

THE KALENDAR

S. Stephen's Church
in Providence

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: *Sunday After Ascension*

29 May 2022

SOLEMN MASS

10 AM

Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena
Healey Willan (1880-1968)

NOTE: Hymns can be found in the blue hymnals in front of you in the pew rack.

VOLUNTARY – *Fourth Concerto in F*
1. Allegro

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)
arr. William T. Best (1826-1897)

THE OPENING RITE

VIDI AQUAM (*Please stand*)

Tone VII

The congregation is sprinkled with holy water as a reminder of their baptism.

Antiphon. I beheld water, which proceeded from the temple, on the right side thereof, alleluia: and all they to whom that water came were healed, every one, and they say alleluia, alleluia. *Ps.* O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: and his mercy endureth for ever. Glory be... I beheld water...

Celebrant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us. Alleluia.

People **And grant us thy salvation. Alleluia.**

Celebrant O Lord, hear my prayer.

People **And let my cry come unto thee.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray: Graciously hear us, O Lord, Holy Father Almighty, Everlasting God: and may it please Thee 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. **Amen.**

HYMN 214 – “Hail the day that sees him rise”

Llanfair

INTROIT – *Exaudi, Domine*

Tone VII

Consider, O Lord, and hear me, when I cry to unto thee, alleluia; unto thee my heart hath said, Thy face, Lord, have I sought; thy face, Lord, will I seek: O hide not thou thy face from thy servant, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps.* The Lord is my light, and my salvation: whom then shall I fear? . . . Glory be... Consider, O Lord...

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant ✕ Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

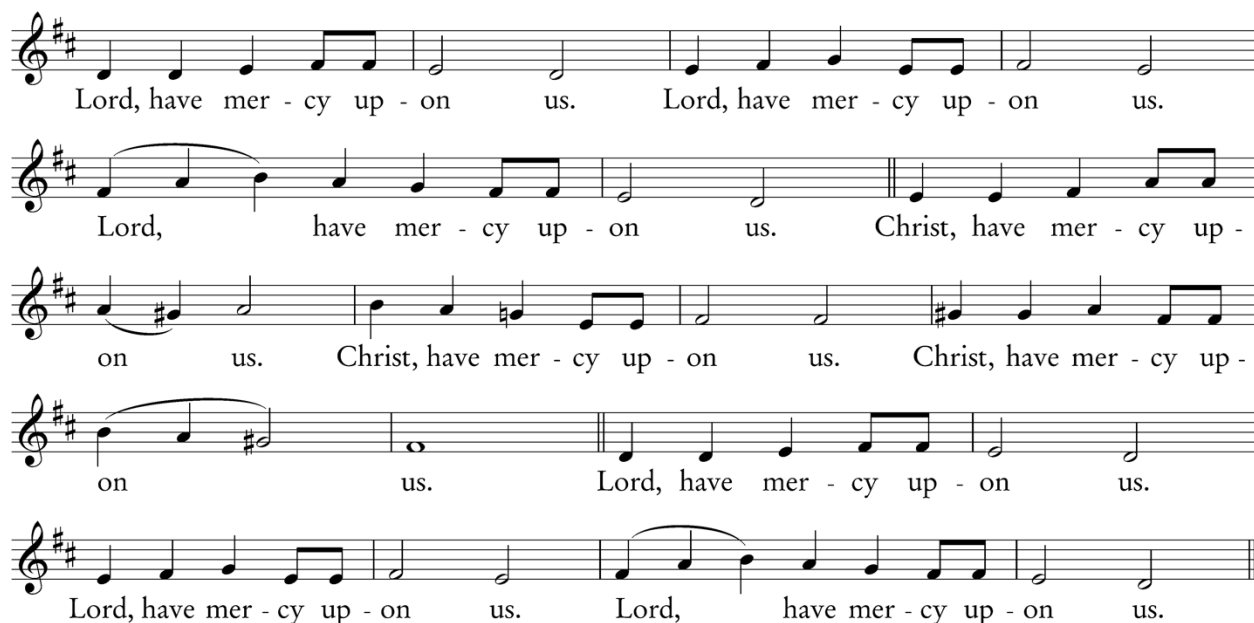
Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Please remain standing as you are able.

