

Welcome to Holy Martyrs Catholic Church

May 25, 2025
6th Sunday of Easter

Today's readings anticipate the Ascension. While the Book of Acts tells of the encounters of Church leaders and their need to agree on some rules for the good of all, the Gospel shows us Jesus offering the gift of peace to all his disciples. The peace we share as servants of the Lord invites us to dialogue with one another despite the differences we may encounter. If we are conscious of this gift from the Lord, we can face any difficulty. Easter is a mystagogic season in which we are all called to learn to grow and mature. Have we grown in prudence and patience? Do we contribute to promoting peace in our communities? How can we help others contribute to sharing the peace of the Lord?

THE DAY OF RESURRECTION

ELLACOMBE



1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, spread the news a - broad;
2. Our hearts be free from e - vil That we may see a - right
3. His love is ev - er - last - ing; His mer - cies nev - er cease;
4. Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, And earth her song be - gin;



1. The Pas - chal feast of glad - ness, The Pas - chal feast of God.
2. The Sav - ior res - ur - rect - ed In his e - ter - nal light,
3. The res - ur - rect - ed Sav - ior, Will all our joys in - crease.
4. The whole world keep high tri - umph And all that is there - in;



1. From death to life e - ter - nal, From earth to heav-en's height
2. And hear his mes-sage plain - ly, De - liv - ered calm and clear:
3. He'll keep us in his fa - vor, Sup - ply - ing ho - ly grace,
4. Let all things in cre - a - tion Their notes of glad-ness blend,

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy.



1. Our Sav - ior Christ has brought us, The glo - rious Lord of Light.
2. "Re - jice with me in tri - umph, Be glad and do not fear."
3. To all his pil - grim peo - ple Who seek his heav'n-ly place.
4. For Christ the Lord is ris - en, Our joy that has no end.

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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, hea-ven - ly king, O God, al-migh - ty Fath-er. ___

Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly be-got-ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,

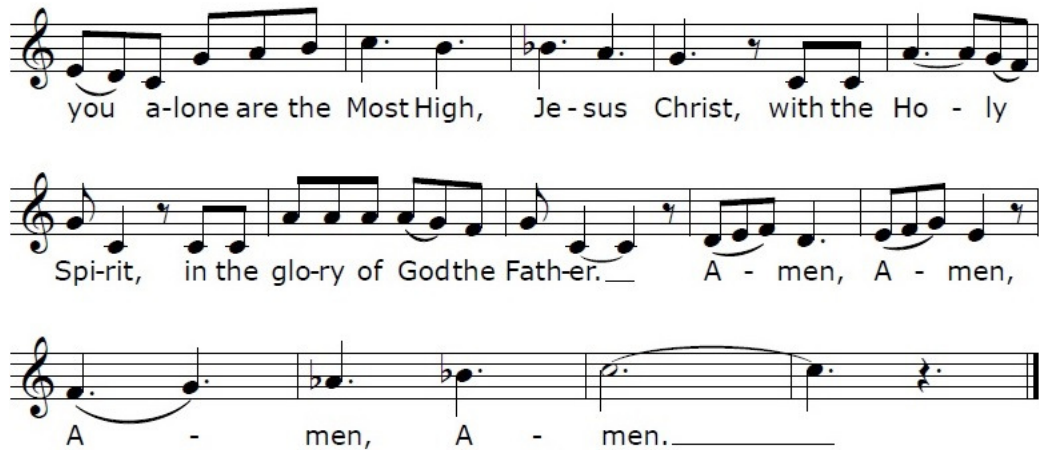
Son of the Fa - ther. you take a-way the sins of the world,

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

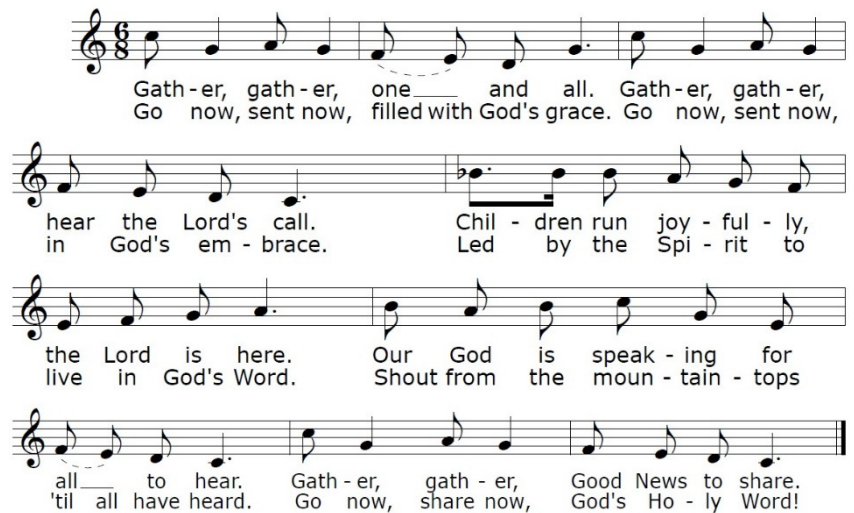
of ___ the Fath-er, ___ have mer - cy on us. ___

