

THE DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

CHRISM MASS

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

THE MOST REVEREND JOHN O. BARRES
BISHOP OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT

THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT AGNES
ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NEW YORK



THE PAPAL BLESSING WITH PLENARY INDULGENCE

*His Excellency the Most Reverend John O. Barres,
by the privilege extended to him by the Holy See,
will impart the Papal Blessing at the conclusion of this Mass
to which is attached a plenary indulgence.*

*In order to gain this indulgence, the faithful must be
present for the blessing at the end of Mass,
or be listening live via television, live-stream or radio,
and fulfill the following conditions:*

1. be in the state of grace at the time of the blessing;
2. have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin;
3. have sacramentally confessed their sins; *
4. receive the Holy Eucharist; *
5. pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff. †

* This requirement may be fulfilled within 20 days (before or after) receiving the blessing.

† One Our Father and one Hail Mary suffice.

An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints.

Indulgences can always be applied either to oneself or to the souls of the deceased, but they cannot be applied to other persons living on earth.



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ABOUT THE DIOCESE

The Diocese of Rockville Centre (www.drvc.org) was formed in 1957 and covers 1,198 square miles in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. The diocese serves approximately 1.4 million baptized Catholics* (total population in both counties is approximately 2.9 million). There are 132 parishes plus one campus parish in 115 towns. The diocese is blessed with 336 total priests, 703 religious women, 61 Brothers and 275 permanent deacons. In 2020, 13,526 baptisms, 11,583 confirmations, 11,760 First Holy Communions and 2,169 Catholic marriages took place in the diocese. There are 11,077 students in Catholic elementary schools; 10,407 students in Catholic high schools and 3,409 students in higher institutions. There are 35 Catholic elementary schools (31 parish or regional and four private), 9 high schools (2 diocesan, 2 parish and 5 private) and one Catholic college (Molloy College, Rockville Centre) in the diocese. In 2020, there were 66,578 children in parish Faith Formation programs. In 2020, Catholic clergy and community provided consolation to families and loved ones of 9,439 deceased Catholics at 4 diocesan and 20 parish cemeteries. Catholic Health is an integrated system encompassing some of the region's finest health and human service agencies. The health system has 17,000 employees, six acute care hospitals, three nursing homes, a home health service, hospice and a network of physician practices. Catholic Charities of Long Island shares the love of Jesus by offering dignified and compassionate care to poor and over 1.3 million, face-to-face services to an average of 58,000 neighbors from 53 sites in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. The diocese maintains Facebook, Twitter and Instagram social media platforms. Catholic Faith Network, broadcasts 24/7/365 to millions of homes; the weekly DRVC E-newsletter is emailed to more than 10,000 recipients. The diocesan website drvc.org averages approximately 18,000 unique visitors each month.

*As of 2020

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known:
Join in a song with sweet accord and thus surround the throne.

Sing till we feel our hearts ascending with our tongues;
Sing till the love of sin departs and grace inspire our songs.

You pilgrims on the road to Zion's city, sing;
Rejoice now in the Lamb of God, in Christ the eternal King.

There shall each rapturous tongue His endless praise proclaim,
And sing in sweeter note the song of Moses and the Lamb.

Then let our songs abound and let our tears be dry;
We're marching through Emmanuel's ground to fairer worlds on high.

Hosanna, Hosanna, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN

The Church's One Foundation



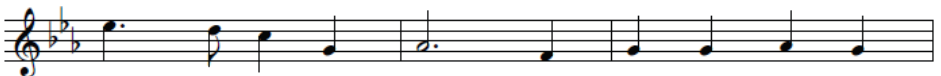
1. The Chur-ch's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her
2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the
3. Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her
4. Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in



Lord; She is his new cre - a - tion By wa - ter
earth; Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one
war She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for -
One, And mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion With those whose



and the Word. From heav'n he came and sought her To
faith, one birth. One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par -
ev - er - more Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her
rest is won. O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord,



be his ho - ly bride; With his own blood he
takes one ho - ly food, And to one hope she
long - ing eyes are blessed, And the great Church vic -
save us by your grace That we, like saints be -



bought her, And for her life he died.
press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
fore us, May see you face to face.



