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## **Gloria**

*(When it is prescribed, this hymn is either said or sung:)*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

Almighty ever-living God,  
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,  
so that the humble flock may reach  
where the brave Shepherd has gone before.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **Acts 4:8-12**

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said: “Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed. He is *the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone*. There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved.”

### **Psalm 118**

**R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. or R. Alleluia.**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his mercy endures forever.  
It is better to take refuge in the Lord

than to trust in man.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in princes. **R.**

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and have been my savior.

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.

By the Lord has this been done;  
it is wonderful in our eyes. **R.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;  
we bless you from the house of the Lord.

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and have been my savior.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
for his kindness endures forever. **R.**

### **1 John 3:1-2**

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we  
may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason  
the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not  
yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we  
shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me. *Jn 10:14*

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **John 10:11-18**

Jesus said: “I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father.”

### **DAILY MEDITATION: 1 JOHN 3:1-2**

*We shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. (1 John 3:2)*

What a marvelous promise! John is telling us that when we see Jesus in heaven, “as he is,” we will be transformed (1 John 3:2). That vision of Christ will have such a powerful effect on us that all of the sinful tendencies we have accumulated over the years will be no more, and we will become like him. All our selfishness, our pride, our lusts, and our pettiness will melt away.

But what is it about seeing Jesus that brings about such a change? After all, his three closest disciples—including John himself—saw Jesus’ heavenly glory at the transfiguration, but it didn’t have as powerful an effect on them. They still had a lot of changing to do (Mark 9:2-12).

The difference is that in heaven we will see Jesus as he is after his death and resurrection. We’ll see him as the “Lamb” who was “slain” for us and who bears the marks of his death as emblems of his love (Revelation 5:6). And not only will we see the evidence of Jesus’ love, but we’ll be enveloped in it.

The world has never seen a love as complete and pure as the love Jesus has for us. There is no self-interest in it. There is no ulterior motive. There are no conditions. There is only love: pure and strong and merciful. And where there is love like this, there is no room for sin of any kind.

That’s what the future holds. But this vision isn’t limited to the day we stand before Jesus in heaven. We can “see” him every single day: in our prayer, in the Scriptures, and in the people and the world around us.

And most powerfully, we can see him—and receive him—at every Mass: the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

So come and behold Jesus today. Come and see him with the eyes of your heart, and let what you see make you a little more like him.

*“Jesus, open my eyes to see you and my heart to welcome you today.”*

## **Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if  
You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never  
permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.