for you are with us here; and we be - lieve that we will see you when you come in your glo - ry, Lord. We re - mem - ber, we cel - e - brate, we be - lieve.

### Verses

The musical notation for the Verses is written on one staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 1. Here, a mil - lion wound - ed souls Are 2. Now we re - cre - ate your love, We 3. Christ, the Fa - ther's great "A - men" To 4. See the face of Christ re - vealed In

(continued...) →

yearn - ing just to touch you and be healed;  
bring the bread and wine to share a meal;  
all the hopes and dreams of ev - 'ry heart,  
ev - 'ry per - son stand - ing by your side:

Gath - er all your peo - ple, and hold them to your heart.  
Sign of grace and mer - cy, the pres - ence of the Lord.  
Peace be - yond all tell - ing, and free - dom from all fear.  
Gifts to one an - oth - er, and tem - ples of your love.

D.C.

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Tune: WE REMEMBER, 7 10 12 with refrain; Marty Haugen, b.1950  
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## Sending

### *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* 🎵

Lord, you give the great commission: “Heal the sick and preach the word.” Lest the Church neglect its mission and the Gospel go unheard, help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity; with the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service: “In my name baptize and teach.” That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each, give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community; with the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

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## Easter continues through Pentecost Sunday, May 23!

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- **Please take this worship aid with you** and recycle it in the bin located near the door.
- **Please wait** until your section is dismissed before leaving the church. Those sitting near the back will be dismissed first.
- As always, please **raise all kneelers** when you exit your pew.
- **Maintain physical distance** from everyone else and do not crowd together, inside or outside the church.
- Please remember to give to our parish's weekly **offertory** by placing your envelope in the offering box near the church doors. Or, donate online at [stmarygr.weshareonline.org](http://stmarygr.weshareonline.org) or send a check in the mail to our parish office.