

THE CHURCH OF SAINT MARY



The Ascension by John Singleton Copley (1738-1815)

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

(Solemnity)

Rev. Vince Fernandez, celebrant

May 16, 2021 – 10:30 am

INTRODUCTORY RITE

All stand as the ministers process to the front of the church.

■ Hymn

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Tune: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1781-1821



1. Hail the day that sees him_ rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
2. There for him high tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!
3. High - est heav'n its Lord re - ceives, Al - le - lu - ia!



To his throne a - bove the skies; Al - le - lu - ia!
Lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates; Al - le - lu - ia!
Yet he loves the earth he_ leaves: Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ, a - while to mor - tals giv'n, Al - le - lu - ia!
He has con - quered death and sin; Al - le - lu - ia!
Though re - turn - ing to_ his throne, Al - le - lu - ia!



Re - as - cends his na - tive heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!
Take the King of glo - ry_ in. Al - le - lu - ia!
Still he calls the world his own. Al - le - lu - ia!

■ Introit – Psalm 68:33, 35

*You kingdoms of the earth, sing to God;
Praise the Lord, who ascends above the highest heavens;
His majesty and might are in the skies, alleluia.*

Music: Fr. Samuel F. Weber, O.S.B.

■ Greeting

All make the Sign of the Cross as the priest says:

In the name ✠ of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **℟. Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **℟. And with your spirit.**

■ Penitential Act

The priest asks the faithful to call to mind their sins, saying:

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Then all recite together the formula for general confession:

**I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do,**

And, striking their breast, they say:

**through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

The absolution by the Priest follows:

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **℟. Amen.**

■ Kyrie

Cantor: ALL: Cantor:

Ky-ri - e, e - le - i - son. Ky-ri - e, e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, e - le - i - son.

ALL: Cantor: ALL:

Chri - ste, e - le - i - son. Ky-ri - e, e - le - i - son. Ky-ri - e, e - le - i - son. _____

[Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.]

Music: Trad. Chant, 11th-13th century

■ Gloria

Peter Latona

Mass in Honor of the Immaculate Conception

Celebrant: *Assembly in alternatum:*

Glo-ry to God in the high - est and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you,

we glo - ri - fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, O God, al - might - y Fa - ther.

Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly be - got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,

you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us;

you take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer;

you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,

with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

Music: Mass of the Immaculate Conception, Peter Latona

■ **Collect**

When the Gloria is concluded, the Priest, with hands joined, says:

Let us pray.

Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God,
and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving,
for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation,
and, where the Head has gone before in glory,
the Body is called to follow in hope.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **℟. Amen.**

or

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that we, who believe that your Only Begotten Son, our Redeemer,
ascended this day to the heavens,
may in spirit dwell already in heavenly realms.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **℟. Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

■ **First reading** – *Acts 1:1-11*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In the first book, Theophilus,
I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught
until the day he was taken up,
after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit
to the apostles whom he had chosen.
He presented himself alive to them
by many proofs after he had suffered,
appearing to them during forty days
and speaking about the kingdom of God.
While meeting with them,
he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem,
but to wait for “the promise of the Father
about which you have heard me speak;
for John baptized with water,
but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

When they had gathered together they asked him,
“Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”
He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons
that the Father has established by his own authority.
But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you,
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem,
throughout Judea and Samaria,
and to the ends of the earth.”

When he had said this, as they were looking on,
he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.
While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going,
suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them.
They said, “Men of Galilee,
why are you standing there looking at the sky?
This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven
will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

The word of the Lord. **✠. Thanks be to God.**

■ **Responsorial psalm** – *Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9*

Music: Jeff Ostrowski (refrain); Jay F. Hunstiger (verses)



God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trum-pets for the Lord.

✠. All you peoples, clap your hands,
shout to God with cries of gladness,
For the LORD, the Most High, the awesome,
is the great king over all the earth.

✠. God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;
the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.
Sing praise to God, sing praise;
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

✠. For king of all the earth is God;
sing hymns of praise.
God reigns over the nations,
God sits upon his holy throne.

■ **Second reading** – *Ephesians 1:17-23*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians.

