

*Ascension Day*

PROCESSION &  
SOLEMN PONTIFICAL MASS

Thursday, May 9, 2024, 6:00 PM

**The Right Reverend Matthew F. Heyd**  
The Bishop of New York  
Celebrant & Preacher

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

# We Welcome Bishop Matthew F. Heyd

We are pleased and honored to welcome Bishop Matthew Heyd to Saint Mary's this evening. This is his first visit to the parish. Bishop Heyd was installed as the seventeenth bishop of New York on Saturday, February 10, 2024, after serving since his consecration in May 2023 as bishop alongside the sixteenth bishop, Andrew M.L. Dietsche.

He served for ten years as the tenth rector of Church of the Heavenly Rest here in Manhattan. As rector, he engaged with congregation and staff to create a “bigger table” of deep belonging and wide invitation.

Prior to coming to Heavenly Rest, Bishop Heyd served as director of Faith in Action at Trinity Church Wall Street. He expanded volunteer engagement with opportunities for children in New York City, New Orleans, Haiti, Panama, and Burundi. He supported the development of the Episcopal Service Corps. Bishop Heyd also helped launch Episcopal Charities in the Diocese of New York and served as chief operating officer of a national non-profit connecting students and teachers in schools to service opportunities. He worked with the family of Martin Luther King, Jr., on a program to help students celebrate the King National Holiday with service.

Bishop Heyd was a Morehead Scholar and student body president at the University of North Carolina. He holds a Master of Arts in religion *summa cum laude* from Yale

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University and a Master of Sacred Theology from the General Theological Seminary.

His spouse, Ann Thornton, is Vice Provost and University Librarian at Columbia University. They have a sixteen-year-old daughter and an eleven-year-old son. Bishop Heyd grew up in Charlotte, North Carolina. He graduated from Providence Day School. He likes to read and run and has completed five marathons.

## About the Music

The Italian composer, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525–1594), stood on foundations largely laid by the Netherlandish composers Guillaume Dufay (c. 1397–1474) and Josquin des Prez (c. 1450–1521). He is responsible for setting the canons for Renaissance polyphony and the standards for Catholic liturgical music which pertain even in our time. Among his hundreds of compositions are over one hundred Masses, most of which were published in thirteen volumes between 1554 and 1601. Palestrina's works also include more than three hundred motets.

The setting of the Mass this evening is derived from Palestrina's motet *Viri Galilaei*. Published in Venice in 1591, this motet is scored for six voices and, in effect, has two movements. The first part of the motet derives its text from Acts 1:11. Its second part, *Ascendit Deus*, is based upon Psalm 47:5 and Psalm 103:19. While the *Prima* and *Secunda Pars* of the motet, taken together, comprise the liturgical Offertory for Ascension Day, the polyphony makes no specific melodic reference to the traditional chant. There are some dramatic rising lines in all voices but, curiously, much of the melodic motion in the exuberant concluding *alleluias* is downward, coming from above. Palestrina's *Missa Viri Galilaei* takes its musical impetus from this motet. The date of its composition is uncertain, and it was published posthumously in Venice in 1601. Like the motet, the Mass movements employ six voices. The closing section of its *Gloria in excelsis* is particularly rich in upward sweeping melodic figures. In *Sanctus*, Palestrina reduced the texture to four voices at *Pleni sunt coeli*, returning to six voices at *Hosanna in excelsis*. Likewise, *Benedictus* is set for four voices with all six voices returning for the closing *Hosanna*.

Born in Dublin, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924) was educated at the University of Cambridge—where he was appointed organist of Trinity College while an undergraduate—and later studied music in Leipzig and Berlin. In 1882, he was one of

the founding professors of the Royal College of Music. In addition, from 1887 he was also Professor of Music at Cambridge. Among his students were members of a generation of distinguished composers that included Gustav Holst and Ralph Vaughan Williams. Stanford was a prolific composer whose works included seven symphonies and nine operas. He is perhaps most dearly remembered today, however, for his enduring church anthems and settings for Anglican worship. The motet sung during the administration of Communion this evening is the second of Stanford's Three Motets, Opus 38, *Coelos ascendit bodie*. The text of this energetic double-choir motet is that of an Ascension hymn of uncertain authorship which was known in fourteenth-century Germany as *Gen Himmel aufgefahren ist*. It was published along with two other motets in 1905, and all three were dedicated to Alan Gray and the Choir of Trinity College, Cambridge.

## The Organ Recital

5:30 PM

*James Kibbie,  
Professor Emeritus, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*

Prelude and Fugue in E Major, BWV 566      Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

*Go Down, Moses*      Fela Sowande (1905–1987)

Passacaglia *from* Symphony in G Major      Leo Sowerby (1895–1968)

**James Kibbie** is Professor Emeritus at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Dr. Kibbie's forty-two-year tenure in Ann Arbor included service as University Organist and Chair of the Organ Department. His former students hold key positions in college teaching and church music nationally. Among the honors he has received, he is particularly proud of the James Kibbie Scholarship, endowed in perpetuity by the University of Michigan to support students majoring in organ performance and sacred music. Dr. Kibbie maintains a full schedule of concert, recording, and festival engagements throughout North America and Europe, including appearances at the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris, Royal Festival Hall in London, Dvořák Hall in Prague, and Lincoln Center in New York. During his month-long concert tour of the Soviet Union in 1991, the newspaper *Pravda* hailed him as "a marvelous organist, a

brilliant interpreter.” A frequent jury member of international organ competitions, he has himself been awarded the Grand Prix d’Interprétation at the prestigious International Organ Competition of Chartres, France, and is also the only American to have won the International Organ Competition of the Prague Spring Festival in the former Czechoslovakia. He is internationally renowned as an authority on the organ music of Johann Sebastian Bach. He has performed the complete cycle of Bach organ works in a series of eighteen recitals and is in constant demand as a Bach recitalist and clinician. Thanks to generous support from Dr. Barbara Furin Sloat, in honor of J. Barry Sloat, the University of Michigan is offering Dr. Kibbie’s critically acclaimed recordings of all 274 Bach works as free Internet downloads at [www.blockmrecords.org/bach](http://www.blockmrecords.org/bach).

