



Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

May 16, 2021

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
Apopka, Florida

The Introductory Rites

Entrance Chant

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise



1. Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
2. There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!
3. High - est heav'n its Lord re - ceives, Al - le - lu - ia!
4. See, he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!
5. Christ, for us still in - ter - cede, Al - le - lu - ia!
6. There we shall with you re - main, Al - le - lu - ia!



To his throne a - bove the skies; Al - le - lu - ia!
Lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates; Al - le - lu - ia!
Yet he loves the earth he leaves; Al - le - lu - ia!
See, he shows the wounds of love; Al - le - lu - ia!
By your suf - f'ring for us plead; Al - le - lu - ia!
Part - ners of your end - less reign; Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners giv'n, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ has con - quered death and sin; Al - le - lu - ia!
Though re - turn - ing to his throne, Al - le - lu - ia!
Hark, his gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!
Make us wor - thy of the place, Al - le - lu - ia!
There your face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!



Now as - cends the high - est heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!
Take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!
Still he calls the world his own. Al - le - lu - ia!
Bless - ings on his Church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!
Which you of - fer us by grace. Al - le - lu - ia!
Live with you e - ter - nal - ly. Al - le - lu - ia!

Greeting

Penitential Act

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;
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.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

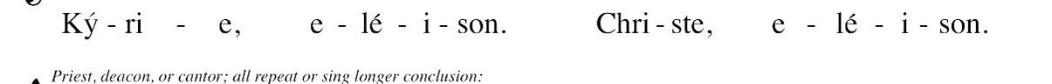
Kyrie

Priest, deacon, or cantor, then all:



Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son. Chri - ste, e - lé - i - son.

Priest, deacon, or cantor, then all:



Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son.

Priest, deacon, or cantor; all repeat or sing longer conclusion:



Gloria



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 - en - 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 sins of the world, have mer - cy on
us; you take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our
prayer; you are seat - ed at the 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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The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 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, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

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, 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.”

The word of the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

God mounts his throne to shouts of
joy: a blare of trum-pets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the LORD, the Most High, is
awesome,
the great king over all the earth. *℟.*

God goes up with shouts of joy.
The LORD goes up with trumpet blast.

Sing praise for God; sing praise!
Sing praise to our king; sing
praise! *℟.*

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God reigns over the nations.
God sits upon his holy throne. *℟.*

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Second Reading: Letter to the Ephesians 4:1-13

Brothers and sisters,
I, a prisoner for the Lord,
urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have
received,
with all humility and gentleness, with patience,
bearing with one another through love,
striving to preserve the unity of the spirit
through the bond of peace:
one body and one Spirit,
as you were also called to the one hope of your call;
one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
one God and Father of all,
who is over all and through all and in all.

But grace was given to each of us
according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Therefore, it says:

*He ascended on high and took prisoners captive;
he gave gifts to men.*

What does "he ascended" mean except that he also
descended

into the lower regions of the earth?

The one who descended is also the one who ascended
far above all the heavens,
that he might fill all things.

And he gave some as apostles, others as prophets,
others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers,
to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry,
for building up the body of Christ,
until we all attain to the unity of faith
and knowledge of the Son of God, to mature to manhood,
to the extent of the full stature of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation – Matthew 28:19a, 20b

Cantor, then all



☩. Go and teach all nations, says the Lord;
I am with you always, until the end of the world.

℟. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel: 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

℟. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

Creed

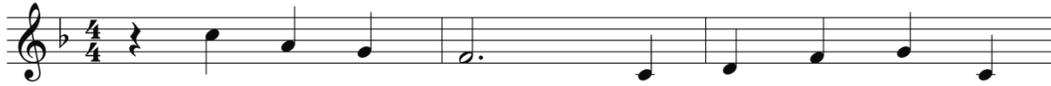
I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

Universal Prayer (Prayers of the Faithful)

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts

Go to the World!



