

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

SOLEMN MASS

Sunday, February 12, 2023, 11:00 AM

The Church of Saint Mary the Virgin in the City of New York

Our Guest Organist

David Hurd, Saint Mary's organist and music director, is in Boston this weekend, teaching a master class for the members of that city's Anglican Guild of Organists and playing the service at Boston's historic Old South Church. We are happy, and blessed, that Clark Anderson has agreed once again to play the service here and conduct the choir in David's absence.

Clark took his first job as church organist at the age of thirteen and went on to hold a variety of organist and music director positions over the following thirty years, until his day job as a banker forced him to retire from the organ bench. Since then he has performed and accompanied periodically, and he tells us that he is always happy to be at the Saint Mary's console. Clark holds degrees from Princeton University (where he was University Organist and Assistant Conductor) and Pomona College. Clark is currently a Managing Director at Morgan Stanley here in the city, and he and his husband Zachary have been members of Saint Mary's since 2014.

About the Music

Today's voluntaries are by Olivier Alain (1918–1994), of the famous musical Alain family. Both his father Albert and elder brother Jehan were composers and organists, and his younger sister, Marie-Claire, was one of the most renowned organists of her generation. Olivier studied at the Paris Conservatoire at the same time as Messiaen and Aubin and went on to become director of the conservatory in Saint-Germain-en-Laye, the École César Franck, and finally the Conservatoire National de Région in Paris. His music clearly shows the tonal and rhythmic experimentation emerging in the second half of the twentieth century. The prelude is the first movement of his *Suite for Organ* (1951, dedicated to Marie-Claire). This compact movement is built around a six-note figure he varies chromatically throughout, adding a sustained chromatic descending scale above. The postlude is a setting of the ntroit for the second Sunday after Epiphany. Alain sets the introit around a jagged, dramatic texture in the hands, with the pedal declaiming the chant. The result very effectively captures the text: "Let all the earth adore Thee, O God...Shout with joy to God, all the earth..." Alain's expert use of modality, atonality and the organ's more striking colors heightens the drama. — *Clark Anderson*

The setting of the Mass today is *Canterbury Mass* by Anthony Piccolo. Piccolo's note on the 1996 published edition reads, 'Written in 1978 for Dr. Allan Wicks and the Choir of Canterbury Cathedral, these settings were intended for use in the Cathedral's resonant nave during the rebuilding of the organ. They are here presented somewhat revised and in accordance with current liturgical practice.' The Mass is scored for unaccompanied mixed choir, mostly in four parts but with occasional further division of voices. The text is disposed efficiently with occasional overlapping of text phrases. Piccolo grew up in New Jersey and completed a master's degree at Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore, Maryland. During a subsequent nine-year residence in England, he sang with cathedral choirs of Litchfield, Canterbury and St. Paul's, London, and performed extensively as a pianist.

Returning to the United States, he has remained very active as a composer, pianist, and conductor in a variety of venues.

The beloved English priest and poet George Herbert (1593–1633) offered his reflection and prayer to Jesus as the way, truth, and life in "The Call" (*The Temple,* 1633). Herbert's prayer-poem has inspired many musical settings over the years. One of the most well-known is from *Five Mystical Songs* by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958), which has been distilled into many modern hymnals. (See 487 in *The Hymnal 1982*.) The setting of Herbert's "The Call," sung today as the Communion motet, is by Richard DeLong (1951–1994), a prolific American composer who life was unfortunately cut short. Born in Mansfield, Ohio, DeLong flourished as an organist, harpsichordist, conductor, and composer in the orbit of Dallas, Texas. He served the Roman Catholic parish of Saint Mark the Evangelist, Plano, for the last twelve years of his life. Many of his choral compositions were first given voice by the choir of that parish. Published in 1992, DeLong's *Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life* for unaccompanied mixed voices was commissioned by Barbara Ilacqua in honor of her parents' fortieth wedding anniversary. It is dated June 16, 1987. — *David Hurd*

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Did you keep your palms last year?
Did you make a palm cross on Palm Sunday?
You are invited to bring last year's palms to church,
so they may become this year's ashes.
Place them in the basket on the ushers' table.
They will be burned later this month and
the ashes will be used on Ash Wednesday.

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You are invited to join us for Coffee Hour after Mass in Saint Joseph's Hall.

Please ask an usher for directions to the Hall.

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The Prelude

Prélude from Suite pour Orgue, Op. 135 (1951)

Olivier Alain (1918–1994)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

The Entrance Song

All stand at the signal of the bell. The ministers of the assembly enter, and the Choir sings the appointed Introit.