KYRIE ELEISON



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



Celebrant *People*

Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy

thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, O Lord God,
heaven - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - might - - y.—
— O Lord, the on - ly be-got-ten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. Thou that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer. Thou that sit - test at the
right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.
For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on-ly art the Lord; thou on - ly
O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most high in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - - ther. A - -
- - - - - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not

comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Savior Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING – *Acts 16:16-34 (Please be seated)*

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi of Macedo'nia, a Roman colony, and as we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and every one's fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 47 – *Omnes gentes plaudite*

Tone VII.6

CLAP your hands together, all ye peoples: * O sing unto God with the voice of melody. 2 For the Lord is high, and to be feared; * he is the great King upon all the earth. 3 He shall subdue the peoples under us, * and the nations under our feet. 4 He shall choose out an heritage for us, * even the excellency of Jacob, whom he loved. 5 God is gone up with a merry noise, * and the Lord with the sound of the trump. 6 O sing praises, sing praises unto our God; * O sing praises, sing praises unto our King. 7 For God is the King of all the earth: * sing ye praises with understanding. 8 God reigneth over the nations; * God sitteth upon his holy seat. 9 The princes of the peoples are joined unto the people of the God of Abraham; * for God, which is very high exalted, doth defend the earth, as it were with a shield.

EPISTLE READING – *Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20*

At the end of the visions I heard these words, “Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense, to repay every one for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. “I Jesus have sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright morning star.” The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let him who hears say, “Come.” And let him who is thirsty come, let him who desires take the water of life without price. He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Subdeacon The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA – *Regnavit Dominus (Please stand)*

Tone VI

Intoned by the Cantor, then sung by all

✓. God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon his holy seat. **Alleluia.**

✓. I will not leave you comfortless: I go away and come again to you, and your heart shall rejoice. **Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL – *John 17:20-26*

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Deacon ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said “I do not pray for these only, but also for those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one; even as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. The glory which thou hast given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and thou in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that thou hast sent me and hast loved them even as thou hast loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom thou hast given me, may be with me where I am, to behold my glory which thou hast given me in thy love for me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world has not known thee, but I have known thee; and these know that thou hast sent me. I made known to them thy name, and I will make it known, that the love with which thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON

Fr. Locke

Please stand.

THE NICENE CREED



I be-lieve in one God, the Fa-ther Al-migh-ty, ma-ker of hea-ven and earth,
and of all things vi - si-ble and in - vi - si-ble; And in One Lord Je - sus Christ,
the on-ly-be-got-ten Son of God; be-got-ten of his Fa-ther be - fore all worlds, God of God,
Light of Light, ver - y God of ver - y God, be - got - ten, not made,
be - ing of one sub-stance with the Fa - ther; by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our sal - va - tion came down from hea - ven,
here genuflect or bow
 and was in - car - nate by the Ho - ly Ghost of the Vir - gin Ma - ry, and was made man;
here rise
 and was cru - ci - fi - ed al - so for us un - der Pon - tius Pi - late;
 he suf - fer - ed and was bur - i - ed; and the third day he rose a - gain ac - cord - ing to the Scrip - tures,
 and as - cend - ed in - to hea - ven, and sit - teth on the right hand of the Fa - ther;
 and he shall come a - gain with glo - ry, to judge both the quick and the dead;
 whose king - dom shall have_ no end. And I be - lieve in the Ho - ly Ghost the Lord,
 and Giv - er of Life, who pro - ceed - eth from the Fa - ther and the Son; who with the Fa - ther
 and the Son to - geth - er is wor - ship - ped and glo - ri - fi - ed; who spake by the Pro - phets.
 And I be - lieve one ho - ly Cath - o - lic and A - pos - tol - ic 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 come.
 A - - - - - men.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – FORM IV *(Please remain standing)*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess thy Name may be united in thy truth,
 live together in thy love, and reveal thy glory in the world. *Silence.*