1. Go to the world! Go in - to all the
2. Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry
3. Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless and
4. Go to the world! Go as the ones I



earth. Go preach the cross where
place. Go Go live the Word of
pray. The nights of tears give
send, For I am with you



Christ re - news life's worth, bap - tiz - ing
God's re - deem - ing grace. Go seek God's
way to joy - ous day. As ser - vant
till the age shall end, When all the



as the sign of our re - birth.
pres - ence in each time and space. Al -
Church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Tune: SINE NOMINE, 10 10 10 with alleluias; Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

Orate Fratres

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

℟. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

Eucharistic Prayer

Preface

℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. And with your spirit.

℣. Lift up your hearts.

℟. We lift them up to the Lord.

℣. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

℟. It is right and just.

Sanctus

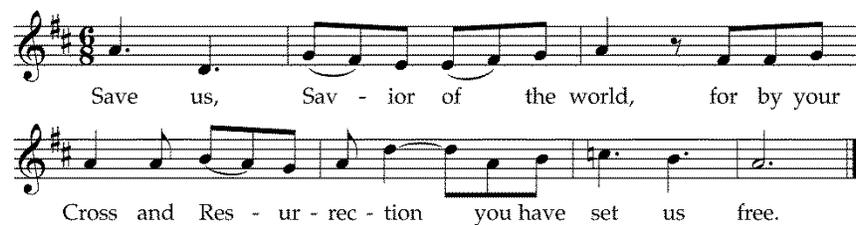


Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san-na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san-na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. —

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Mystery of Faith



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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Amen



A-men, a - men, a - men. a - men.

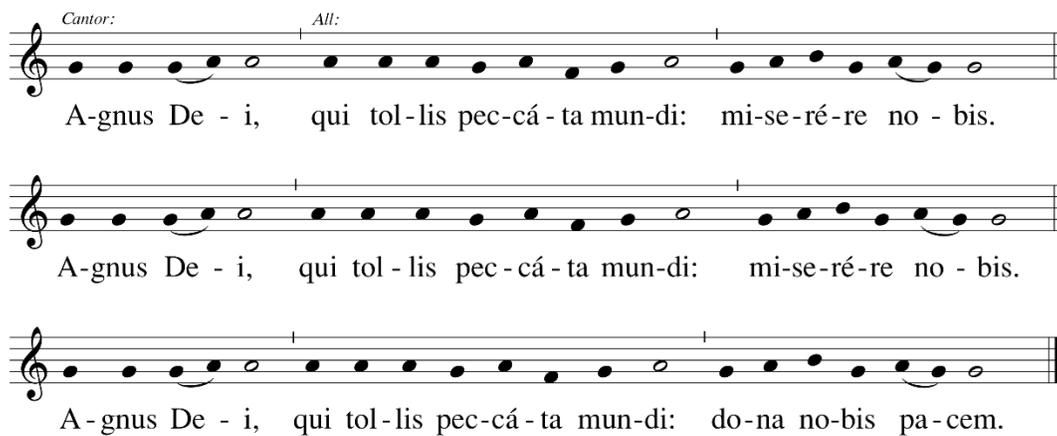
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Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Agnus Dei



Cantor: A-gnus De - i, *All:* qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: mi - se - ré - re no - bis.

A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: mi - se - ré - re no - bis.

A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Music: Vatican Edition XVIII; acc. by Robert J. Batastini

Communion

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

℟. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Chant

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



pow'r us For the work of min - is - try.

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Prayer after Communion

Concluding Rite

Greeting & Blessing

The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and
the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

Go in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!



1. A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New
 2. The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up -
 3. To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, “Why
 4. “You see him now, as - cend - ing high Up
 5. O Lord, our home - ward path - way bend, That



songs through - out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 on the Mount of Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 stand and gaze up - on the sky?” Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 to the por - tals of the sky.” Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 our un - wea - ried hearts as - cend, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un - trod, As -
 lu - ia! And with his faith - ful fol - l’wers see Their
 lu - ia! “This is the Sav - ior,” thus they say. “This
 lu - ia! “Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall see Re -
 lu - ia! Where, seat - ed on your Fa - ther’s throne, You



cends un - to the throne of God.
 Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty.
 is his glo - rious tri - umph day.” Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 turn - ing in great maj - es - ty.”
 reign as King of kings a - lone.



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: *Hymnum canamus gloriae*; Venerable Bede, 673–735; tr. by Benjamin Webb, 1819–1885. *The Hymnal Noted*, 1854, alt.
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