Esto mihi in Deum protectorem, et in locum refugii, ut salvum me facias: quoniam firmamentum meum, et refugium meum es tu: et propter nomen tuum dux mihi eris, et enutries me. In te Domine speravi, non confundar in aeternum: in iustitia tua libera me. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Be to me a strong rock, O God, and a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name lead me and guide me.
In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.

The Sprinkling of Holy Water

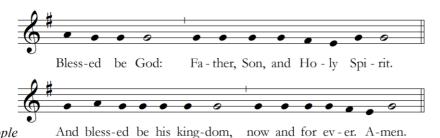
The assembly is sprinkled with holy water while Asperges me is sung.

Asperges me, Domine, hyssopo, et mundabor: lavabis me, et super nivem dealbabor.
Miserere mei, Deus, secundum magnam misericordiam tuam.
Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum.
Amen

You will sprinkle me with hyssop, O Lord, and I shall be cleansed; you will wash me and I shall be made whiter than snow. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, according to your great mercy. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

The Opening Acclamation

The Celebrant sings



Setting: Louis Weil (1935–2022)

The Song of Praise

The Choir sings Gloria in excelsis. The setting is Canterbury Mass by Anthony Piccolo (b. 1946).

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

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.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant sings

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All AMEN.

THE WORD OF GOD

The Lessons

All are seated for the Lessons. The first Lesson, Ecclesiasticus 15:11–20, is now read.

Do not say, "Because of the Lord I left the right way"; for he will not do what he hates. Do not say, "It was he who led me astray"; for he has no need of a sinful man. The Lord hates all abominations, and they are not loved by those who fear him. It was he who created man in the beginning, and he left him in the power of his own inclination. If you will, you can keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice. He has placed before you fire and water: stretch out your hand for whichever you wish. Before a man are life and death, and whichever he chooses will be given to him. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows every deed of man. He has not commanded any one to be ungodly, and he has not given any one permission to sin.

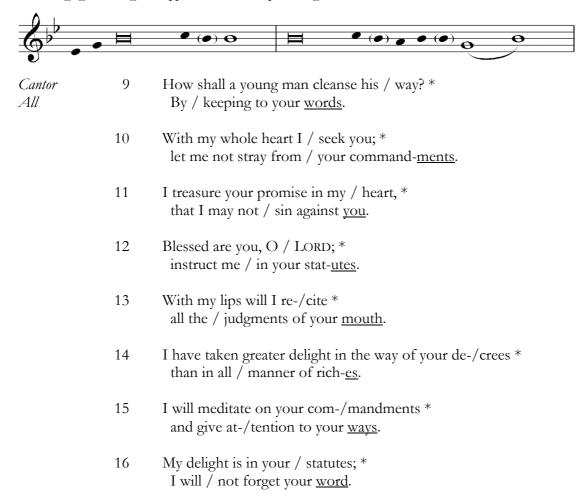
After the Lesson, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:9-16

The Congregation sings the appointed Psalm to plainsong tone 5.2.



The second Lesson, 1 Corinthians 3:1–9, is now read.

But I, brethren, could not address you as spiritual men, but as men of the flesh, as babes in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food; for you were not ready for it; and even yet you are not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving like ordinary men? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apol'los," are you not merely men? What then is Apol'los? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apol'los watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are equal, and each shall receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

After the Lesson, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Verse before the Gospel

All stand. The ministers of the assembly prepare for the Gospel as Alleluia and the appointed verse are sung.

Alleluia, alleluia. Cantate Domino canticum novum: quia mirabilia fecit Dominus. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

Sing to the Lord a new song;
for the Lord has done marvelous things.

Alleluia.

A Minister proclaims the Gospel, first singing

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

People Minister

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

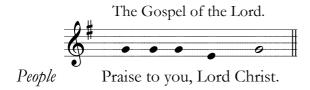
People

Glo-ry to you, Lord Christ.

The appointed Gospel, Matthew 5:21–37, is now proclaimed.

