

Welcome to
Holy Martyrs Catholic Church

May 17, 2026

Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord

In the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, they ask the Lord if he is going to restore the kingdom of Israel. Jesus answers by reminding them that their mission is to become witnesses in Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. The Ascension of the Lord, therefore, is connected with the promise of the Holy Spirit and the apostolic mission to proclaim the Gospel of hope—wherever people need to hear it. The power of God is manifested in the communion of the Church, reflected by the unity in love and objectives the apostles achieved in the company of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. The readings encourage shepherds of the Church to continue the work that Christ has confided to them, extending the kingdom of God throughout the world. Conscious that the Lord is always among us and that his Mother walks with us each day, let us reflect on what or who encourages (or discourages) us in the service of God’s people. Let us pray for one another and seek Christ’s peace.

ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS

HYFRYDOL

1. Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! His the
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans Are we
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of An - gels, Here on
 4. Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, You the
 5. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry

1. scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Lord of lords we own; Al - le - lu - ia!
 5. be to God on high; Al - le - lu - ia

1. his the tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone;
 2. he is near us, Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how:
 3. here the sin - ful Flee to you from day to day:
 4. born of Ma - ry, Earth your foot - stool, heav'n your throne:
 5. to the Sav - ior Who has won the vic - to - ry;

1. Hark! the songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der
 2. Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him, When the
 3. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, Earth's re -
 4. You with - in the veil have en - tered, Robed in
 5. Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Font of

1. like a might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - 'ry
 2. for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for - get his
 3. deem - er, plead for me, Where the songs of all the
 4. flesh, our great high priest; Here on earth both priest and
 5. love and sanc - ti - ty; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

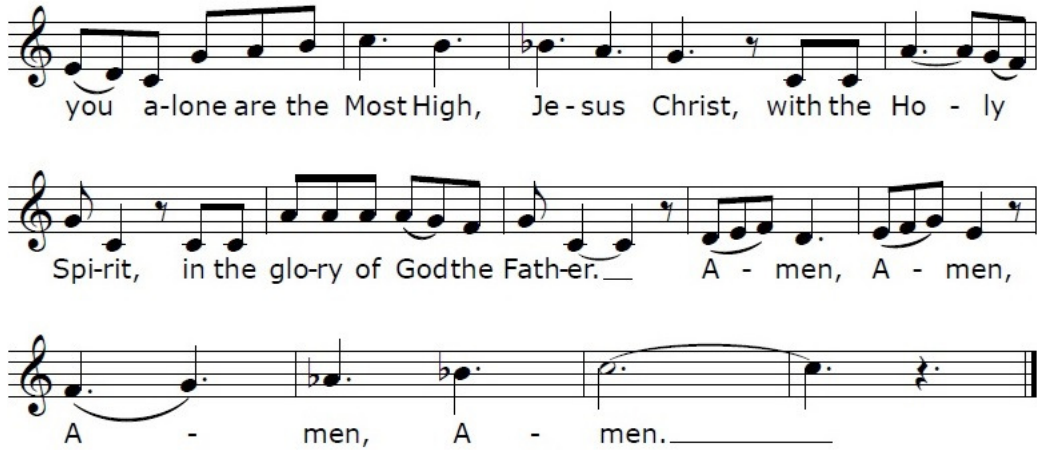
1. na - tion Has re - deemed us by his blood.
 2. prom - ise? "I am with you ev - er - more!"
 3. sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 4. vic - tim In the Eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 5. lu - ia! To the tri - une maj - es - ty.

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Lord have mercy – Christ have mercy – Lord have mercy.

