

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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Organ—Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 639

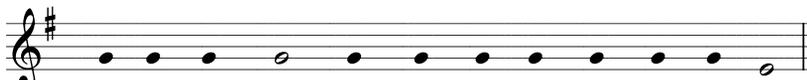
J. S. Bach

Introit—Nos autem gloriari

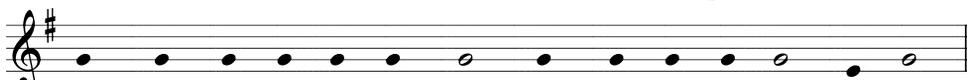
Mode 4

But as for us, it behooves us to glory in the cross of our Lord, Jesus Christ; in him is our salvation, our life and resurrection; through him we were saved and obtained our freedom. *Ps.* May God be merciful to us and bless us: show us the light of his countenance and come to us. (*Galatians 6; Psalm 65*)

Opening Acclamation



∇ Bless-ed be God: Fa- ther, Son and Ho- ly Spir- it;



⊗ And bless -ed be his king- dom, now and for- ev- er. A- men.

Gloria in excelsis—*Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*

Healey Willan



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, heav'n- ly King, God—the Fa-ther al- migh- ty—



O Lord, the on- ly be- got- ten Son, Je- sus Christ, O Lord God



Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, that tak-est a- way the sins of the



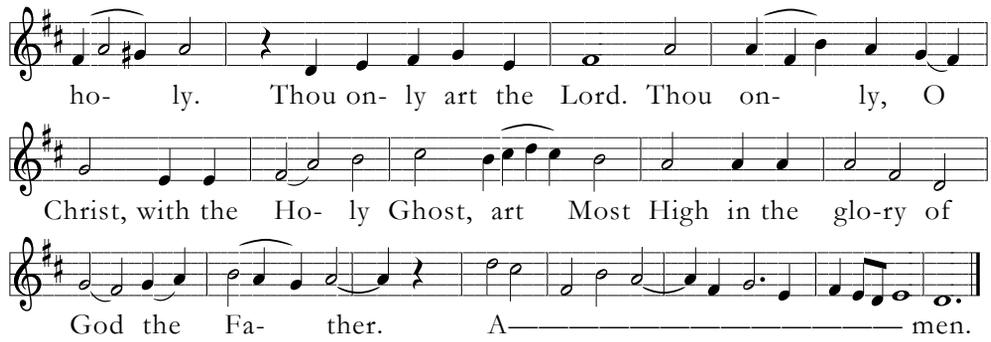
world, have mer- cy up- on us. Thou that tak-est a- way the sins of the



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 also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading— Isaiah 45:21-25

Thus says the LORD, Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, the LORD? There is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is no one besides me. Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn, from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness a word that shall not return: “To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.” Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; all who were incensed against him shall come to him and be ashamed. In the LORD all the offspring of Israel shall triumph and glory.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual—Psalm 98

Setting by Bruce Ford

Refrain—*Cantor; then all repeat*



All the ends of the earth have seen the sal- va- tion of our God.

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory.

All repeat refrain.

The LORD has made known his victory; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations. He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

All repeat refrain.

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing. Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song. With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

All repeat refrain.



All the ends of the earth have seen the sal- va- tion of our God.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein. Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth. In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity. *All repeat refrain.*

Second Reading— Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

A brief period of silence is observed.

Sequence Hymn 160

Alleluia

Cantor; then all repeat.

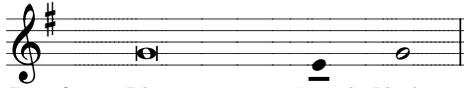


Al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia!

∿ We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world. *All: repeat Alleluia*

Holy Gospel— John 12:31-36a

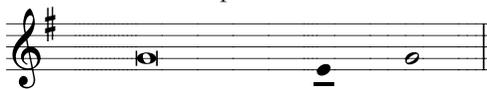
Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.



People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, "We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.



People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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, Ɀ 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—Protege

Mode 2

Guard, O Lord, and defend your people by the sign of the holy cross from all the snares of our enemies: that we may offer service pleasing in your sight, and that our sacrifice may be acceptable to you, alleluia.

