ST. PATRICK’S CATHEDRAL
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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
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THE ORDER OF MASS
THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN

“Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly”
PLEADING SAVIOR

1. Sing of Mary, pure and lowly,
   Virgin mother undeckled,
   Sing of God's own Son most holy,
   Who became her little child.
   Fair est child of fairest mother,
   God the word made flesh, our very brother.

2. Sing of Jesus, son of Mary,
   In the home at Nazareth,
   Toil and labor cannot weary
   Love enduring unto death.
   Constant was the love he gave her,
   Though he went forth from her side.

3. Glory be to God the Father;
   Glory be to God the Son;
   Glory to God the Spirit;
   Glory to the Three in One.
   From the heart of blessed Mary,
   From all saints the song ascends.

Kyrie

Kyri-e le-le-ion. Christe le-le-ion. Kyri-e le-le-ion.

Gloria

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

adapt. Litany of the Saints

Gloria Simplex
Richard Proulx
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.
FIRST READING

The LORD said to Moses:
“Speak to Aaron and his sons and tell them:
This is how you shall bless the Israelites.
Say to them:
The LORD bless you and keep you!
The LORD let his face shine upon
you, and be gracious to you!
The LORD look upon you kindly and
give you peace!
So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites,
and I will bless them.”

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Brothers and sisters:
When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son,
born of a woman, born under the law,
to ransom those under the law,
so that we might receive adoption as sons.
As proof that you are sons,
God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts,
crying out, “Abba, Father!”
So you are no longer a slave but a son,
and if a son then also an heir, through God.

The word of the Lord.
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G O S P E L

Luke 2:16-21

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph,
and the infant lying in the manger.
When they saw this,
they made known the message
that had been told them about this child.
All who heard it were amazed
by what had been told them by the shepherds.
And Mary kept all these things,
reflecting on them in her heart.
Then the shepherds returned,
glorifying and praising God
for all they had heard and seen,
just as it had been told to them.

When eight days were completed for his circumcision,
he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel
before he was conceived in the womb.

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

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 LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

SANCTUS

Resonet in Laudibus Acclamations
Jennifer Pascual

My mystery of Faith

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The reception of Holy Communion is the most sacred act for Catholics. We believe that we are then receiving the Body and Blood of Christ. Catholics who are properly prepared should approach the ministers of Holy Communion. We ask non-Catholics not to receive. They are encouraged, however, to come forward with arms crossed over their heart to receive a blessing.

An 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.

H Y M N

“What Child Is This”
GREENSLEEVE

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?
2. Why lies he in such mean estate, Where ox and ass are feeding?
3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come peasant, king, to own him; The King of kings sal-

1. an-thems sweet, While shep-herds watch are keeping?
2. sin-ners here The si-lent Word is pleading.
3. va-tion brings, Let lov-ing hearts en-throne him.

1. This, this, is Christ the King, Whom shep-herds guard and angels sing;
2. Nails, spear, shall pierce him through, The cross be bourne, for me, for you:
3. Raise, raise the song on high, The Virgin sings her lul-la-by:

1. laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary.
2. flesh, The Babe, the Son of Mary.
3. born, The Babe, the Son of Mary.
THE CONCLUDING RITES

RECESSONAL HYMN

“Hail, Holy Queen Enthroned Above”

SALVE REGINA CAELITUM

1. Hail, holy Queen enthroned above,
2. O gate of life, we honor thee,
3. O Mary, hasten with thine aid,
4. And when our life on earth is done,

O Maria.

1. Hail, Mother of mercy and of love,
2. Our joy, our hope, and heaven's key,
3. Most gentle, loving, joyful Maid,
4. Then show us Christ, thy holy Son,

O Maria.

Triumph, all ye cherubim; Sing with us, ye seraphim.

Heavn and earth resound the hymn:

Salve, salve, salve, Regina!
GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEIPTION OF COMMUNION

FOR CATHOLICS

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (Code of Canon Law, canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

FOR OUR FELLOW CHRISTIANS

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ’s prayer for us “that they may all be one” (John 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 §4). Members of Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic Discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of Communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 §3).

FOR THOSE NOT RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

FOR NON-CHRISTIANS

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

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