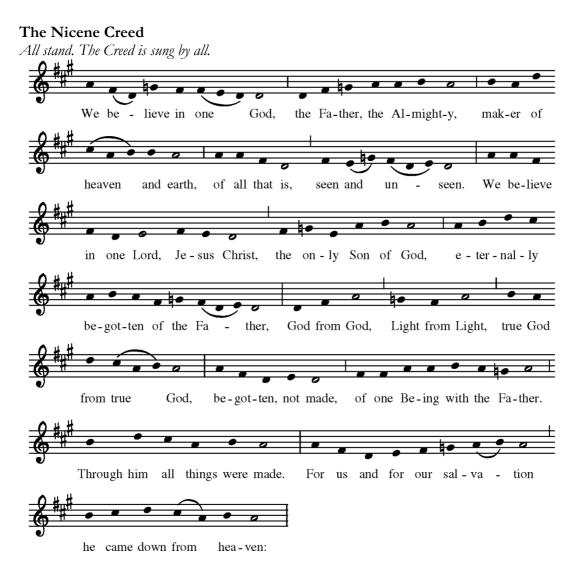
Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, "You have heard that it was said to the men of old, 'You shall not kill; and whoever kills shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother shall be liable to the council, and whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be liable to the hell of fire. So, if you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Make friends quickly with your accuser, while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison; truly, I say to you, you will never get out till you have paid the last penny. You have heard that it was said, You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and throw it away; it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell. It was also said, Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, makes her an adulteress; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. Again, you have heard that it was said to the men of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil."

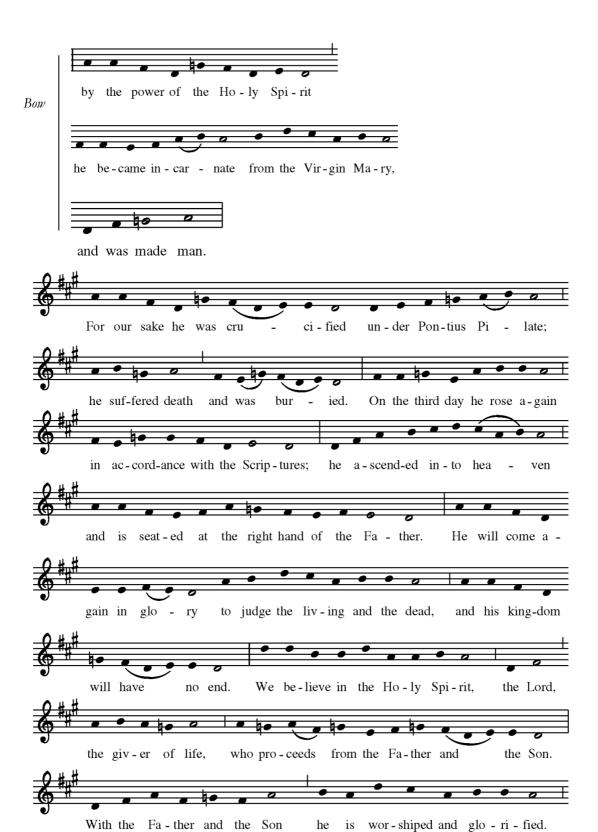
After the Gospel, the Minister sings

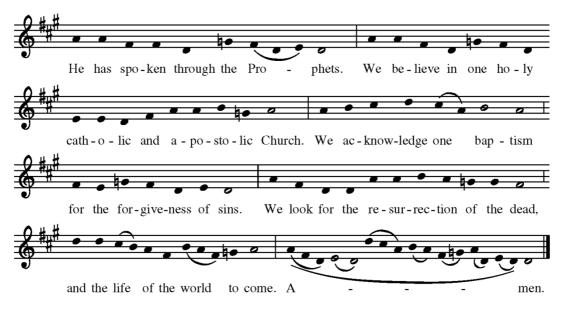


The Sermon

The Reverend Canon Victor Conrado



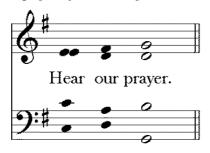




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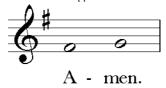
The Prayers of the People

A Minister bids the prayers of the assembly. At the end of each petition the People sing



Setting: David Hurd (b. 1950)

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect. The People respond



The Confession of Sin

The Minister says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The People kneel. Silence is observed.

Celebrant and People

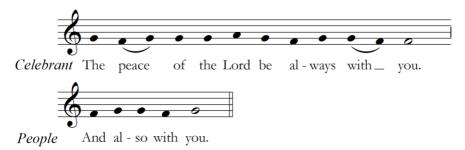
Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, \P forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People AMEN.

The Peace



Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Preparation of the Gifts

All are seated as the appointed antiphon is sung and the offerings of the assembly are collected.

Benedictus es Domine, doce me iustificationes tuas: benedictus es Domine, doce me iustificationes tuas: in labiis meis pronuntiavi omnia iudicia oris tui. Blessed are you, O Lord, instruct me in your statutes.
Blessed are you, O Lord, instruct me in your statutes.
With my lips will I recite all the judgments of your mouth.

Hymn: Forgive our sins as we forgive All stand and sing the hymn.