ENTRANCE HYMN

All People that on Earth Do Dwell

Ralph Vaughan Williams



1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the
 2. Know that the Lord is God in - deed; With - out our
 3. O en - ter then his gates with praise; Ap - proach with
 4. For why? the Lord our God is good: His mer - cy
 5. To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, The God whom



1. Lord with cheer - ful voice; Him serve with mirth, his
 2. aid he did us make; We are his folk, he
 3. joy his courts un - to; Praise, laud, and bless his
 4. is for ev - er sure; His truth at all times
 5. heav'n and earth a - dore, From us and from the



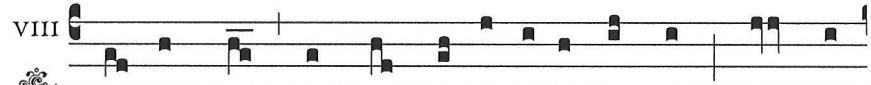
1. praise forth tell, Come we be - fore him, and re - joice.
 2. does us feed, And for his sheep he does us take.
 3. Name al - ways, For it is seem - ly so to do.
 4. firm - ly stood, And shall from age to age en - dure.
 5. an - gel host Be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

Text: LM; Psalm 100; William Kethe, d.c. 1593. Music: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561.

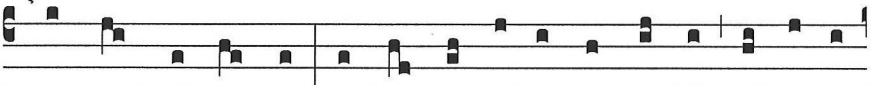
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Revelation 1:6

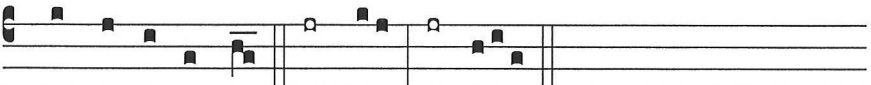
VIII



E - sus Christ has made us in - to a kingdom, priests for



his God and Fa - ther. To him be glo - ry and po - wer for ev - er



and ev - er. A - men.

SIGN OF THE CROSS

GREETING

PENITENTIAL ACT

All: I confess to almighty God
 and to you, my brothers and sisters,
 that I have greatly sinned,
 in my thoughts and in my words,
 in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault, through my fault,
 through my most grievous fault;



therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

*Bishop: May blessed Mary, ever virgin,
the holy apostles Peter and Paul,
and all the saints
assist you with their merits and prayers.*

*May the almighty and merciful Lord forgive you
and free you from all your sins.*

*May he help you persevere in fruitful penance,
good example, and sincere charity,
and lead you to everlasting life.*

All: Amen.

KYRIE

Missa O Quam Gloriosum
TOMÁS LUIS DE VICTORIA

GLORIA

Heritage Mass
OWEN ALSTOTT

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to
peo-ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you,
we glo - ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,
Lord God, heav'n-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa - ther.
Lord Je-sus Christ, On - ly Be-got - ten Son, Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-way the
you take a-way the





sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the
sins of the world, re - ceive our _ prayer;

right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us.

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

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COLLECT

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9

*The Lord anointed me and sent me to bring good news to the lowly,
and to give them oil of gladness.*

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly,
to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives
and release to the prisoners,
To announce a year of favor from the LORD
and a day of vindication by our God,
to comfort all who mourn;
To place on those who mourn in Zion
a diadem instead of ashes,

To give them oil of gladness in place of mourning,
a glorious mantle instead of a listless spirit.

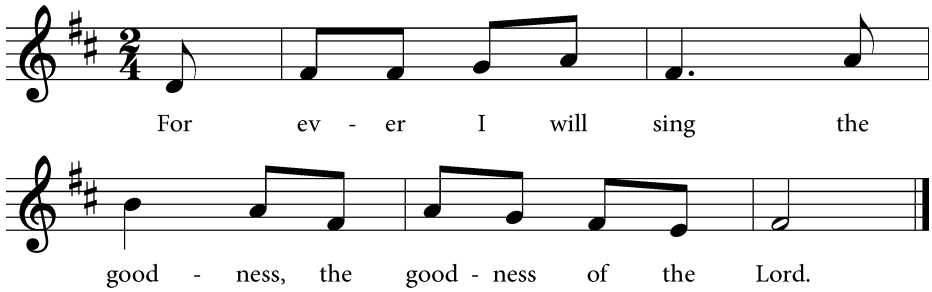


You yourselves shall be named priests of the LORD,
ministers of our God shall you be called.

