





## Alleluia

*Cantor, then all repeat*

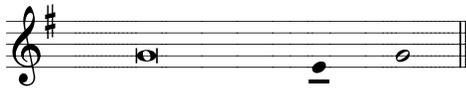


Al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia!

℣. Stir up your strength, O Lord, and come to save us. *All repeat Alleluia*

## Holy Gospel—Matthew 11: 2-11

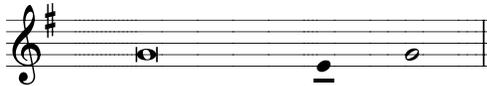
*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.



*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.' As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.'

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.



*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## Homily

Father Ritter

## Nicene Creed—*Hymnal, inside back cover*

## Prayers of the People—Form VII

Let us pray for the holy Catholic Church throughout the world: that the Lord God would deign to keep it in unity, peace, and safety.

*Here and after each petition is sung*



℣. Lord, in your mer-cy, ℟. Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for Mark our bishop, for all bishops, priests, and deacons, and for all who minister in Christ's holy Church: that in their various callings they may serve God faithfully and devoutly.

Let us pray for all who do not know God as he is revealed in Jesus Christ: that the light of the Gospel may shine in their hearts.

Let us pray for all the nations and peoples of the world, and for those who bear authority among them: that in all their doings they may seek both peace and justice.

Let us pray for the sick and the sorrowful, the hungry and the homeless, the desolate and the oppressed: that the Father of mercies would strengthen, support, and relieve them.

Let us pray for the faithful departed: that the Lord our God would grant them refreshment, light, and peace.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

### **Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### **Offertory Antiphon—Benedixisti**

Mode 4

Benedixisti, Domine, terram tuam: avertisti captivitatem Jacob; remisisti iniquitatem plebis tuae.

*You have been gracious to your land, O Lord: you have restored the good fortune of Jacob; you have forgiven the iniquity of your people. (Psalm 85)*

### **Motet**

Jacob Handl (1550-1591)

Veni redemptor gentium, ostende partum virginis; miretur omne saeculum, talis decet partus Deum.

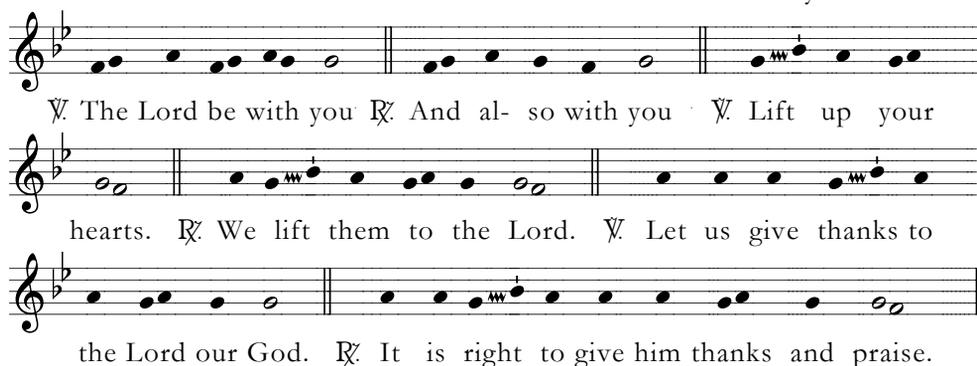
*Come redeemer of the earth, manifest thy virgin birth; all admire, such a birth fits our God.*

## Hymn 66

### Eucharistic Prayer B

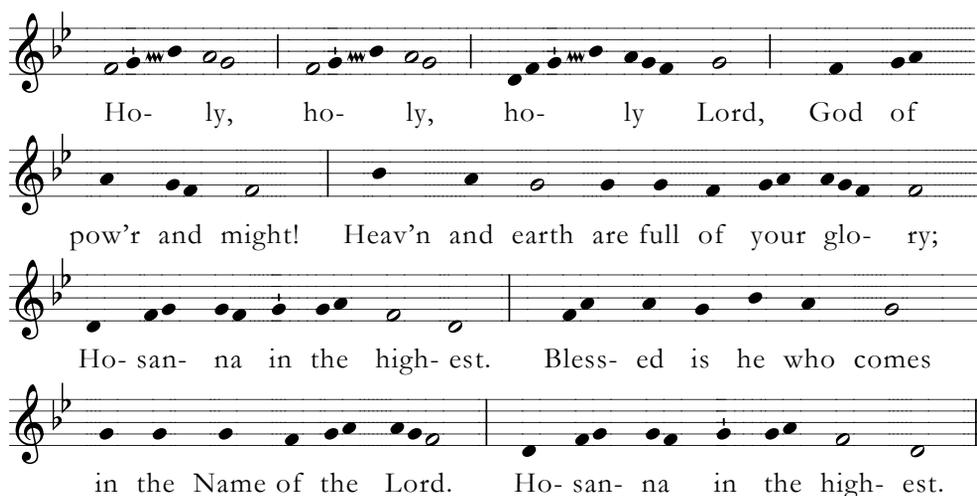
*Sanctus* arr. by James McGregor

Memorial Acclamation arr. by Mason Martens



∟ The Lord be with you. ∟ And also with you. ∟ Lift up your  
hearts. ∟ We lift them to the Lord. ∟ Let us give thanks to  
the Lord our God. ∟ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly Lord, God of  
pow'r and might! Heav'n and earth are full of your glo- ry;  
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.

*The people remain standing. The celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he

took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We re-mem-ber his death, We pro-claim his re-sur-rec-tion,  
We a-wait his com-ing in glo-ry;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

### Lord's Prayer

*The Celebrant begins*

And now as our Sa-vior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All continue*

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-  
pass-es, as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst 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 pow'r and the glo- ry, for ev- er and ev- er. A- men.

**Breaking of the Bread**



☩ Christ our Pass- o- ver is sac- ri- ficed for us;



☩ There- fore let us keep the feast.

**Agnus Dei—Short Service**

Adrian Batten

**Holy Communion**

*This is an open altar and all who are baptized and desire to receive the Body and Blood of Christ are invited to do so. If you have difficulty with steps, there is a hand rail on the far side of the pulpit to assist you or you may inform an usher and communion will be brought to you at your seat. Please move toward the aisle to receive.*

**Communion Antiphon—Dicite**

Mode 7

Say to those who are of a fearful heart: 'Be strong and fear not. Behold, the Lord our God will come and he will save us.' *Ps.* The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. (*Isaiah 35*)

**Postcommunion Prayer**

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, and by the help of your grace bestowed upon us in these holy mysteries keep us free from sin: that with joyful hearts we may celebrate the birth of our redeemer, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**Dedication of Pledges**

Almighty God, your loving bounty has provided us all that we possess: accept these pledges of our financial commitment for we seek to honor you with our substance as remember the account we must one day give of our faith and stewardship; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Seasonal Blessing and Dismissal**

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. *Amen.*

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. *Amen.*

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

### **Hymn 54**

**Organ**—Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

We have received 25 pledges for 2011. A total of \$54,818 has been pledged thus far. Thank you to those who have pledged. We ask other parishioners who have not yet pledged to do so.

Audrey Adams  
Joseph Arndt  
Gilbert Beck  
Ottie Blamah-sah  
Alman Clarke  
Ernest Clay  
Louie Crew  
Donna Cummings  
Tilden & Charmin Davies  
Rebecca Dodoo  
Monique Elisée  
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