

First Communion

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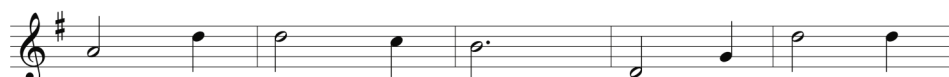
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sing a New Song

Refrain



Sing a new song un - to the Lord; let your song be



sung from moun - tains high. Sing a new song



un - to the Lord, sing-ing al - le - lu - ia.

Verses



1. Shout with glad - ness! Dance for joy! O come be -

2. Rise, O chil - dren, from your sleep; your Sav - ior

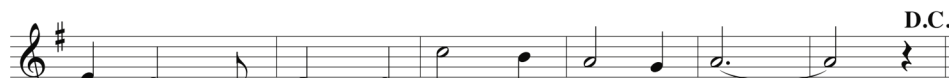
3. Glad my soul for I have seen the glo - ry



fore the Lord. And play for God on

now has come. & He has turned your

of the Lord. The trum - pet sounds; the



glad tam - bou - rines, and let your trum - pet sound.

sor - row to joy, and filled your soul with song.

dead shall be raised. I know my Sav - ior lives.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GREETING

Celebrant: Grace to you and peace from
God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ.

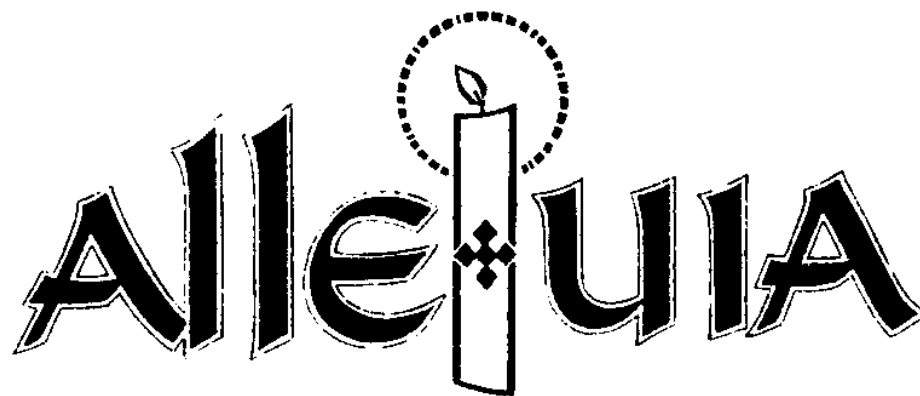
All Respond: And with your spirit.

RITE FOR THE SPRINKLING OF WATER

Sprinkling Rite: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Celebrant: May almighty God have
mercy on us, forgive us our
sins and bring us
to everlasting life.

All Respond: Amen.



REFRAIN

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

VERSE 1

1. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy you,
 1. we give you thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God,
 1. heav-en - ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa-ther.

VERSE 2

2. Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,
 2. Son of the Fa - ther, — you take a - way the sins of the world,
 2. — have mer-cy on us; you take a - way the sins of the world,

2. — re - ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed at the right
 2. hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us.

VERSE 3

3. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the
 3. Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,
 3. with the Ho - ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.

FINAL REFRAIN

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 9:26-31

Ps. 22: I Will Praise You, Lord



I will praise you, Lord, in the as-sembly of your peo-ple.

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SECOND READING

1 John 3:18-24

Festival Alleluia



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



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

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All Respond: And with your spirit.

GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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, (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.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

I Come with Joy



1. I come with joy, a child of God, For -
2. I come with Chris - tians far and near To
3. As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, Each
4. The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, Un -
5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound By



giv - en, loved, and free, The life of Je - sus
find, as all are fed, The new com - mu - ni -
proud di - vi - sion ends. The love that made us,
seen, but ev - er near, Is in such friend - ship
all that God has done, We'll go with joy, to



to re - call, In love laid down for me.
ty of love In Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
makes us one, And strang - ers now are friends.
bet - ter known, A - live a - mong us here.
give the world The love that makes us one.

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

All Respond: 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.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All Respond: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All Respond: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All Respond: It is right and just.



