



Order of Worship, Reflection and Fellowship for The First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020 - Church of the Ascension, Chicago

- + Morning Prayer, 9:30 a.m.
- + Sung Mass at 10:00 a.m.
- + Virtual Coffee Hour, 11:00 a.m.

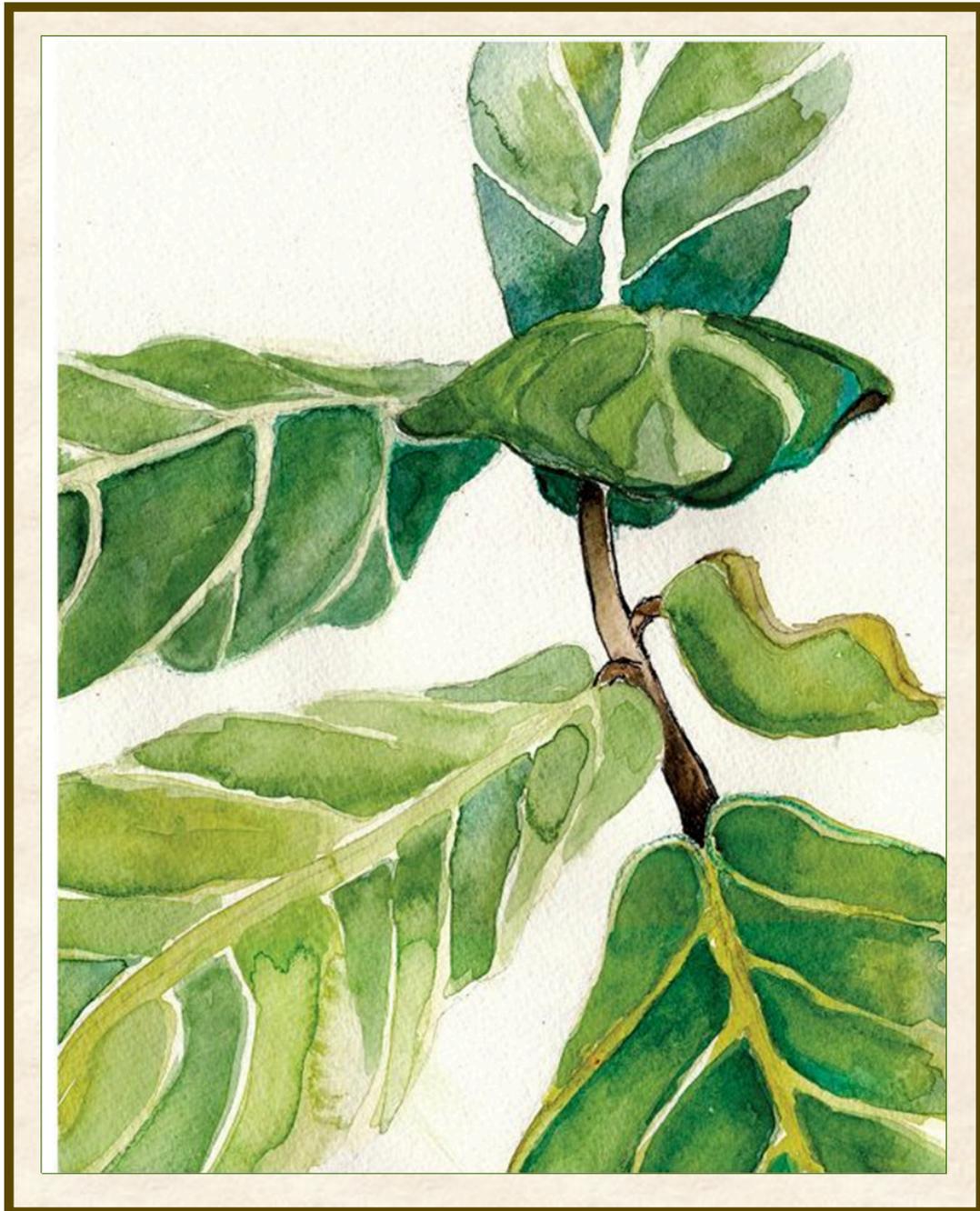


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The First Sunday of Advent

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Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme BWV 645

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Introit "Ad te levavi" (Ps. 25) Mode VIII

Ad te levavi animam meam: Deus meus in te confido, non erubescam: neque irrideant me inimici mei: etenim universi qui te exspectant, non confundentur. Ps. Vias tuas, Domine, demonstra mihi: et semitas tuas edoce me. V. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Unto thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul: my God, I have put my trust in thee, O let me not be confounded: neither let mine enemies triumph over me: for all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed. Ps. Shew me thy ways, O Lord: and teach me thy paths. V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

The Opening Acclamation (BCP p. 355)

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit;

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen

Collect for Purity *Celebrant*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ,

have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy

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Setting: *Missa Marialis* (S92) Mode 1; Mass 9, "Cum jubilo"; adapt Chrls Winfred Douglas.
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Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit: **The First Reading**

Isaiah 64:1-9a

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil-- to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever.