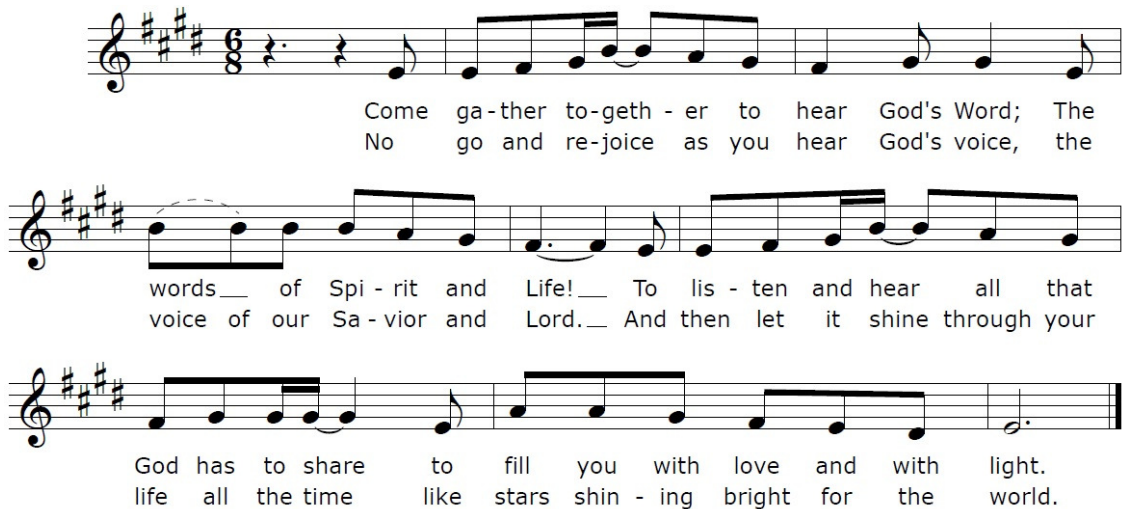
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to
peo - ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -
dore you, we glo-ri - fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry,
Lord God, hea-ven - ly king, O God, al-migh - ty Fath-er. —
Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly be-got-ten Son, Lord God, Lamb 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,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fath-er. A - men, A - men,
 A - men, A - men.

Liturgy of the Word

(9:30 am Children's exit for the Word)



Come ga-ther to-gether to hear God's Word; The
 No go and re-joice as you hear God's voice, the
 words of Spi-rit and Life! To lis-ten and hear all that
 voice of our Sa-vior and Lord. And then let it shine through your
 God has to share to fill you with love and with light.
 life all the time like stars shin-ing bright for the world.

ACTS

Chapter 1

Verses 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.**

We respond
with a refrain
from

PSALM

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Verses 2-3, 6-7,
8-9

Music CPLG

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a
blare of trumpets for the Lord. God mounts his throne to
shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

*All you peoples, clap your hands, shout to God with cries of gladness,
For the LORD, the Most High, the awesome, is the great king over all the earth.*

R.

*God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy; the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.
Sing praise to God, sing praise; sing praise to our king, sing praise.*

R.

*For king of all the earth is God; sing hymns of praise.
God reigns over the nations, God sits upon his holy throne.*

R.

EPHESIANS

Chapter 1

Verses 17-23

Brothers and sisters:

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,
give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation
resulting in knowledge of him.

May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened,
that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call,
what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones,
and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe,
in accord with the exercise of his great might,
which he worked in Christ,
raising him from the dead
and seating him at his right hand in the heavens,
far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion,
and every name that is named
not only in this age but also in the one to come.

And he put all things beneath his feet
and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body,
the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way..

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

Our resurrection
acclamation as
we are about to
hear the Gospel
of the Lord!

Music CPILG

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

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

MATTHEW

Chapter 28

Verses
16-20

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus The eleven disciples went to Galilee,
to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them.
When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted.
Then Jesus approached and said to them,
“All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,
teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.
And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

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

Homily

Prayers of the People

9:30 Choir -

“Christ In Us, The Hope Of Glory” – Cindy Berry

CHRIST IN ME ARISE

Trevor Thomson

Refrain

Christ in me a - rise and dis - pel all the dark-ness.
Christ in me a - rise with your pow - er and your strength.
Christ in me pour out your bless - ing and heal - ing.
Christ in me a - rise and I shall rise with you.