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The Great Thanksgiving

All remain standing. The Celebrant faces the People and sings



Celerant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Choir sings Sanctus and Benedictus. The setting is by Anthony Piccolo.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

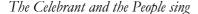
The People stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,





We re-mem-ber his death, We pro-claim his res-ur-rec-tion,



We a-wait his com-ing in glo-ry.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, the Virgin Mother of God, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

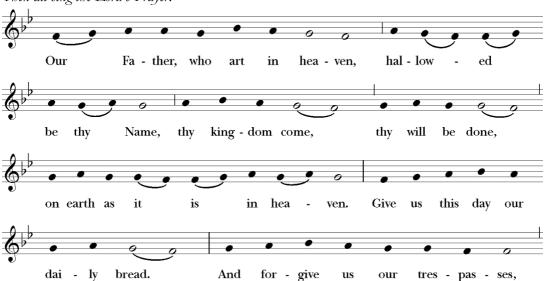
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

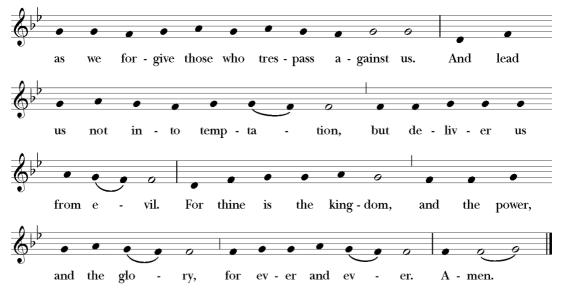


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Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Then all sing the Lord's Prayer.

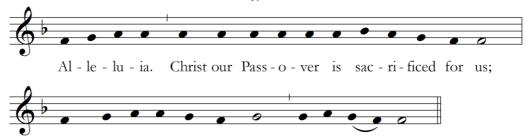




Setting: Plainsong; adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and sings



People There-fore let us keep the feast. Al-le-lu - ia.

Setting: Ambrosian Chant adapt. Mason Martens (1933–1991)

The Choir sings Agnus Dei. The setting is by Anthony Piccolo.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

The Invitation

The Celebrant invites the People to receive the Holy Communion.

We are all invited to the Lord's Table

Those who wish to receive Communion should proceed to the Communion rail, guided by the ushers.

At the rail, you may either stand or kneel.

In the Episcopal Church all baptized persons are invited to receive the Holy Communion.

Members of other Christian churches who are baptized are also invited to receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

Persons who do not wish to receive the Holy Communion are also invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

If you would like someone to bring you Communion at your seat, please notify an usher. We would be happy to accommodate you.

The Communion Song and Motet

As the ministration of Communion begins, the appointed antiphon is sung.

Manducaverunt, et saturati sunt nimis, et desiderium eorum attulit eis Dominus: non sunt fraudati a desiderio suo.

They ate and were well filled; and what they desired is what the Lord gave them; they were not deprived of their desires.

During the ministration of Communion, the Choir sings the motet, Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life. The setting is by Richard DeLong (1951–1994).

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a Way as gives us breath: Such a Truth as ends all strife, Such a Life as killeth Death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength! Such a Light as shows a feast, Such a Feast as mends in length, Such a Strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart! Such a Joy as none can move, Such a Love as none can part, Such a Heart as joys in love.

Text: George Herbert (1593-1633)

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Hymn: I come with joy to meet my Lord

All stand and sing the hymn.

The Postcommunion Prayer

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant Almighty and everliving God,

All we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food

of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries

that we are living members of the Body of your Son,

and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out

to do the work you have given us to do,

to love and serve you

as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant The blessing of God Almighty, ♥ the Father, the Son, and the

Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

All are seated for the announcements.

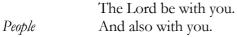
Hymn: Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

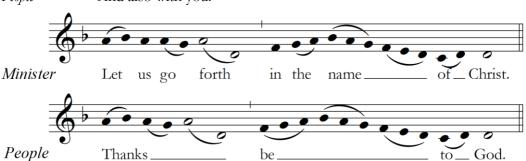
All stand and sing the hymn.

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The Dismissal

A Minister dismisses the assembly, first singing





Setting: Missa orbis factor

The Postlude

Prélude-Introït-Récitatif, Op. 158 (1959)

Olivier Alain

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The flowers on the altar and in the church are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Vivian Marie Martin by her brother, Charles Carson, and by Daniel Heischman.

THE FLOWERS WERE ARRANGED BY A MEMBER OF THE FLOWER GUILD OF SAINT MARY'S.

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