Brothers and sisters:

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,
give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him.
May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened,
that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call,
what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones,
and what is the surpassing greatness of his power
for us who believe,
in accord with the exercise of his great might,
which he worked in Christ,
raising him from the dead
and seating him at his right hand in the heavens,
far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion,
and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come.
And he put all things beneath his feet
and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body,
the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

The word of the Lord. **℟.** **Thanks be to God.**

■ **Gospel Acclamation** – *John 14:23*

All stand as the deacon asks the priest for his blessing to proclaim the Gospel.

Meanwhile, the cantor intones the Gospel Acclamation, and all repeat it:

Music: *Christ ist erstanden*, adapt. Leo Nestor (Refrain); Lyndon J. Meyer (verses)



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

℣. Go and teach all nations, says the Lord;
I am with you always, until the end of the world. **℟.**

■ **Gospel** – *Mark 16:15-20*

The Lord be with you. **℟️. And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **℟️. Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Go into the whole world

and proclaim the gospel to every creature.

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved;

whoever does not believe will be condemned.

These signs will accompany those who believe:

in my name they will drive out demons,

they will speak new languages.

They will pick up serpents with their hands,

and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them.

They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them,

was taken up into heaven

and took his seat at the right hand of God.

But they went forth and preached everywhere,

while the Lord worked with them

and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

The Gospel of the Lord. **℟️. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

After the Book of the Gospels has been returned to its place, all are seated for the homily.

■ **Homily**

■ Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, *all bow.*
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

■ The Universal Prayer (Prayers of the Faithful)

All stand as we prepare to make our petitions unto God.
After each petition, all respond Lord, hear our prayer.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

■ Offertory Motet – *Lift High the Cross*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
till all the world adore His sacred name.
Come, brethren, follow where our Savior trod,
our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.
Thy kingdom come, that earth's despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its healing peace.

Text: George W. Kitchen and Michael R. Newbolt
Music: Sydney H. Nicholson, arr. Richard A. Nichols

■ Prayer over the offerings

All stand as the priest asks God to bless the offerings of bread and wine:

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

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

We offer sacrifice now in supplication, O Lord,
to honor the wondrous Ascension of your Son:
grant, we pray,
that through this most holy exchange
we, too, may rise up to the heavenly realms.
Through Christ our Lord. **R.** Amen.

■ Preface dialogue



■ Preface and Sanctus

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For the Lord Jesus, the King of glory, conqueror of sin and death, ascended today to the highest heavens, as the Angels gazed in wonder. Mediator between God and man, judge of the world and Lord of hosts, he ascended, not to distance himself from our lowly state but that we, his members, might be confident of following where he, our Head and Founder, has gone before. Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of your glory, as they acclaim:

or

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. For after his Resurrection he plainly appeared to all his disciples and was taken up to heaven in their sight, that he might make us sharers in his divinity. Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of your glory, as they acclaim:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of
hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

Music: *Mass of the Immaculate Conception*, Peter Latona

All kneel for the Eucharistic Prayer.

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise, for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy, and you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration, that they may become the Body and Blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

For on the night he was betrayed he himself took bread, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:.

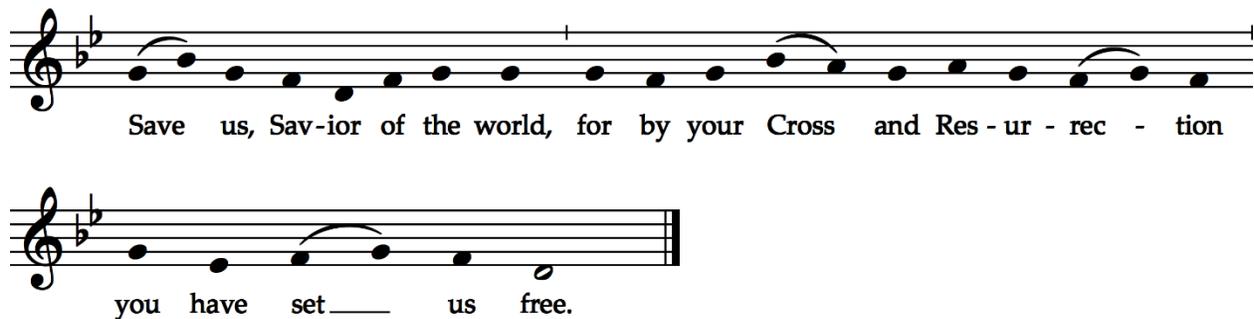
TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:.

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith.



Save us, Sav-ior of the world, for by your Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion
you have set — us free.

Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim by whose death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

May he make of us an eternal offering to you, so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect, especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs and with all the Saints, on whose constant intercession in your presence we rely for unfailing help.

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation, we pray, O Lord, advance the peace and salvation of all the world. Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity your pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant Francis. our Pope and David our Bishop, the Order of Bishops, all the clergy, and the entire people you have gained for your own.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family, whom you have summoned before you: in your compassion, O merciful Father, gather to yourself all your children scattered throughout the world.

To our departed brothers and sisters and to all who were pleasing to you at their passing from this life, give kind admittance to your kingdom. There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory through Christ our Lord, through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours,



COMMUNION RITE

■ The Lord's Prayer

All stand as the priest introduces the Lord's Prayer:

At the Savior's command, and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever. **℟. Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **℟. And with your spirit.**

■ Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Music: *Mass of the Immaculate Conception*, Peter Latona

The priest genuflects and takes the host and presents it to the people, saying:

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

℟: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

■ Communion Antiphon – *Matthew 28:20; Psalm 78*

℟. Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

℣. Attend, my people, to my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth.
What we have heard and know; things our ancestors have recounted to us.
We do not keep them from our children, we recount them to the next generation..

℣. So he commanded the clouds above, and opened the doors of heaven;
God rained manna upon them for food; grain from heaven he gave them.

℣. Man ate the bread of angels, food sent in abundance.
He rained meat upon them like dust; winged fowl like sands of the sea.

℣. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Music: Richard J. Clark

■ **Communion Motet** – *If ye love me*

If ye love me, keep my commandments;
and I will pray the Father, and he will send you another comforter;
and he shall bide with you forever, e'en the spirit of truth.

Music: Thomas Tallis

■ **Marian Antiphon** – *Regina caeli*

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The image shows three staves of musical notation for the Marian Antiphon. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature. The second staff starts with a large, decorative initial 'R' followed by the text 'E-gína cæ-li * lætá-re, alle-lú-ia: Qui- a quem me-'. The third staff continues with 'ru- ísti portá-re, alle-lú-ia: Re-surré-xit, sic-ut di-xit, alle- lú-ia: O-ra pro no-bis De- um, alle-lú- ia.' The notation consists of square notes on a five-line staff.

R E-gína cæ-li * lætá-re, alle-lú-ia: Qui- a quem me-
ru- ísti portá-re, alle-lú-ia: Re-surré-xit, sic-ut di-xit,
alle- lú-ia: O-ra pro no-bis De- um, alle-lú- ia.

O QUEEN of heaven rejoice! alleluia: For He whom thou didst merit to bear, alleluia, Hath arisen as he said, alleluia. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

■ **Prayer after Communion**

A period of silent prayer follows. Then, all stand as the priest says:

Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God,
who allow those on earth to celebrate divine mysteries,
grant, we pray,
that Christian hope may draw us onward
to where our nature is united with you.
Through Christ our Lord. **Rx: Amen.**

■ **Solemn Blessing and Dismissal**

*The priest may optionally use this formula for Solemn Blessing, in which case the deacon says **Bow down for the blessing**, while the priest continues:*

May almighty God bless you,
for on this very day his Only Begotten Son
pierced the heights of heaven
and unlocked for you the way
to ascend to where he is. **℟. Amen.**

May he grant that,
as Christ after his Resurrection
was seen plainly by his disciples,
so when he comes as Judge
he may show himself merciful to you for all eternity. **℟. Amen.**

And may you, who believe he is seated
with the Father in his majesty,
know with joy the fulfillment of his promise
to stay with you until the end of time. **℟. Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, **✠** and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever. **℟. Amen.**

*The deacon chants: **Go in peace.** To which the people respond: **Thanks be to God.***

■ Recessional Hymn



1. "Go make of_ all dis - ci - ples": we hear the call, O Lord,
2. "Go make of_ all dis - ci - ples": Bap - tiz - ing in the name



That comes from you, our Fa - ther, In your e - ter - nal Word.
Of Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it; from age to age the same.



In - spire our ways of learn - ing through earn - est, fer - vent prayer,
We call each new dis - ci - ple To_____ fol - low you, O Lord,



And let our dai - ly liv - ing re - veal you ev - 'ry - where.
Re - deem - ing soul and bod - y by wa - ter and the Word.



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