Verses

1. Be now my vi - sion; o - pen these eyes, show - ing me
2. Be now my foot - steps, lead - ing the way, tak - ing me
1. all that I must see. }
2. where I must go. } On - ward to the king - dom,

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

1, 2. you are the way. A - rise in me and I shall rise with you. to Refrain

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

Bridge

You know my heart and you know my ways, you who
formed me in my moth - er's womb. I live and move in you,
my whole be - ing thrives in you. 2 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**



Lamb of God you take a-way the sins of the world, have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God you take a-way the
sins of the world, grant us peace. Grant us peace.

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**

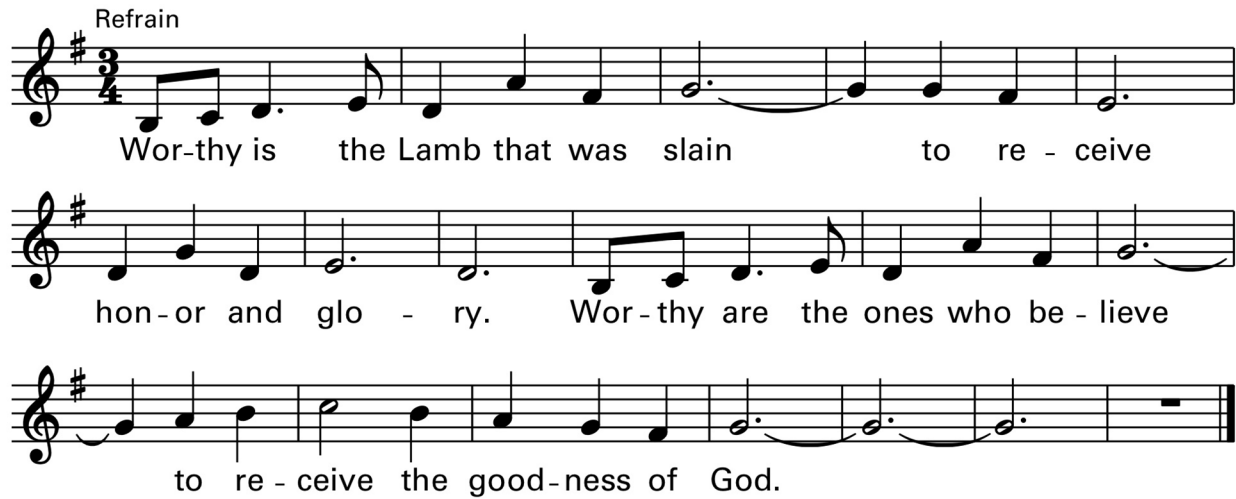
Tantum ergo Sacramentum Veneremur cernui:
Et antiquum documentum Novo cedat ritui:
Praestet fides supplementum Sensuum defectui.