Lector The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual "Universi qui te exspectant" (Ps. 25) Mode I

Universi qui te exspectant, non confundentur, Domine.

For all they that look for thee shall not be ashamed, O Lord.

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. *People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia "Ostende nobis" (Ps. 85) Mode VIII

Alleluia, alleluia. V. Ostende nobis Domine misericordiam tuam: et salutare tuum da nobis. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. V. Shew us thy mercy, O Lord: and grant us thy salvation. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel *Circumstances permitting, please stand.*

Mark 13: 24-37

Deacon The Lord be with you. *People* **And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake— for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the

evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord. *People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily

The Very Rev. Patrick Raymond

The Nicene Creed *Circumstances permitting, please stand.*

We believe in one God,

 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God, begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.

 Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

 he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

 he became incarnate
 from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.

 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

 he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

 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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son

 he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively

Holy God, beginning and end of all that is or shall be, hear our prayers as we await the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. *Silence.*

Give hope to the powerless and humility to the powerful. Turn all hearts to peace and forgiveness wherever there is estrangement, division or violence. *Silence.*

Holy God; ***Be revealed in our justice and wisdom.***

Show your mercy and justice in us and through the witness of all in your Church throughout the world. *Silence.*

Holy God; ***Be revealed in our words and actions.***

We pray for all in need: travelers, refugees, the lonely or discouraged, the hungry and homeless, the sick and the suffering. *Silence.*

Holy God; ***Be revealed in our compassion and care for others.***

We remember all who have died, and we give thanks for all whose witness has inspired our faith. *Silence.*

Holy God; ***Be revealed in our hope and perseverance.***

The Celebrant adds the following Doxology or another prayer.

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Clergy: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence.*

Minister and People

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 Priest stands and 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.**

All greet one another in the name of the Lord ... in spirit.

The Offertory

Offertory Proper “Ad te Domine levavi” (Ps. 25) Mode II

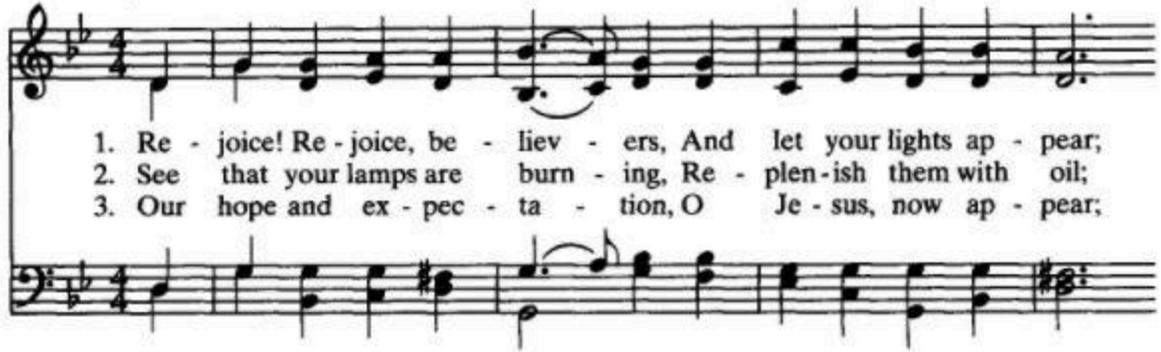
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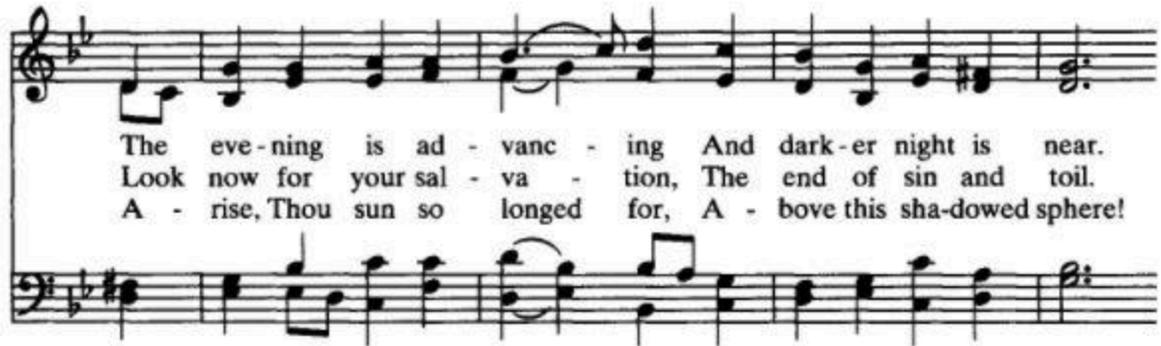
Offertory Hymn "Rejoice! rejoice, believers"