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and



earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the



high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the



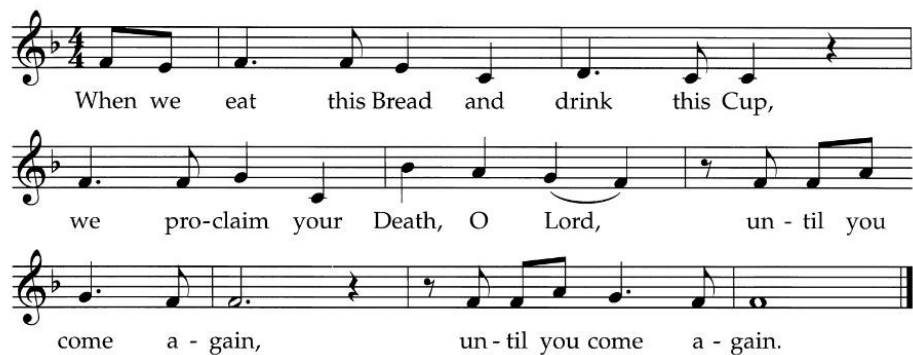
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the



high - est. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you
come a - gain, un-til you come a - gain.

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A - men, a - men, a - men.
A - men, a - men, a - men.

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OUR FATHER

SIGN OF PEACE

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

All Respond: And with your spirit.



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.

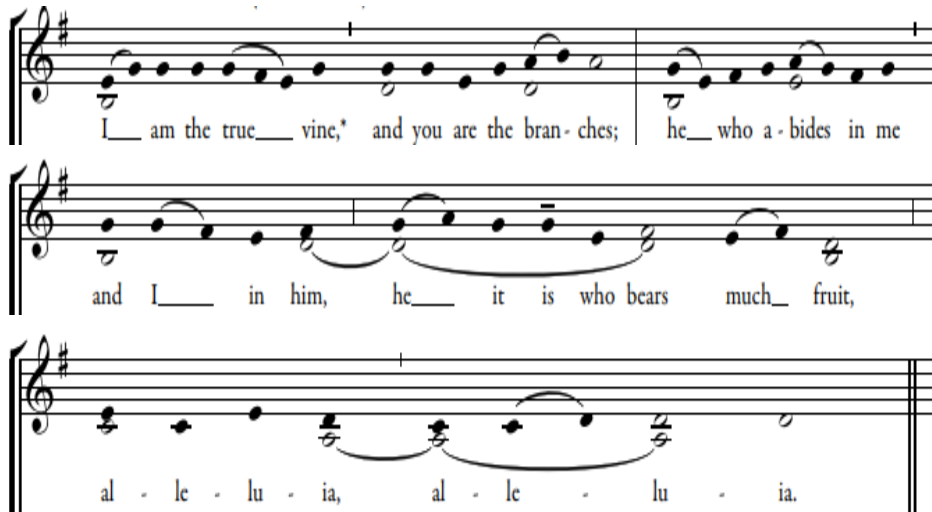
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Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

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

COMMUNION

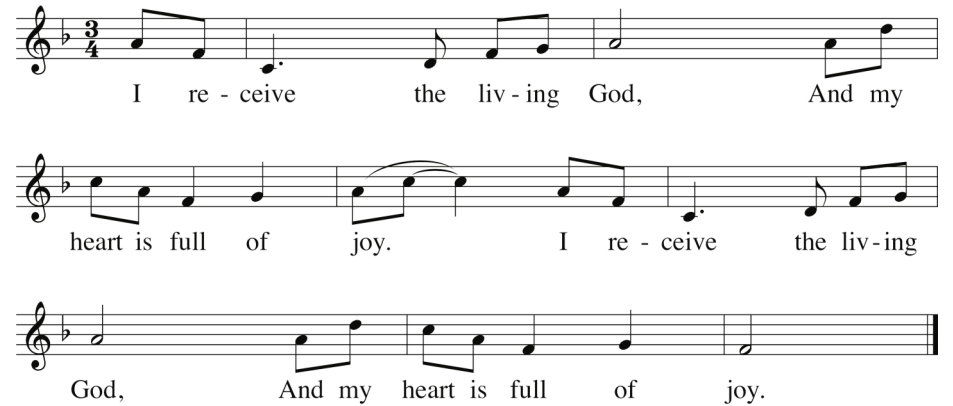
COMMUNION ANTIPHON



I am the true vine,* and you are the branches; he who abides in me
and I in him, he it is who bears much fruit,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

