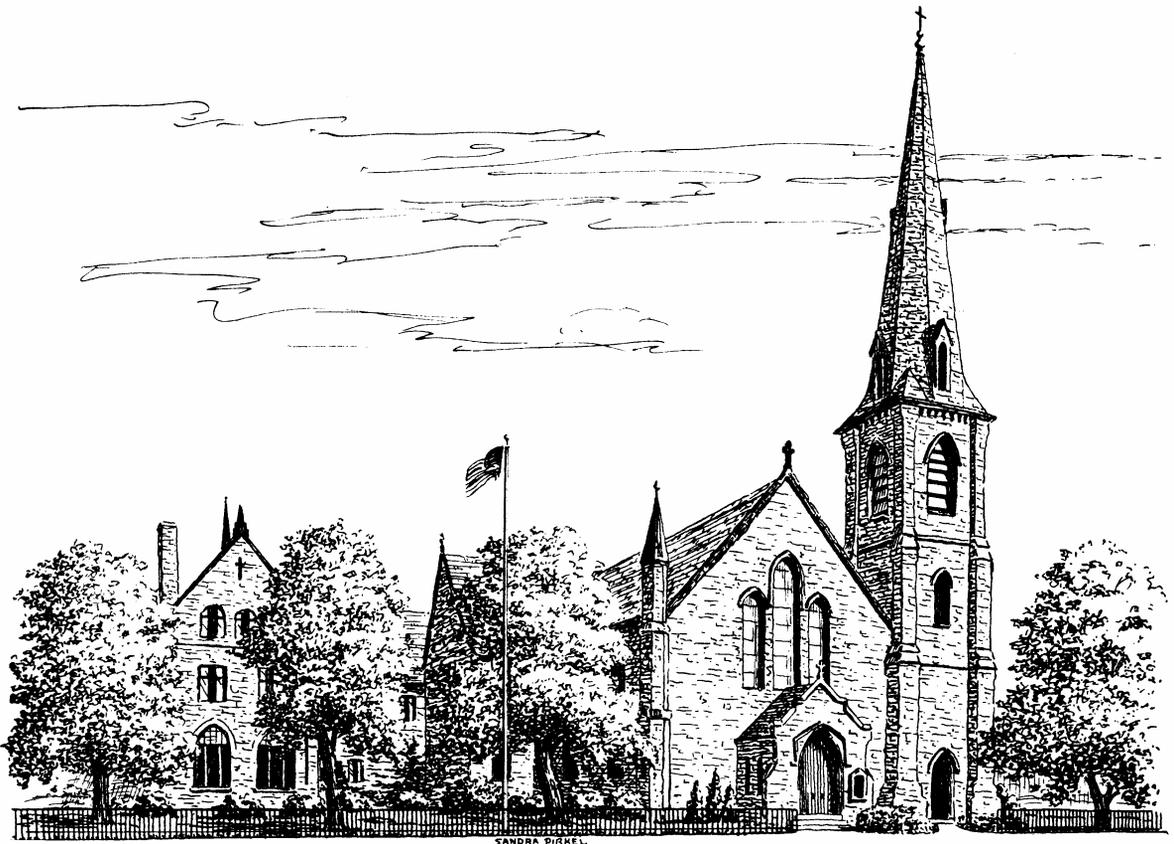


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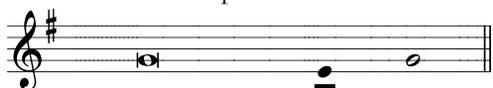
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heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.



*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## Homily

The Rev'd Cooper Conway

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

*The Rector now comes before the bishop.*

On the seventh day of October 1995, I was installed by Bishop John Shelby Spong as rector of Grace Church in Newark. I have, with God's help and to the best of my abilities, exercised this trust, accepting its privileges and responsibilities. With abiding gratitude for this privilege and responsibility, I publicly state that my tenure as rector of Grace Church ends this day.

*The Bishop says*

Do you, the people of Grace Church in Newark, recognize and accept the conclusion of this pastoral relationship?

*People* We do.

*The Bishop says:* Let us pray.

### A Litany of Thanksgiving for a Church

Let us thank God whom we worship here in the beauty of holiness.

Eternal God, the heaven of heavens cannot contain you, much less the walls of temples made with hands. Graciously receive our thanks for this place, and accept the work of our hands, offered to your honor and glory.

For the Church universal, of which these visible buildings are the symbol,



We thank you, Lord.