I will give them their recompense faithfully,
a lasting covenant I will make with them.
Their descendants shall be renowned among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
All who see them shall acknowledge them
as a race the LORD has blessed

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 89



For ev - er I will sing the
good - ness, the good - ness of the Lord.

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SECOND READING

Revelation 1:5-8

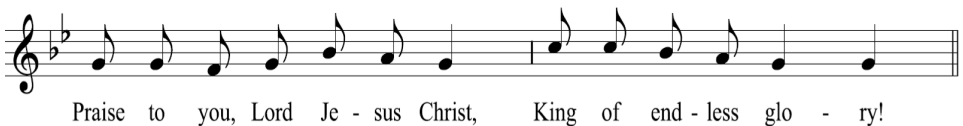
Christ has made us into a Kingdom, priests for his God and Father.

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth.
To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his Blood,
who has made us into a Kingdom, priests for his God and Father,
to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen.
Behold, he is coming amid the clouds,
and every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him.
All the peoples of the earth will lament him.
Yes. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God,
“the one who is and who was
and who is to come, the almighty.”

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Father Samuel F. Weber, O.S.B.



Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, King of end - less glo - ry!

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The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because of which he has anointed me.

Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had grown up,
and went according to his custom
into the synagogue on the sabbath day.

He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah.
He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.*

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down,
and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him.

He said to them,

“Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.

HOMILY

Bishop John O. Barres

RENEWAL OF PRIESTLY PROMISES

All stand.

Bishop Barres: Beloved sons,
in remembrance of that day
when Christ our Lord conferred his priesthood
on his Apostles and on us,
are you resolved to renew,
in the presence of your Bishop and God's holy people,
the promises you once made?

Priests: I am.

Bishop Barres: Are you resolved to be more united with the Lord Jesus
and more closely conformed to him,
denying yourselves and confirming those promises
about sacred duties towards Christ's Church
which, prompted by love of him,
you willingly and joyfully pledged
on the day of your priestly ordination?

Priests: I am.

Bishop Barres: Are you resolved to be faithful stewards
of the mysteries of God
in the Holy Eucharist and the other liturgical rites
and to discharge faithfully the sacred office of teaching,
following Christ the Head and Shepherd,
not seeking any gain,
but moved only by zeal for souls?

Priests: I am.

Bishop Barres: As for you, dearest sons and daughters,
pray for your Priests,
that the Lord may pour out his gifts abundantly upon them,



and keep them faithful as ministers of Christ,
the High Priest,
so that they may lead you to him,
who is the source of salvation.

People: Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.

Bishop Barres: And pray also for me,
that I may be faithful to the apostolic office
entrusted to me in my lowliness
and that in your midst I may be made day by day
a living and more perfect image of Christ,
the Priest, the Good Shepherd,
the Teacher and the Servant of all.

People: Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.

Bishop Barres: May the Lord keep us all in his charity
and lead all of us,
shepherds and flock,
to eternal life.

All: Amen.

All may be seated.

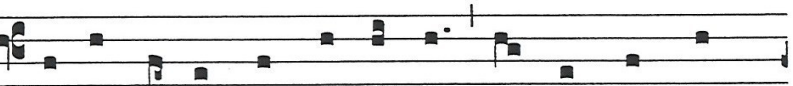
PRESENTATION OF THE OILS

HYMN

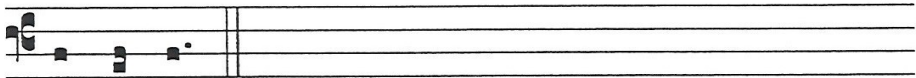
O Redemptor, sume carmen

As the oils to be blessed are carried in procession to the sanctuary, the following hymn is sung:

Refrain:



Redeemer, hear this anthem As we sing with



one ac-cord.