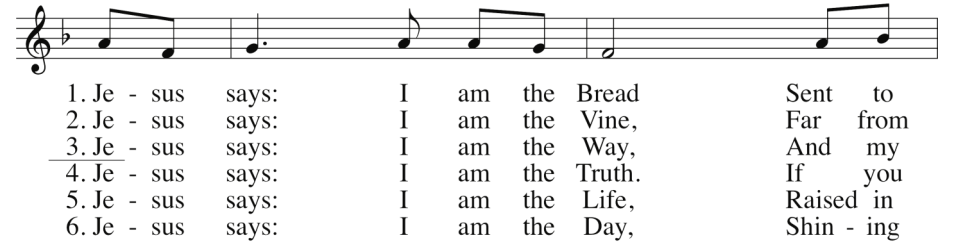
I Receive the Living God

Refrain

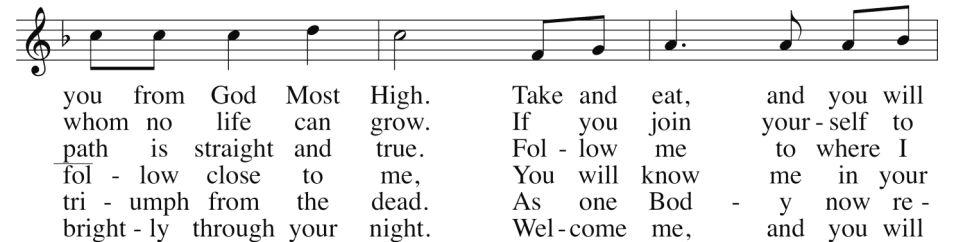


I re - ceive the liv - ing God, And my
heart is full of joy. I re - ceive the liv - ing
God, And my heart is full of joy.

Verses



1. Je - sus says: I am the Bread Sent to
2. Je - sus says: I am the Vine Far from
3. Je - sus says: I am the Way, And my
4. Je - sus says: I am the Truth. If you
5. Je - sus says: I am the Life, Raised in
6. Je - sus says: I am the Day, Shin - ing



you from God Most High. Take and eat, and you will
whom no life can grow. If you join your - self to
path is straight and true. Fol - low me to where I
fol - low close to me, You will know me in your
tri - umph from the dead. As one Bod - y now re -
bright - ly through your night. Wel - come me, and you will

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live;
me, You need nev - er fear to die.
lead; A rich har - vest you will know.
heart, There my Fa - ther waits for you.
main, And my word will make you free.
walk Mem - bers joined to me, the Head.
By the Spir - it's guid - ing light.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All Respond: And with your spirit.

.Prayer for Vocations

O God, we earnestly ask You to bless this archdiocese with many priests, Brothers, and Sisters who will love You with their whole strength and gladly spend their entire lives to serve your Church and to make You known and loved.

Bless our families, bless our children. Choose from our homes those needed for your work.

Mary, Queen of the Clergy, pray for us,
pray for our priests, Religious, and deacons.
Obtain for us many more.

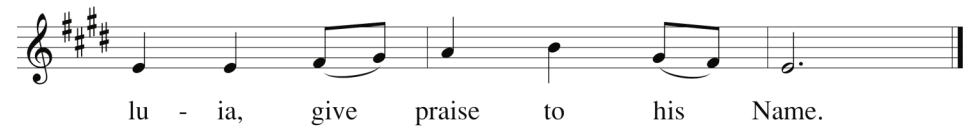
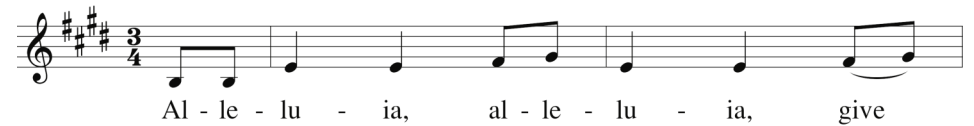
Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the divine power, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world, seeking the ruin of souls.

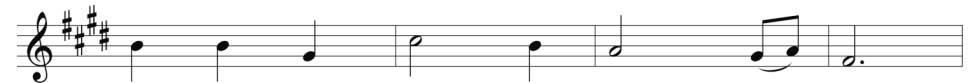
Amen.

Alleluia No. 1

Refrain



Verses



2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

3. We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.

4. God has pro - claimed his gra - cious gift:

5. Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,



Je - sus has died and has ris - en.

Now we shall live for ev - er.

Life e - ter - nal for all who be - lieve.

Joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

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