Lord, in thy mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another, and serve the common good. *Silence.*

Lord, in thy mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as thine own creation, that we may use its resources rightly, in the service of others and to thine honor and glory. *Silence.*

Lord, in thy mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence.*

Lord, in thy mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of thy salvation. *Silence.*

Lord, in thy mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to thy mercy ☩ all who have died, that thy will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Stephen, and with all thy saints in thine eternal kingdom. *Silence.*

Lord, in thy mercy
Hear our prayer.

Silence. The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

O Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abideth with his Church on earth, even unto the end of the ages; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Announcements may be made. The people are seated for the Offertory.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON – *Ascendit Deus*

Tone II

God is gone up with a merry noise: and the Lord with the sound of the trump,
alleluia.

All remain standing for the hymn as the altar is prepared and as the gifts and people are censed.

HYMN 460 – “Alleluia! sing to Jesus!”

Hyfrydol

ORATE, FRATRES

Celebrant Pray, brothers and sisters, that this my sacrifice and yours may be
acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People **May 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.**

SURSUM CORDA & PREFACE

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, to glorify thee, O Father, and to
give thanks unto thee, for thou alone art God, living and true, dwelling in light
inaccessible from before all time and for ever. Fountain of life and Source of all
goodness, thou hast made all things and didst fill them with thy blessing, creating
them to rejoice in the splendor of thy radiance. Countless throngs of angels
stand before thee to serve thee night and day; and, beholding the glory of thy
presence, they offer thee unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice
to every creature under heaven, we praise thee, and glorify thy Name, saying,

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - ly, Lord God of Hosts:
Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - - ry be to



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER D *(Please kneel if you are able to do so)*

The Celebrant continues

We acclaim thee, holy Lord, glorious in power, whose mighty works reveal thy wisdom and love. Thou hast formed us in thine own image, giving the whole world into our care, that in obedience unto thee, our Maker, we might rule and serve all thy creatures. When our disobedience took us far from thee, thou didst not abandon us to the power of death, but in thy mercy thou didst come to our help, that in seeking thee we might find thee. Again and again thou didst call us into covenant with thee, and through the prophets thou didst teach us to hope for salvation.

Thou didst so love the world, O Father, that in the fullness of time thou didst send thine only-begotten Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. That thy purpose might be fulfilled, he gave himself up unto death; and rising from the grave he destroyed death and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, bringing to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by thee, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end: At supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks unto thee, 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:

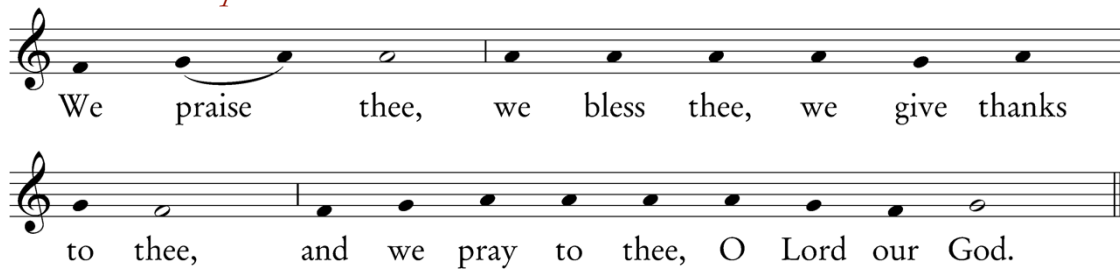
FOR THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW COVENANT, WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS.

Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, for the remembrance of me. "



And now, O Father, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to thy right hand, awaiting his coming in glory, and offering unto thee, from the gifts which thou hast given us, this bread and this cup, we praise thee and we bless thee.

Celebrant and People



We beseech thee, O Lord, that in thy goodness and mercy thy Holy Spirit may descend upon us and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and revealing them as holy gifts for thy holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grant that all who share this bread and this cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of thy Name.

Remember, O Lord, thy one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the Blood of thy Christ. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with blessed Stephen our patron, and with all the saints who have found favor with thee in ages past. We praise thee in union with them and give thee glory through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ all honor and glory be unto thee, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end.
AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant & People



Our Fa-ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed be thy Name,
thy king-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea-ven.
Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for-give us our tres-pas - ses,
as we for-give those who tres-pass a-against us. And lead us not in - to
temp-ta - tion, but de-liv-er us from e - vil. For thine is the king-dom,
and the power, and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A- men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD – CHRIST OUR PASSOVER

Intoned by the Celebrant and repeated by all



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

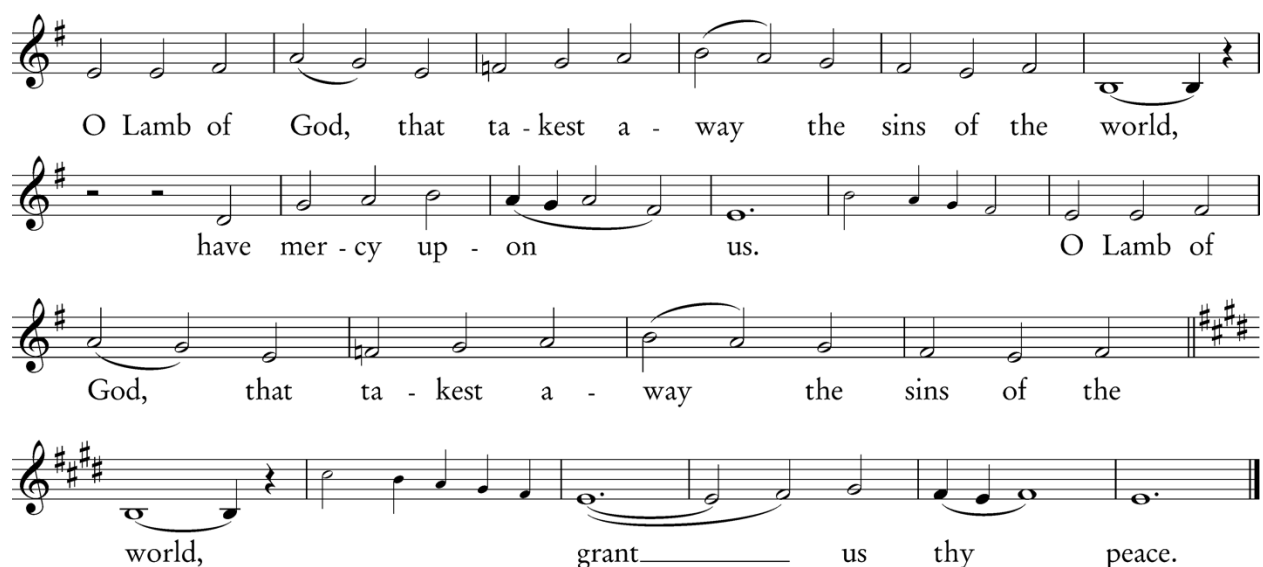
Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast.

People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

AGNUS DEI



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, have mer - cy up - on us.



