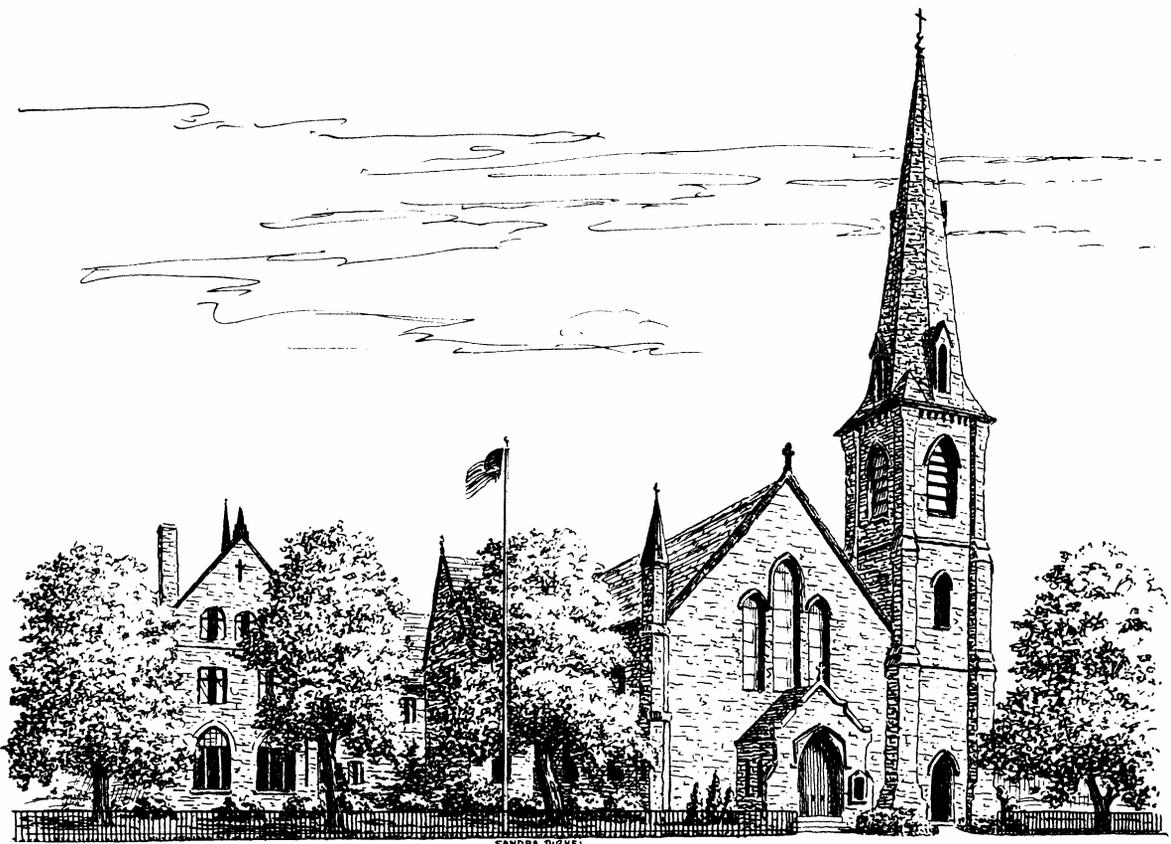


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the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual—Psalm 126

Arranged by James McGregor

Refrain—*Cantor, then all repeat*



The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. *All repeat the refrain*

Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

All repeat the refrain

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negev. Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. *All repeat the refrain*

Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves. *All repeat the refrain*

Second Reading—1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 59

Alleluia

Mode 7

Cantor, then all repeat

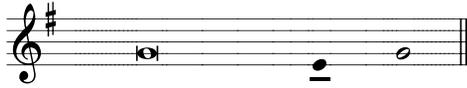


Al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia.

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

Holy Gospel—John 1: 6-8, 19-28

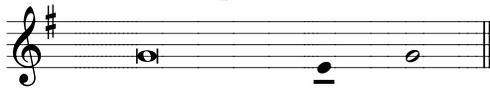
Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.



People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, “I am not the Messiah.” And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the prophet?” He answered, “No.” Then they said to him, “Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’” as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, “Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?” John answered them, “I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.” This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.



People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

Father Holland

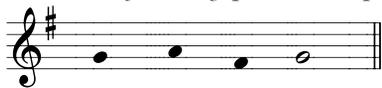
Nicene Creed—*Hymnal, inside back cover*

Prayers of the People—Form I

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Here and after every petition the people respond



Lord, have mer- cy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

For reasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

In the communion of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.



To you, O Lord our God.

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

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. (*Psalms 85*)

Anthem

Orlando Gibbons

This is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him: Who art thou? And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly: I am not the Christ. And they asked him: What art thou then? Art thou Elias? And he said, I am not. Art thou the prophet? and he answered, No. Then, said they unto him: What art thou? That we may give answer unto them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness: Make straight the way of the Lord. (*John 1: 19-23*)

Hymn 53

Eucharistic Prayer B

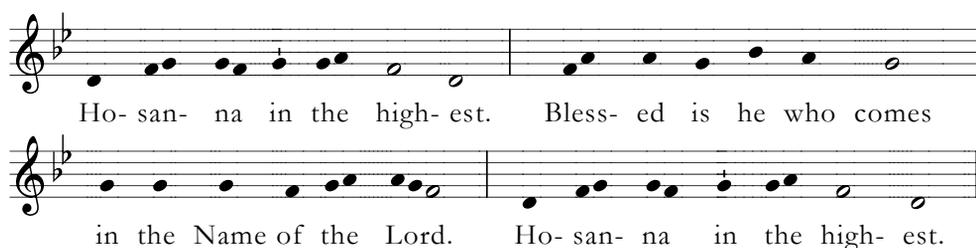
Sanctus arr. by James McGregor

Memorial Acclamation arr. by Mason Martens

♩ The Lord be with you · ℞: And al- so 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:

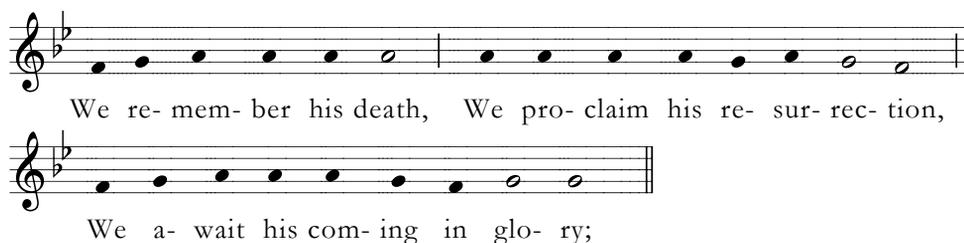
Ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly Lord, God of
pow'r and might! Heav'n and earth are full of your glo- ry



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.

Agnus Dei—*Short Communion Service*

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 pusillanimes*

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*)

Post-Communion 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, 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.*

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 65

Organ—Liebster Jesu, BWV 731

Bach