Verses:

- | | |
|---|--|
| I. Sacred will become this bounty
That a fruitful tree once bore
When we bear it in procession
Unto you, our Saving Lord. | IV. When the sacred font has taken
All the stains of sin away,
On those foreheads then anointed,
Send your gifts, O Lord, we pray. |
| II. Consecrate, O King of heaven,
Olive oil, a living sign;
Let it thwart the demons' power,
Lend to it your strength divine. | V. Lord, who came from God the Father
In the Virgin's womb to rest,
Grant us light, and let not perish
Those who share this Chrism blest. |
| III. By the Chrism, men and women
Are renewed as they are sealed,
And our glory, once so wounded,
Now at last through grace is healed. | VI. May this day be always festive
For all ages, we implore;
Sanctify the praise we offer,
Let us bless you evermore. |

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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

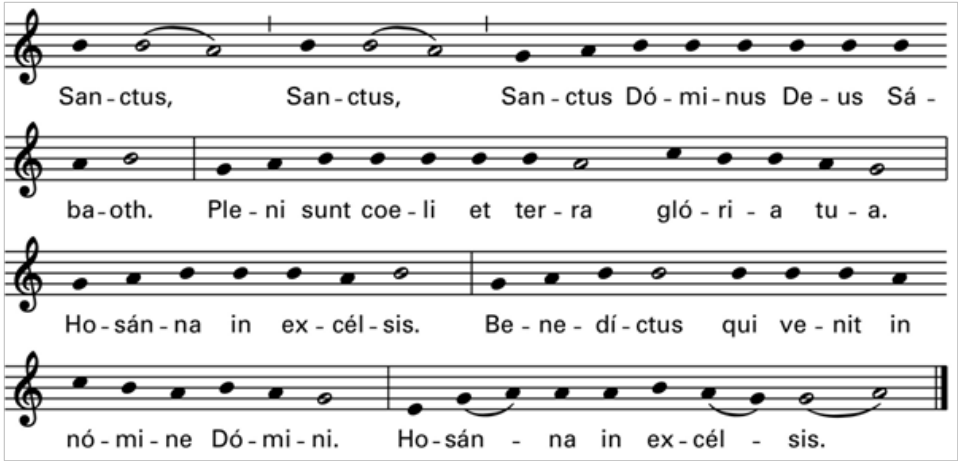
OFFERTORY

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

PREFACE

SANCTUS

Mass XVIII



San - ctus, San - ctus, San - ctus Dó - mi - nus De - us Sá -
ba - oth. Ple - ni sunt coe - li et ter - ra gló - ri - a tu - a.
Ho - sán - na in ex - cél - sis. Be - ne - dí - ctus qui ve - nit in
nó - mi - ne Dó - mi - ni. Ho - sán - na in ex - cél - sis.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I (THE ROMAN CANON)

The Bishop, with hands extended, says:

To you, therefore, most merciful Father,
we make humble prayer and petition
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord:
that you accept
and bless ✠ these gifts, these offerings,
these holy and unblemished sacrifices,
which we offer you firstly
for your holy catholic Church.
Be pleased to grant her peace,
to guard, unite and govern her
throughout the whole world,
together with your servant Francis our Pope,
me your unworthy servant, my assistant bishops,
and all those who, holding to the truth,
hand on the catholic and apostolic faith.

Commemoration of the Living.

Remember, Lord, your servants **N.** and **N.**

He joins his hands and prays briefly for those for whom he intends to pray.

Then, with hands extended, he continues:

and all gathered here,
whose faith and devotion are known to you.

For them, we offer you this sacrifice of praise
or they offer it for themselves
and all who are dear to them:



for the redemption of their souls,
in hope of health and well-being,
and paying their homage to You,
the eternal God, living and true.

Within the action.

In communion with those whose memory we venerate,
especially the glorious ever-Virgin Mary,
Mother of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ
and blessed Joseph, her Spouse,
your blessed Apostles and Martyrs,
Peter and Paul, Andrew,
James, John,
Thomas, James, Philip,
Bartholomew, Matthew,
Simon and Jude;
Linus, Cletus, Clement, Sixtus,
Cornelius, Cyprian,
Lawrence, Chrysogonus,
John and Paul,
Cosmas and Damian
and all your Saints;
we ask that through their merits and prayers,
in all things we may be defended
by your protecting help.