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

WORTHY IS THE LAMB

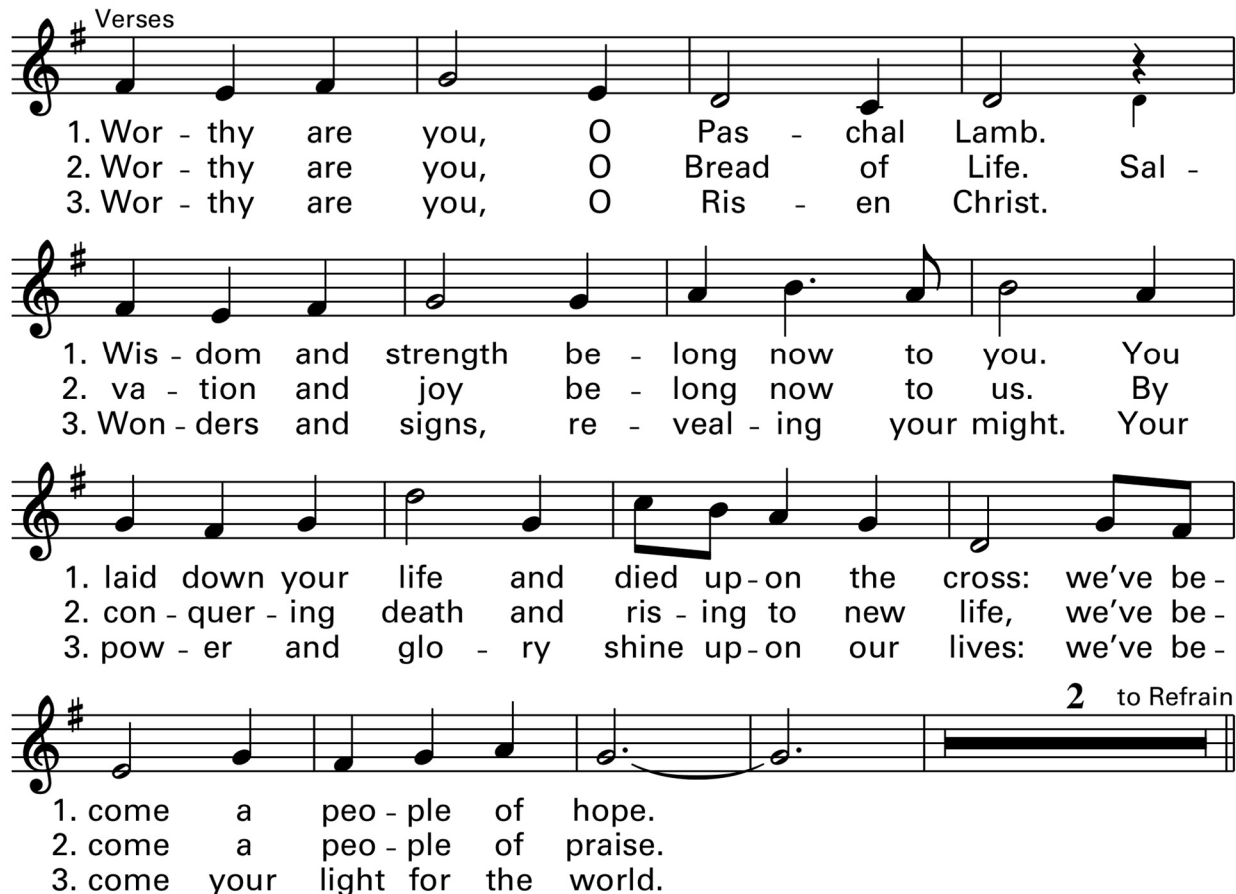
Ricky Manalo

Refrain



Wor-thy is the Lamb that was slain to re - ceive
hon - or and glo - ry. Wor - thy are the ones who be - lieve
to re - ceive the good - ness of God.

Verses



1. Wor - thy are you, O Pas - chal Lamb.
2. Wor - thy are you, O Bread of Life. Sal -
3. Wor - thy are you, O Ris - en Christ.

1. Wis - dom and strength be - long now to you. You
2. va - tion and joy be - long now to us. By
3. Won - ders and signs, re - veal - ing your might. Your

1. laid down your life and died up - on the cross: we've be -
2. con - quer - ing death and ris - ing to new life, we've be -
3. pow - er and glo - ry shine up - on our lives: we've be -

2 to Refrain

1. come a peo - ple of hope.
2. come a peo - ple of praise.
3. come your light for the world.

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Go Make of All Disciples



1. "Go make of all dis - ci - ples:" We hear the call, O
2. "Go make of all dis - ci - ples:" Bap-tiz - ing in the
3. "Go make of all dis - ci - ples:" We at your feet would
4. "Go make of all dis - ci - ples:" We wel-come your com -



Lord, That comes from you, our Fa - ther, In
 name Of Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it— From
 stay Un - til each life's vo - ca - tion Ac -
 mand; "Lo, I am with you al - ways:" We



your e - ter - nal Word. In - spire our ways of
 age to age the same. We call each new dis -
 cents your ho - ly way. We cul - ti - vate the
 take your guid - ing hand. The task looms large be -



learn - ing Through earn - est, fer - vent prayer, And
 ci - ple To fol - low you, O Lord, Re -
 na - ture God plants in ev - 'ry heart, Re -
 fore us— We fol - low with - out fear. In



let our dai - ly liv - ing Re - veal you ev - 'ry-where.
 deem - ing soul and bod - y By wa - ter and the Word.
 veal - ing in our wit - ness The Mas - ter Teach - er's art.
 heav'n and earth your pow - er Shall bring God's king - dom here.

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