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



Liturgy of the Word

Children's Exit For The Word



ACTS

Chapter 15

Verses

1-2, 22- 29

Some who had come down from Judea were instructing the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the Mosaic practice, you cannot be saved." Because there arose no little dissension and debate by Paul and Barnabas with them, it was decided that Paul, Barnabas, and some of the others should go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders about this question.

The apostles and elders, in agreement with the whole church, decided to choose representatives and to send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. The ones chosen were Judas, who was called Barsabbas, and Silas, leaders among the brothers. This is the letter delivered by them:

"The apostles and the elders, your brothers, to the brothers in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia of Gentile origin: greetings. Since we have heard that some of our number who went out without any mandate from us have upset you with their teachings and disturbed your peace of mind, we have

with one accord decided to choose representatives and to send them to you along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. So we are sending Judas and Silas who will also convey this same message by word of mouth: 'It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities, namely, to abstain from meat sacrificed to idols, from blood, from meats of strangled animals, and from unlawful marriage. If you keep free of these, you will be doing what is right. Farewell.'"

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

We respond
with a refrain
from

PSALM 67

Verses 2-3, 5,
6, 8

Music CPILG



*May God have pity on us and bless us; may he let his face shine upon us.
So may your way be known upon earth; among all nations, your salvation.*

R.

*May the nations be glad and exult because you rule the peoples in equity;
the nations on the earth you guide.*

R.

*May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you!
May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear him!*

R.

REVELATION

Chapter 21

Verses 10-14,
21-23

The angel took me in spirit to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It gleamed with the splendor of God. Its radiance was like that of a precious stone, like jasper, clear as crystal. It had a massive, high wall, with twelve gates where twelve angels were stationed and on which names were inscribed, the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites. There were three gates facing east, three north, three south, and three west. The wall of the city had twelve courses of stones as its foundation, on which were inscribed the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw no temple in the city for its temple is the Lord God almighty and the

Lamb. The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA!

He Is Risen!

Music CPILG



**Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord,
and my Father will love him and we will come to him.**

JOHN

Chapter 14

Verses: 23-
29

The Lord be with you. **And with your Spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me.

“I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, ‘I am going away and I will come back to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe.”

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

Homily * Prayers Of The People

9:30 Choir Anthem

“Peace I Leave With You”.....Mendelssohn/Hopson


DWELLING PLACE

John Foley, S.J.


Priest: Pray,
brothers and
sisters, that
my sacrifice
and yours may
be acceptable
to God, the
Almighty
Father

People: 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

Verses 1, 2, 4




1, 4. I fall on my knees to the Fa - ther of Je - sus,
2. May Christ in his love give us strength for our liv - ing,




1, 4. the Lord who has shown us } the glo - ry of
2. the strength of the Spir - it, }


1st time: to Verse 2 Refrain



1, 2, 4. God. May Christ find a dwell - ing place of faith in our




hearts. May our lives be root - ed in love,




4 to Verses 3, 4

root - ed in love.

Verse 3



3. May grace and peace be yours in God our



3. Fa - ther, and in the Son. to Refrain

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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.**

Before we sing the "Holy, Holy," the Priest, in the name of the whole of the holy people, glorifies God the Father in a prayer and gives thanks to God for the whole work of salvation.

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of
hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho -
san - na in the high - est.
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
in the high - est.

As part of the Eucharistic prayer, we acclaim our faith together.

The mystery of faith

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a - gain.

We respond to the entire Eucharistic prayer

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

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

The Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei qui
tollis peccata
mundi

Miserere nobis

Dona Nobis
Pacem



Priest: 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.

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

A prayer for all
unable to
physically be
here today.

Spiritual Communion

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.