With hands extended, the Bishop continues:

Therefore, Lord, we pray:
graciously accept this oblation of our service,
that of your whole family,
order our days in your peace,
and command that we be delivered from eternal damnation
and counted among the flock of those you have chosen.

The Concelebrants with hands extended over the offerings, say together:

Be pleased, O God, we pray,
to bless, acknowledge,
and approve this offering in every respect;
make it spiritual and acceptable,
so that it may become for us
the Body and Blood of your most beloved Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ.

They join their hands.



In the formulas that follow, the words of the Lord should be pronounced clearly and distinctly, as the nature of these words requires.

On the day before he was to suffer,
he took bread in his holy and venerable hands,

They raise their eyes.

and with eyes raised to heaven
to you, O God, his almighty Father,
giving you thanks, he said the blessing,
broke the bread
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

The Concelebrants extend their right hand towards the bread and say:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.**

They join their hands, look at the consecrated host as it is shown to the people, and then when the Bishop genuflects in adoration they bow profoundly.

After this, the Concelebrants, with hands joined, continue:

In a similar way, when supper was ended,
he took this precious chalice
in his holy and venerable hands,
and once more giving you thanks, he said the blessing
and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

The Concelebrants extend their right hand towards the chalice and say:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.**

They join their hands, look at the chalice as it is shown to the people, and then when the Bishop genuflects in adoration they bow profoundly.



Then the Bishop alone says:
The mystery of faith.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Roman Missal Chant

Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your Cross and
Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

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Then the Concelebrants with hands extended, say:

Therefore, O Lord,
as we celebrate the memorial of the blessed Passion,
the Resurrection from the dead,
and the glorious Ascension into heaven
of Christ, your Son, our Lord,
we, your servants and your holy people,
offer to your glorious majesty
from the gifts that you have given us,
this pure victim,
this holy victim,
this spotless victim,
the holy Bread of eternal life
and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.

Be pleased to look upon these offerings
with a serene and kindly countenance,
and to accept them,
as once you were pleased to accept
the gifts of your servant Abel the just,
the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith,
and the offering of your high priest Melchizedek,
a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim.

Bowing, with hands joined, the Concelebrants continue:

In humble prayer we ask you, almighty God:
command that these gifts be borne
by the hands of your holy Angel
to your altar on high
in the sight of your divine majesty,
so that all of us, who through this participation at the altar
receive the most holy Body and Blood of your Son,



They stand upright again and sign themselves with the Sign of the Cross, saying:

may be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing.

They join their hands.

Commemoration of the Dead

The Bishop with hands extended, says:

Remember also, Lord, your servants **N. and N.**,
who have gone before us with the sign of faith
and rest in the sleep of peace.

He joins his hands and prays briefly for those who have died and for whom he intends to pray. Then, with hands extended, he continues:

Grant them, O Lord, we pray,
and all who sleep in Christ,
a place of refreshment, light and peace.

He joins his hands.

All the concelebrants strike their breast with their right hand, as the Bishop says:

To us, also, your servants, who, though sinners,

And, with hands extended, the Bishop continues:

hope in your abundant mercies,
graciously grant some share
and fellowship with your holy Apostles and Martyrs:
with John the Baptist, Stephen,
Matthias, Barnabas,
Ignatius, Alexander,
Marcellinus, Peter,
Felicity, Perpetua,
Agatha, Lucy,
Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia
and all Your Saints;
admit us, we beseech you,
into their company,
not weighing our merits,
but granting us your pardon,

He joins his hands.

through Christ our Lord.

THE BLESSING OF THE OIL OF THE SICK

The Deacon carrying the vessel of the Oil of the Sick brings it to the altar and holds it in front of the Bishop, who blesses it, saying:

O God, Father of all consolation,
who willed to heal the infirmities of the weak through your Son,
listen favorably to the prayer of faith:
send forth from the heavens, we pray,



your Holy Spirit, the Paraclete,
upon this oil in all its richness,
which you have graciously brought forth from the verdant tree
to restore the body,
so that by your holy blessing ✠
everyone anointed with this oil
as a safeguard for body, soul, and spirit
may be freed from all pain, all infirmity, and all sickness.
May your holy oil, O Lord,
be blessed by you for our sake
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

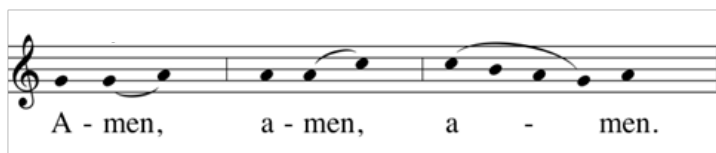
The Bishop continues:

Through whom
you continue to make all these good things, O Lord;
you sanctify them, fill them with life,
bless them, and bestow them upon us.