Motet

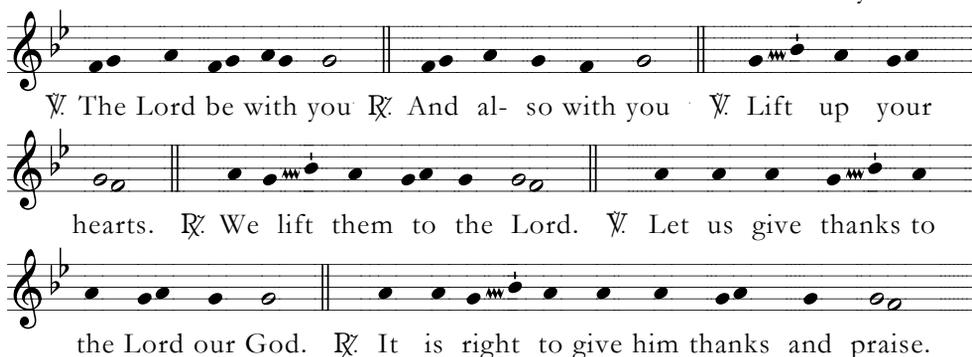
Ludovico Grossi da Viadana

Adoramus te, Christe, et benedicimus tibi, quia per sanctam crucem tuam redemisti mundum. Domine, miserere nobis.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, who by the holy cross has redeemed the world. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Hymn 439**Eucharistic Prayer A***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, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. 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

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

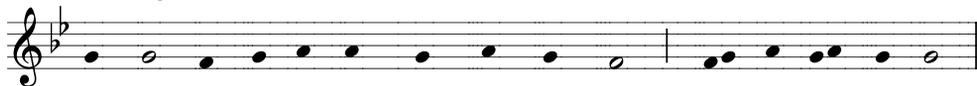


Christ has died. Christ is ris- en. Christ will come a- gain.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

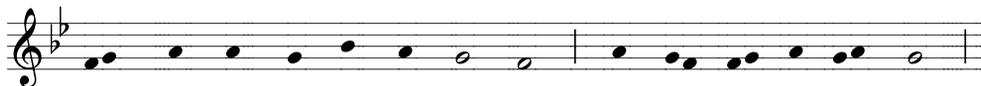
Lord's Prayer

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—*Mass in A minor*

Claudio Casciolini

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—*Per signum crucis*

Mode 4

By the sign of the cross deliver us from our enemies, O Lord our God. *Ps.* My God, my rock in whom I put my trust: my shield, the horn of my salvation and my refuge: you are worthy of praise. (*Psalm 18*)

Motet

Juan Bautista Comes

Christus factus est pro nobis obediens usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis. Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum et dedit illi nomen, quod est super omne nomen.

Christ became obedient for us unto death, even death on the cross. Therefore God exalted him and gave him the name which is above all names.

Post-Communion Prayer

Give ear, O God, to those whom you have nourished with this holy food: and as, by the cross of your Son, you have restored us to life, bring us, we pray, to the glory of his resurrection; through him who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

Hymn 473

Organ—Prelude and Fugue in C minor, BWV 549

J. S. Bach

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

The historian Eusebius, in his *Life of Constantine*, tells how that emperor ordered the erection of a complex of buildings in Jerusalem “on a scale of imperial magnificence,” to set forth as “an object of attraction and veneration to all, the blessed place of our Savior’s resurrection.” The overall supervision of the work—on the site where the Church of the Holy Sepulchre now stands—was entrusted to Constantine’s mother, the empress Helena.

In Jesus’ time, the hill of Calvary stood outside the city; but when the Roman city which succeeded Jerusalem, *Aelia Capitolina*, was built, the hill was buried under tons of fill. It was during the excavations directed by Helena that a relic, believed to be that of the true cross, was discovered.

Constantine’s shrine included two principal buildings: a large basilica, used for the Liturgy of the Word, and a circular church, know as “The Resurrection”—its Altar placed on the site of the tomb—which was used for the Liturgy of the Table, and for the singing of the Daily Office.

Toward one side of the courtyard which separated the two buildings, and through which the faithful had to pass on their way from Word to Sacrament, the exposed top of Calvary’s hill was visible. It was there that the solemn veneration of the cross took place on Good Friday; and it was there that the congregation gathered daily for a final prayer and dismissal after Vespers.

The dedication of the buildings was completed on September 14, 335, the seventh month of the Roman calendar, a date suggested by the account of the dedication of Solomon’s temple in the same city, in the seventh month of the Jewish Calendar, hundreds of years before (II Chronicles 7: 8-10).

— *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*, p. 362