For your presence whenever two or three have gathered together in your Name, *We thank you, Lord.*

For this place where we may be still and know that you are God, *We thank you, Lord.*

For making us your children by adoption and grace, and refreshing us day by day with the bread of life. *We thank you, Lord.*

For the honor of standing before you in prayer and for the presence of Carr, priest of your church, *We thank you, Lord.*

For the life, work and ministry we have shared, *We thank you Lord.*

For our mission in this city and for the Catholic faith which deeply grounds us in your service, *We thank you Lord.*

For the knowledge of your will and the grace to perform it, *We thank you, Lord.*

For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us, *We thank you, Lord.*

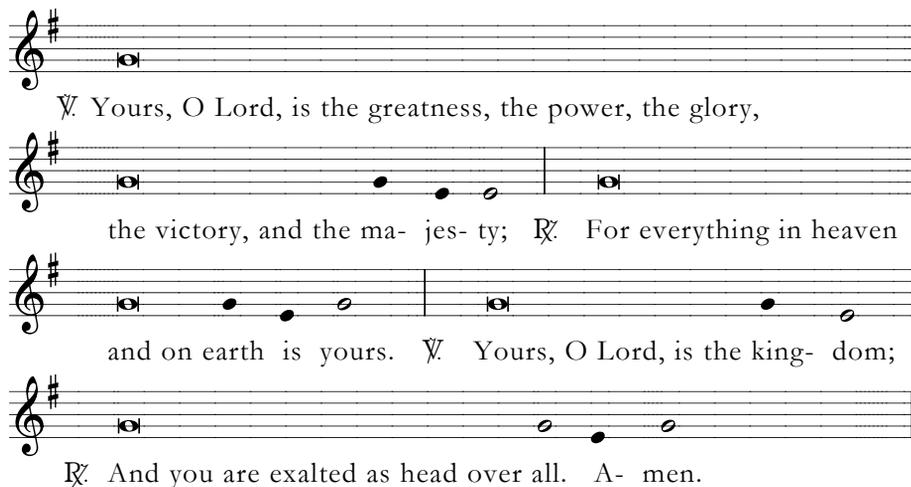
For the pardon of our sins, which restores us to the company of your faithful people. *We thank you, Lord.*

For the blessing of our vows and the crowning of our years with your goodness, *We thank you, Lord.*

For the faith of those who have gone before us and for our encouragement by their perseverance, *We thank you, Lord.*

For the fellowship of The Blessed Virgin Mary and all your Saints, *We thank you, Lord.*

*After a brief silence, the Celebrant concludes with the following Doxology.*



V. Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory,  
the victory, and the ma- jes- ty; R. For everything in heaven  
and on earth is yours. V. Yours, O Lord, is the king- dom;  
R. And you are exalted as head over all. A- men.

### **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—Tui sunt caeli**

Mode 4

Tui sunt caeli, et tua est terra; orbem terrarum, et plenitudinem ejus tu fundasti; justitia et judicium praeparatio sedis tuae.

*Yours are the heavens; the earth is yours also; you laid the foundation of the world and all that is in it; righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne. (Psalm 89)*

### **Carol—The Incarnation**

James McGregor (b. 1930)

The Christ child came to Bethlehem town: O Angels, sing your Gloria! The Great God laid aside his crown: our Lady had put her blue gown to wrap Love in when He came down. O Angels, sing your Gloria! The shepherds bent a reverent knee: O Angels, sing your Gloria! They greeted him with courtesy, who lay there in simplicity, God in true humanity, O Angels, sing your Gloria! The three wise pilgrims from the east (O Angels, sing your Gloria!) Found him, the greatest like the least, the Lamb of God, our soul's true feast, laid in the manger of a beast, O Angels, sing your Gloria! The hosts of Heaven to Bethlehem flew: O Angels, sing your Gloria! They lighted silent as the dew. But none knew what his mother knew, from whose pure breast his life he drew. O Angels, sing your Gloria!