*The Deacon holds the chalice elevated while the Bishop elevates the paten
with the host, and the Bishop sings or says:*

Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours,
for ever and ever.

The people acclaim:



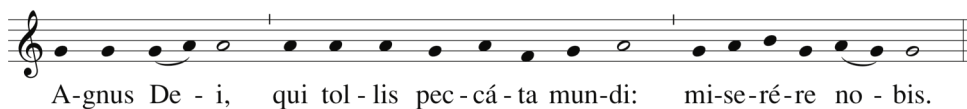
THE COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER AND DOXOLOGY

Chant Tone II

AGNUS DEI

Mass XVIII



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COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Misericordias Domini Psalm 89: 2



will sing * for-ev-er of your mercies, O Lord;



through all ages my mouth will proclaim your fi-del-i-ty

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COMMUNION HYMN

As the Bread of Life is Broken

GUSTAV HOLST/ FR. JAMES CHEPPONIS

Refrain



As the bread of life is bro - ken, the



cup of love out - poured, We are one in Christ, our



Sav - ior, and sent to serve the Lord.

Verses



1. We, the man - y who are gath - ered, are u -
2. In the word of God pro - claimed here, the good
3. In the bread of life here giv - en, we be -
4. Sent as bless - ing for God's peo - ple, to go



nit - ed here as one. In this joy - ful cel - e -
 news of truth is heard. In the tell - ing of the
 come what we re - ceive. In the cup of love here
 forth in love and peace, In our wit - ness to God's



bra - tion, re - call what God has done.
 sto - ries, be o - pen to God's word.
 of - fered, af - firm what we be - lieve.
 king - dom, may char - i - ty in - crease.

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If ye love me,
keep My commandments.
And I will pray the Father,
and He shall give you another Comforter,
that He may 'bide with you forever;
E'en the Spirit of truth.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE BLESSING OF THE OIL OF CATECHUMENS

Bishop Barres blesses the Oil of Catechumens, saying:

O God, strength and protection of your people,
who have made the oil you created a sign of strength,
graciously bless ✠ this oil, and grant courage to the catechumens
who will be anointed with it,
so that, receiving divine wisdom and power,
they may understand more deeply the Gospel of your Christ,
they may undertake with a generous heart the labors of a Christian life,
and, made worthy of adoption as your sons and daughters,
they may rejoice to be born anew and to live in your Church.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE CONSECRATION OF THE CHRISM

At the consecration of the Holy Chrism a fragrant essence of sweet balsam is added to the oil.

The Bishop invites the people to pray, saying:

Let us pray, dear brothers and sisters, to God the almighty Father,
that he bless and sanctify this oil,
so that all who are outwardly anointed with it
may be inwardly transformed and come to share in eternal salvation.

The Bishop breathes on the mixture, and says the following prayer alone:

O God, author of all growth and spiritual progress,
receive in your goodness the grateful homage
that the Church joyfully offers to you through our voice.

For in the beginning you commanded the earth
to bring forth fruit-bearing trees,
among which olive trees would arise
as providers of this most rich oil,
so that their fruit might serve for sacred Chrism.

In the spirit of prophecy,
David foresaw the sacraments of your grace
and sang of the oil that would gladden our faces.

After the world's offenses were washed away by the flood,
a dove announced the restoration of peace on earth
with the olive branch,
foreshadowing the gift to come.



In the last days all this has been clearly revealed:
when every offense is removed through the waters of Baptism,
the anointing with this oil causes our faces to be joyful and serene.

You also commanded your servant Moses
to make his brother Aaron a priest,
by pouring this oil upon him
after he had been washed in water.