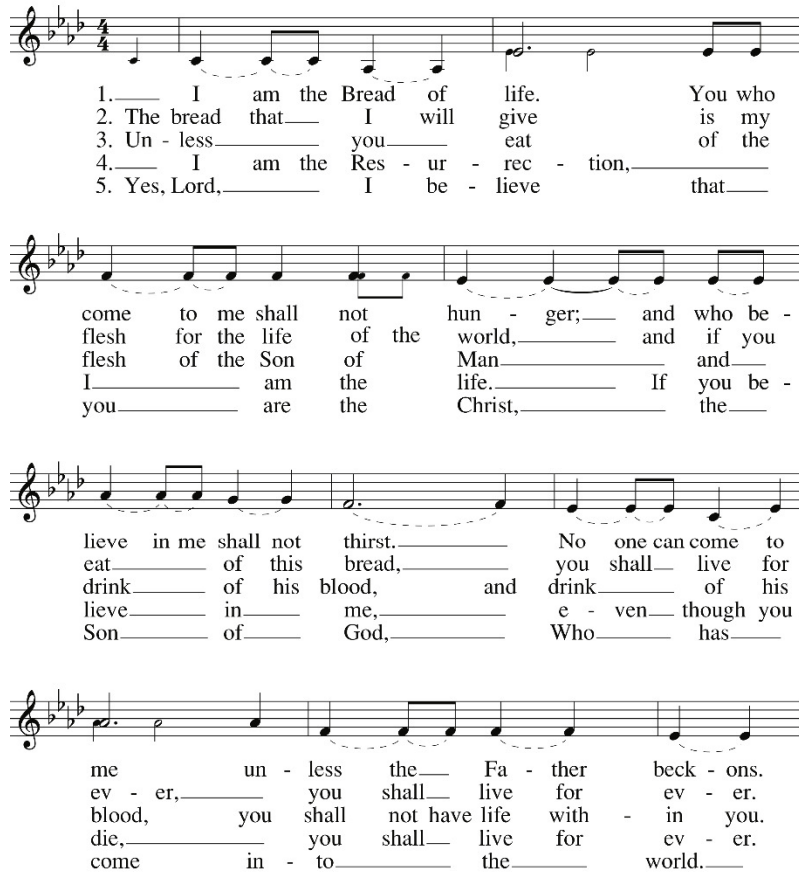
This music plays
in the
background as
Eucharistic
Ministers receive
communion

Tantum ergo Sacramentum Veneremur cernui:
Et antiquum documentum Novo cedat ritui:
Praestet fides supplementum Sensuum defectui.

Humbly let us voice our homage for so great a sacrament.
Let all former rites surrender to the Lord's New Testament.
What our senses fail to fathom let us grasp through faith's consent.

I Am the Bread of Life

Verses



1. I am the Bread of life. You who
 2. The bread that I will give is my
 3. Un - less you eat of the
 4. I am the Res - ur - rec - tion, of the
 5. Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that

come to me shall not hun - ger; and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man and
 I am the life. If you be -
 you are the Christ, the

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 eat of this bread, you shall live for
 drink of his blood, and drink of his
 lieve in me, e - ven though you
 Son of God, Who has

me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons.
 ev - er, you shall live for ev - er.
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you.
 die, you shall live for ev - er.
 come in - to the world.

Refrain



And I will raise you up, and I will
 raise you up, and I will raise you
 up on the last day.

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 Tune: BREAD OF LIFE, Irregular with refrain; Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b.1927
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9:30 Mass Closing is the choir singing “Battle Hymn Of The Republic”....arr Wilhousky

SING WITH ALL THE SAINTS IN GLORY

HYMN TO JOY



1. Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, Sing the res - ur -
2. Oh, what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing All that eye has
3. Life e - ter - nal! heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives who
4. Life e - ter - nal! O what won - ders Crowd on faith; what



1. rec - tion song! Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry,
2. yet per - ceived! Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead - ing,
3. once was dead; Join with all the heav'n - ly voic - es;
4. joy un - known, When, a - mid earth's clos - ing thun - ders,



1. To the form - er days be - long. All a - round the
2. Nev - er that full joy con - ceived. God has prom - ised,
3. Child of God, lift up your head! Pa - tri - archs from
4. Saints shall stand be - fore the throne! Oh, to en - ter



1. clouds are break - ing, Soon the storms of time shall cease; In God's
2. Christ pre - pares it, There on high our wel - come waits; Ev - 'ry
3. dis - tant a - ges, Saints all long - ing for their heav'n, Proph - ets,
4. that bright por - tal, See that glow - ing fir - ma - ment, Know, with



1. like - ness, peo - ple wak - ing, Know the ev - er - last - ing peace.
2. hum - ble spir - it shares it, Christ has passed th'e - ter - nal gates.
3. psalm - ists, seers, and sa - ges, All a - wait the glo - ry giv'n.
4. you, O God im - mor - tal, Je - sus Christ whom you have sent!

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Music: Ludwig van Beethoven; adapt. by Edward Hodges, 1796–1867.