THE INVITATION – ECCE AGNUS DEI

Celebrant ☒ Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

People **Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON – *Pater, cum essem*

Tone I

Father, while I am with them in the world, I kept those that gavest me, alleluia: and now I come to thee. I pray thee not that thou shouldest take them out of the world: but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil, alleluia, alleluia.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please come forward to the altar rail and then return to your pew via the passageway on the right. If you are unable to come forward, communion can be brought to you in your pew. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Eucharist at the Lord's Table. Gluten-free wafers are available. If you are not receiving, you are invited to come forward for a blessing (indicated by crossing your arms over your chest). If you have not been baptized and find yourself drawn to Jesus Christ and life in him, please let one of our clergy know. We would be honored to have a conversation with you about baptism or answer any other questions. Baptism and life in the Body of Christ is open to all.

HYMN 328 – “Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord”

Song 46

THE CLOSING RITE

Please kneel if you are able.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Please remain kneeling.

BLESSING FOR ASCENSIONTIDE

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy Spirit.

May the risen Christ who has passed into the heavens clothe you with power from on high; and the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Please stand.

DISMISSAL

Deacon

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ, alleluia, alleluia.

People

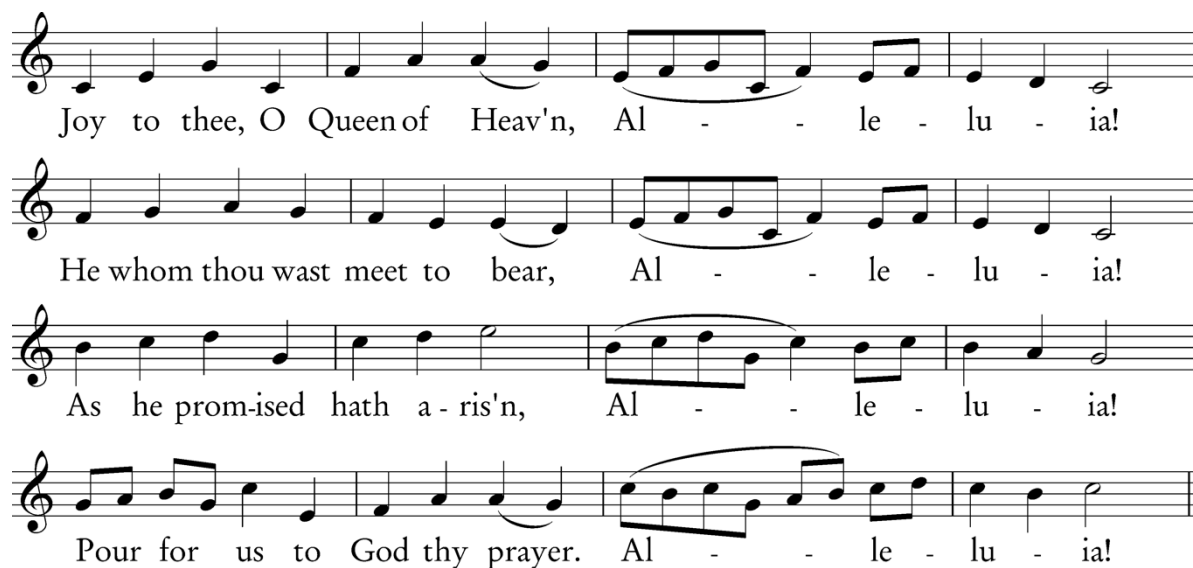


HYMN 494 – “Crown him with many crowns”

Diademata

During the hymn, the choir and sacred ministers make their way to the Lady Chapel for the following Marian devotion. The congregation is invited to remain standing as they sing.

REGINA CAELI



Joy to thee, O Queen of Heav'n, Al - le - lu - ia!

He whom thou wast meet to bear, Al - le - lu - ia!

As he prom-ised hath a - ris'n, Al - le - lu - ia!

Pour for us to God thy prayer. Al - le - lu - ia!

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. **For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.**

Let us pray: O God, 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. **Amen.**

VOLUNTARY – *Concerto in F* 4. *Allegro*

G. F. Handel

*Please join us on the 2nd floor of the Guild House for coffee hour and a time of fellowship!
The Guild House is accessed through the doors at the back of the church,
and elevator access to the 2nd floor is also available.*

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