Still greater dignity was added to this
when your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord,
insisted that he be washed by John
in the waters of the Jordan:
you sent the Holy Spirit from on high
in the likeness of a dove;
you declared by the witness of the voice that followed,
that you were well pleased in him,
your Only Begotten Son;
and you were seen to confirm clearly
what the prophet David had foretold in song,
that Christ would be anointed with the oil of gladness above
his companions.

*All the concelebrants extend their right hand toward the Chrism until the end
of the prayer, without saying anything.*

Therefore we beseech you, Lord:

be pleased to sanctify with your blessing ✠ this oil in its richness,
and to pour into it the strength of the Holy Spirit,
with the powerful working of your Christ.

From his holy name it has received the name of Chrism,
and with it you have anointed your priest, prophets, kings, and martyrs.

May you confirm the Chrism you have created
as a sacred sign of perfect salvation and life
for those to be made new in the spiritual waters of Baptism.

May those formed into a temple of your majesty
by the holiness infused through this anointing
and by the cleansing of the stain of their first birth
be made fragrant with the innocence of a life pleasing to you.

May those anointed with royal, priestly, and prophetic dignity
be clothed with the garment of an incorruptible gift
in keeping with the Sacrament you have established.

May this oil be the Chrism of salvation
for those born again of water and the Holy Spirit,
and may it make them partakers of eternal life
and sharers of heavenly glory.

Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.



THE CONCLUDING RITES

PAPAL BLESSING

Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All: Now and for ever.

Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

Bishop: Through the intercession
of the blessed apostles Peter and Paul,
may almighty God bless you,
✠ the Father, ✠ and the Son, and ✠ the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL

Lord, You Give the Great Commission



1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the
2. Lord, you call us to your serv - ice: "In my
3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my
4. Lord, you show us love's true meas - ure: "Fa - ther,
5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am



sick and preach the word." Lest the Church ne -
name bap - tize and teach." That the world may
bod - y, this my blood." Let us all, for
what they do, for - give." Yet we hoard as
with you to the end." Faith and hope and

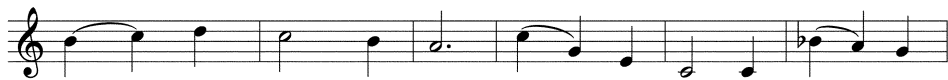


glect its mis - sion, And the Gos - pel go un - heard,
trust your prom - ise, Life a - bun - dant meant for each,
earth's true glo - ry, Dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward,
pri - vate treas - ure All that you so free - ly give.
love re - stor - ing, May we serve as you in - tend,




Help us wit - ness to your pur - pose With re -
Give us all new fer - vor, draw us Clos - er
Ask - ing that the world a - round us Share your
May your care and mer - cy lead us To a
And, a - mid the cares that claim us, Hold in





newed in - teg - ri - ty;
 in com - mun - i - ty;
 chil - dren's lib - er - ty; With the Spir - it's gifts em -
 just so - ci - e - ty;
 mind e - ter - ni - ty;



power us For the work of min - is - try.

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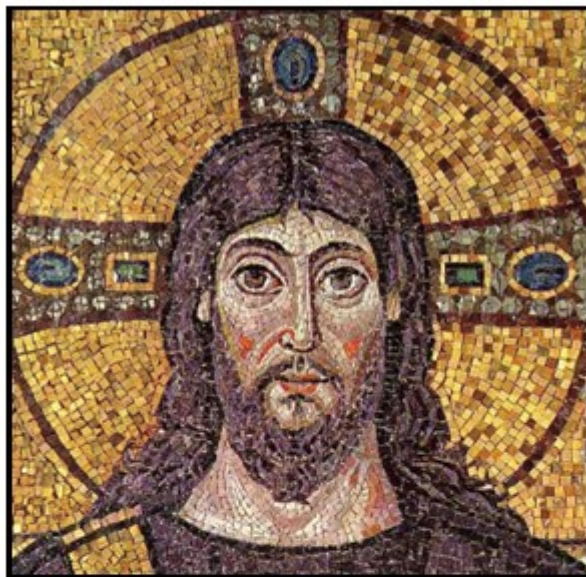
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*Jesus Christ has made us into a kingdom,
priests for his God and Father. To him be
glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.*

Entrance Antiphon
Revelation 1:6



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