### **Hymn 92**

### **Eucharistic Prayer B**

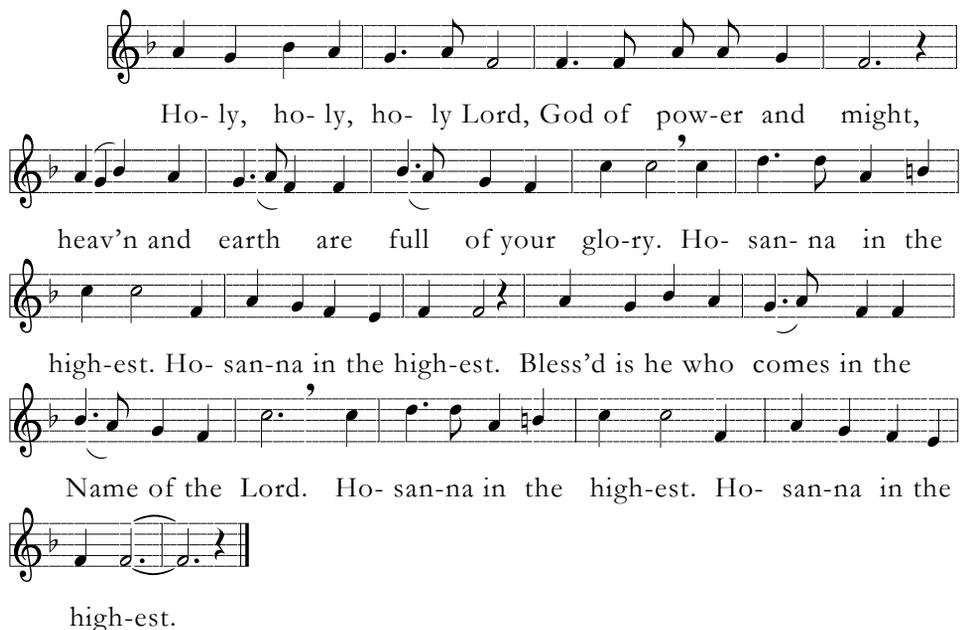
Sanctus by Richard Proulx

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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his

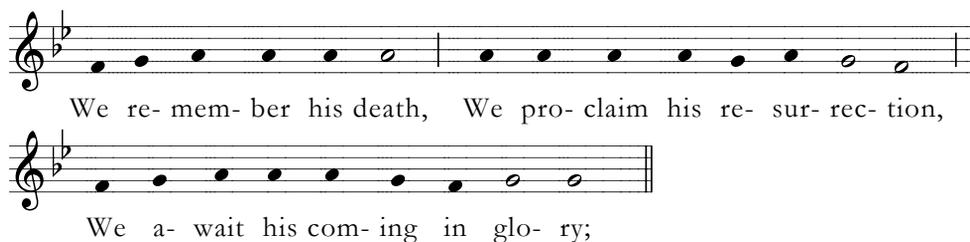
mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho- san-na in the  
 high-est. Ho- san-na in the high-est. Bless'd is he who comes in the  
 Name of the Lord. Ho- san-na in the high-est. 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*



*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**—Viderunt omnes

Mode 1

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. (*Psalm 98*)

**Postcommunion Prayer**

Grant, O almighty everlasting God, that we who have received this Holy sacrament may glorify the name of your son Jesus Christ in all that we do and by your grace may attain to the fullness of everlasting life; through him who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

**Anthem**—Festival Te Deum

Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

We praise thee, O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship thee: the Father everlasting. To thee all Angels cry aloud: the Heavens, and all the Powers therein. To thee Cherubin and Seraphin: continually do cry, Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty: of thy glory. The glorious company of the Apostles: praise thee. The goodly fellowship of the Prophets: praise thee. The noble army of Martyrs: praise thee. The holy Church throughout all the world: doth acknowledge thee; The Father: of an infinite Majesty; Thine honourable, true: and only Son; Also the Holy Ghost: the Comforter. Thou art the King of Glory: O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son: of the Father. When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man: thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb. When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death: thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers. Thou sittest at the right hand of God: in the glory of the Father. We believe that thou shalt come: to be our Judge. We therefore pray thee, help thy servants: whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood. Make them to be numbered with thy Saints: in glory everlasting. O Lord, save thy people: and bless thine heritage. Govern them: and lift them up forever. Day by day we magnify thee; and we worship thy Name: ever world without end. Vouchsafe, O Lord: to keep us this day without sin. O Lord, have mercy upon us: have mercy upon us. O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us: as our trust is in thee. O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

**Seasonal Blessing and Dismissal**

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. *Amen.*

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. *Amen.*

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. *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 107**

**Organ**—Toccata from Symphonie No. 5                      Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

*The congregation is asked to remain seated for a brief presentation.*

*Please join us for a reception on the second floor of the Parish House.*

*Handicapped assistance will be provided.*