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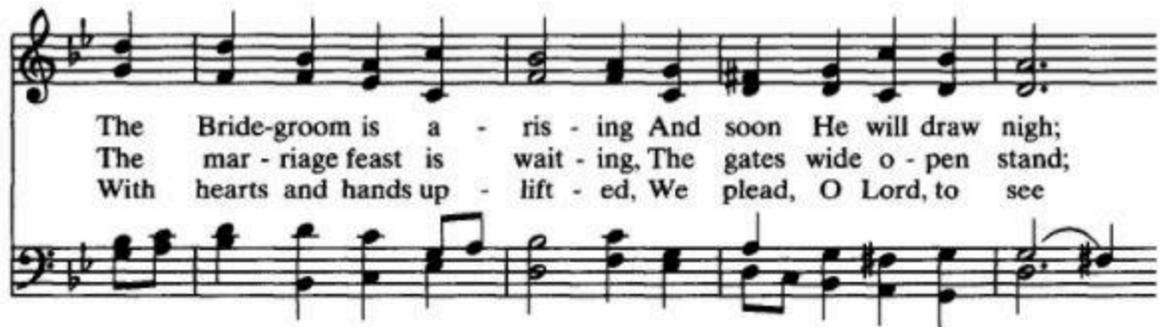
Amy Johnson, cantor



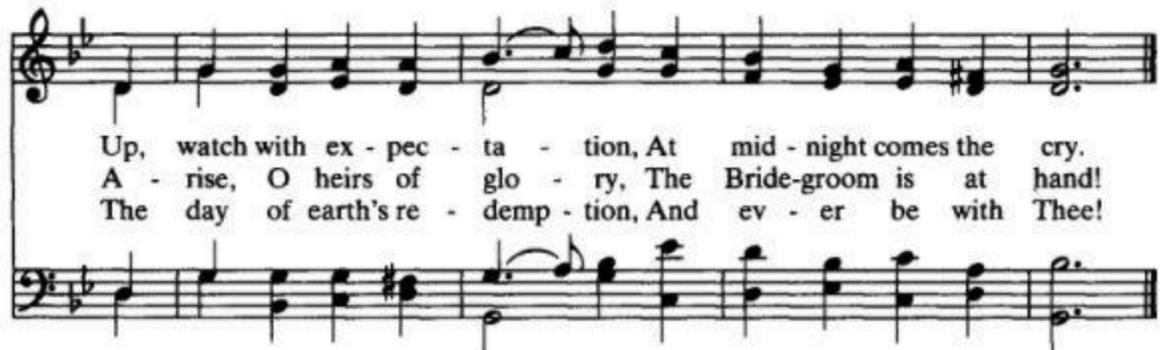
1. Re - joice! Re - joice, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;
2. See that your lamps are burn - ing, Re - plen-ish them with oil;
3. Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing And dark - er night is near.
Look now for your sal - va - tion, The end of sin and toil.
A - rise, Thou sun so longed for, A - bove this sha-dowed sphere!



The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing And soon He will draw nigh;
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing, The gates wide o - pen stand;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



Up, watch with ex - pec - ta - tion, At mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry, The Bride-groom is at hand!
The day of earth's re - demp - tion, And ev - er be with Thee!

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (BCP p. 361)

Orate Fratres

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

***People* May the Lord receive this sacrifice at your hands, to the praise and glory of his Name, both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.**

Celebrant Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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 sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Celebrant continues: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold 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.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

