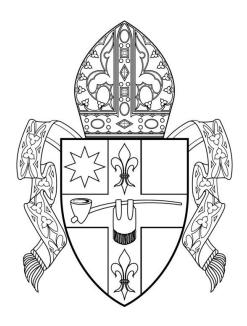
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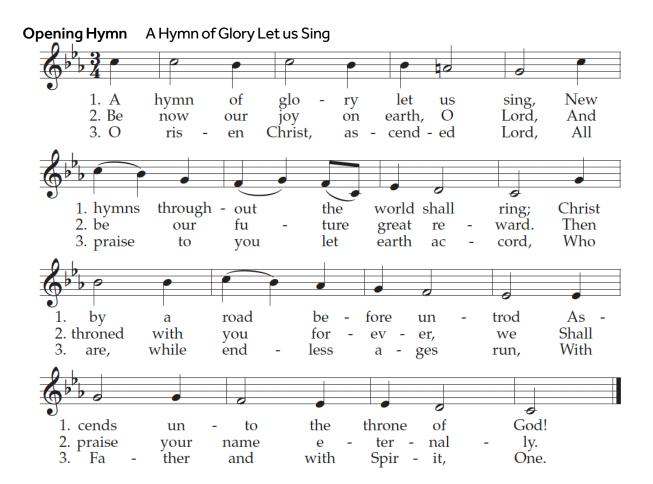


Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Catholic Diocese of Peoria Most Reverend Louis Tylka Bishop of Peoria May 12, 2024

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Prelude



Gloria





LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Acts 1:1-11

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,

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,

but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

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."



Second Reading

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

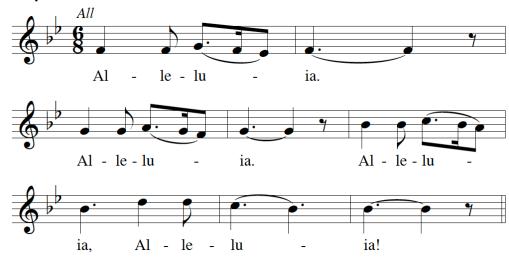
for us who believe,

in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ.

Ephesians 1:17-23

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.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Reading

Mark 16:15-20

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.

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 our salvation he came down from heaven, 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.

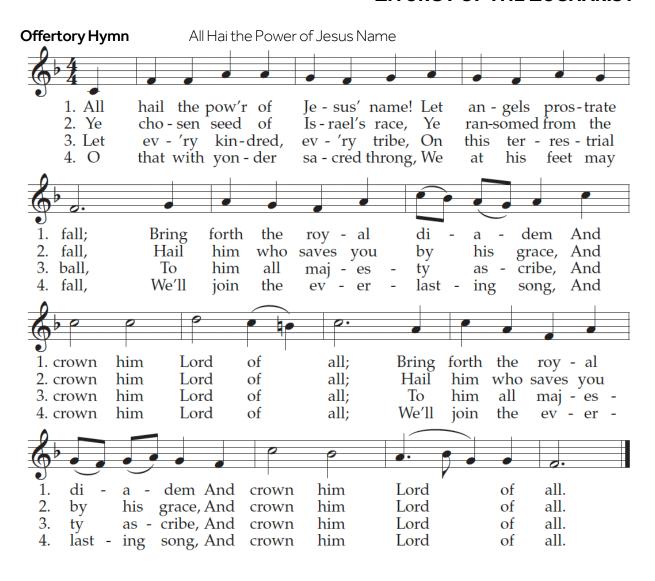
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

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 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.

General Intercessions

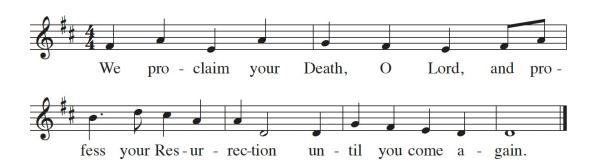
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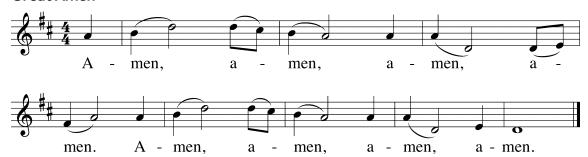
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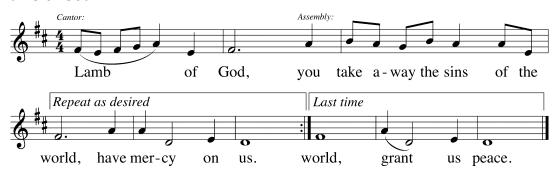
Memorial Acclamation



Great Amen



Lamb of God



Communion Hymn Jesus, My God, My Lord, My All

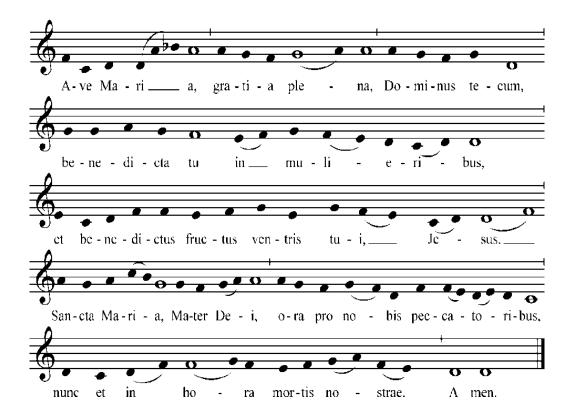


Communion Meditation

CONCLUDING RITE

Dismissal

Ave Maria



Closing Hymn Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise Hail the day that sees him 1. rise. There for him high tri - umph waits: Al le - lu - ia! See, he lifts his hands a - bove; High-est heav'n its Lord re - ceives, the throne a - bove skies: Lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates! Al le - lu - ia! See, he shows the prints of love: Yet he loves the earth he leaves; Pas - chal Lamb for sin - ners giv'n 2. Christ has con-quered death and sin; Al le - lu - ia! 3. Though re - turn - ing his throne, to 4. Hark, his gra-cious lips be - stow, En - ters now the high - est heav'n. 2. Take the King of glo - ry in! Al le - lu - ia! 3. Still he calls man - kind his 4. Bless-ings on his church be - low.

Postlude

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