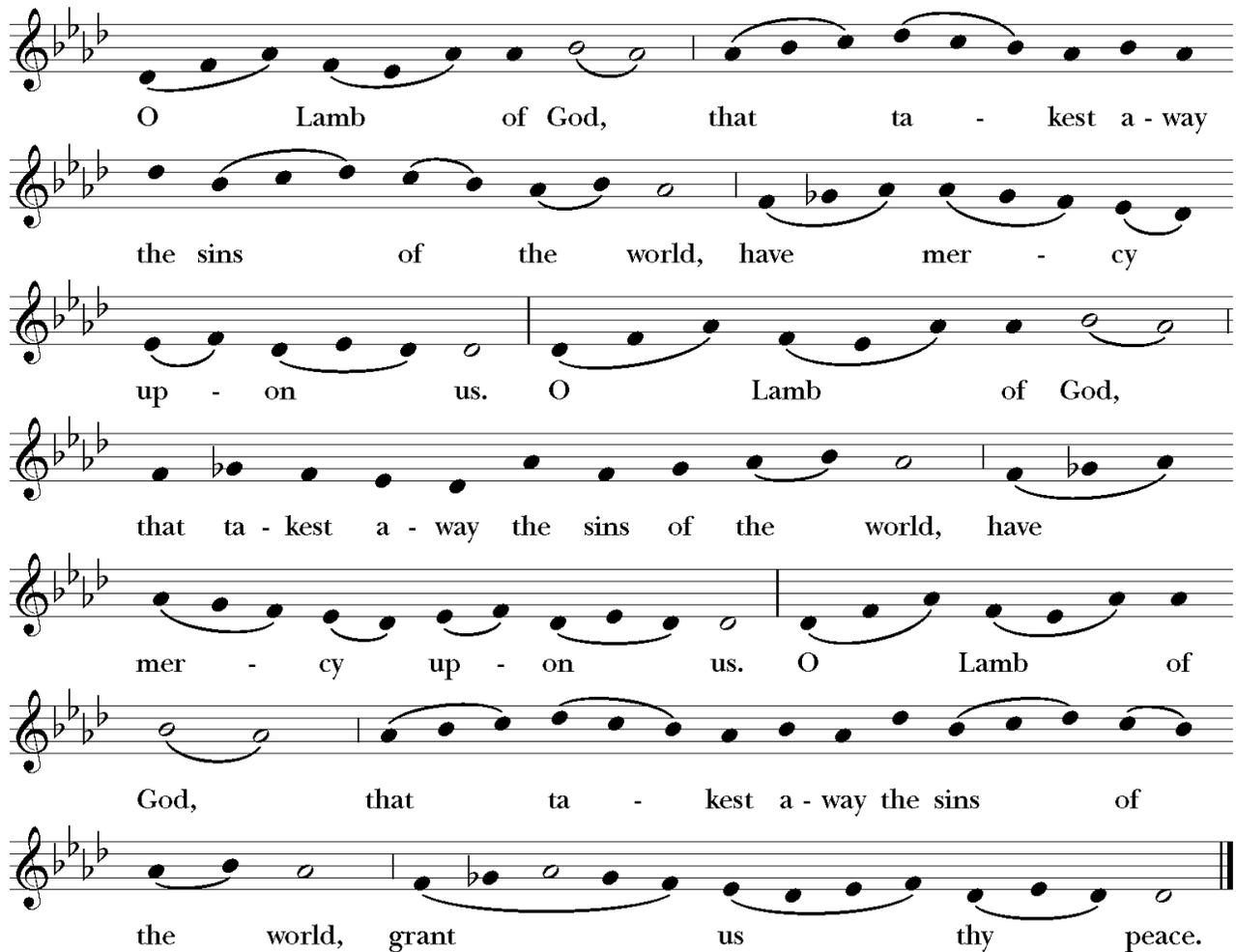
The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way
the sins of the world, have mer - cy
up - on us. O Lamb of God,
that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of
the world, grant us thy peace.

Setting: *Missa Marialis* (S159) Mode 5; Mass 9; adapt Chrls Winfred Douglas.
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Invitation to Communion

Celebrant Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that takes away the sins of the world. Happy are they who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof.

People **But speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.**

The Communion

Communion Proper “Dominus dabit” (Ps.85) Mode I

Dominus dabit benignitatem: et terra nostra dabit fructum suum.

The Lord shall shew loving-kindness: and our land shall give her increase.

Communion Motet

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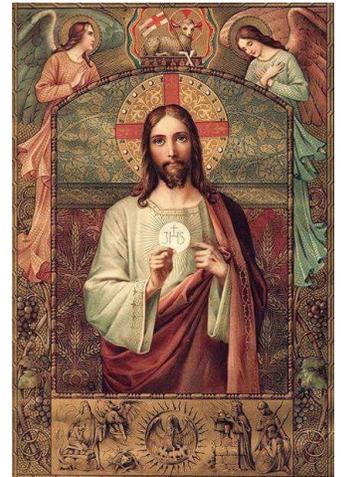
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Setting: Alessandro Scarlatti (1660-1725) *Ad te Domine levavi*; Recorded by the Choir of the Ascension

Acts of Adoration *Private devotions for those unable to receive the Sacrament.*

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen. ~ *St. Joseph's Daily Missal*

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of the Church where Thy Blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving. I believe that Thou art truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot at this time receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my soul. I unite myself unto Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my heart. Let me never be separated from Thee. Let me live and die in Thy Love. Amen. ~ *attributed to St. Alphonsus Ligouri*



The Postcommunion Prayer - BCP p. 366

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty and everliving God,
**we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing *The Celebrant says*

The Peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God. And the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Deacon or Celebrant: The mass is ended. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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Johann Sebastian Bach

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Eugene H. Smith, 12/1/2000

Richard Clark Taylor, 12/3/1989