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to the greater glory of God and  
in thanksgiving for the people and clergy of  
The Church of Saint Mary the Virgin, past and present.**

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**Please join us for a reception in  
Saint Joseph’s Hall following Mass.  
All are welcome.**

# The Regina coeli

6:00 PM

*All stand at the sound of the bell. The Officiant says*

*People*            ✠ O Queen of Heaven, be joyful,  
Alleluia.

*Officiant*        Because he whom so meetly thou barest,  
*People*            Alleluia,

*Officiant*        Hath arisen as he promised,  
*People*            Alleluia.

*Officiant*        Pray for us to the Father,  
*People*            Alleluia.

*Officiant*        Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia;  
*People*            For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

*The Officiant continues*

Let us pray.

*Officiant*        O God, who, by the resurrection of thy Son Jesus  
Christ, didst vouchsafe to give gladness unto the  
world: Grant, we beseech thee, that we, being holpen  
by the Virgin Mary, his mother, may ✠ attain unto the  
joys of everlasting life, through the same Christ our  
Lord.

*People*            **AMEN.**

# THE WORD OF GOD

## The Entrance Song

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

Viri Galilaei,  
quid admiramini aspicientes  
in coelum, alleluia:  
quemadmodum vidistis  
eum ascendentem in coelum,  
ita veniet,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Omnes gentes plaudite manibus:  
iubilare Deo in voce exultationis.  
Gloria Patri,  
et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.  
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc,  
et semper, et in saecula saeculorum.  
Amen.

*Men of Galilee,  
why do you stand looking  
into heaven? alleluia;  
in the same way that you saw  
him ascending into heaven  
will you see him coming again,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Clap your hands, all you peoples;  
shout to God with a cry of joy.  
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 Procession

*The procession is formed. A Minister then intones the procession.*

Let us go forth in peace.



*People*

In the name of Christ. A-men.

## Hymn: Hail thee, festival day!

The Hymnal 1982 #216

*The Congregation sings the hymn as the procession moves to the first station.*

## **The Station at the Shrine of Christ the King**

*At the Shrine, the Bishop says the versicle, and the People respond.*

*Bishop*           The Lord is King, alleluia  
*People*           And has put on glorious apparel, alleluia.

*Bishop*           Let us pray.

Father all-powerful, God of love, you have raised our Lord Jesus Christ from death to life, resplendent in glory as King of creation. Open our hearts to rejoice in his peace, to glory in his justice and to live in his love, through Jesus Christ your Son; whose kingdom is with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People*           **AMEN.**

## **Hymn: Hail the day that sees him rise**

**The Hymnal 1982 #214**

*The Congregation then sings the hymn as the procession moves to the second station.*

## **The Station at the Rood**

*At the Crossing, beneath the Rood, the Bishop says the versicle, and the People respond.*

*Bishop*           God is gone up with a merry noise, alleluia  
*People*           And the Lord with the sound of the trumpet, alleluia.

*Bishop*           Let us pray.

O Almighty God, blessed Father, as your Son was raised on the cross, his mother Mary stood by him, sharing his sufferings. May your Church be united with Christ in his suffering and death and so come to share in his rising to new life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. for ever and ever.

*People*           **AMEN.**



## The Opening Acclamation

*Bishop*        ✠ Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People*        The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## The Song of Praise

*The Choir sings the song of praise, Gloria in excelsis Deo. The setting is Missa Viri Galilaei by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525–1594).*

Gloria in excelsis Deo  
et in terra pax  
hominibus bonae voluntatis.  
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,  
adoramus te, glorificamus te,  
gratias agimus tibi  
propter magnam gloriam tuam.

Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.  
Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe,  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis;  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
suscipe deprecationem nostram;  
qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,  
miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,  
Tu solus Dominus,  
Tu solus Altissimus,  
Iesu Christe,  
cum Sancto Spiritu,  
✠ in gloria Dei Patris.  
Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace  
to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we worship you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks  
for your great glory.*

*O Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ,  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.*

*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 Bishop says*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

And also with you.

*Bishop*

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

*People*

**AMEN.**

## The Lessons

*All are seated for the Lessons. The first Lesson, Acts 1:1–11, is now read.*

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.” And when he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

*After the Lesson, the Reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 110:1–4

*The Congregation remains seated. The Cantor sings the Refrain and the Congregation repeats it. Then the Choir sings the psalm verses to Anglican chant by Charles Villiers Stanford, and the Congregation sings the Refrain.*



I am with you al - ways, to the close of the age.

- 1 The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, \*  
until I make your enemies your footstool.” *Refrain*
- 2 The LORD will send the scepter of your power out of Zion, \*  
saying, “Rule over your enemies round about you. *Refrain*
- 3 Princely state has been yours from the day of your birth; \*  
in the beauty of holiness have I begotten you,  
like dew from the womb of the morning.” *Refrain*
- 4 The LORD has sworn and he will not recant: \*  
“You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.” *Refrain*

*The second Lesson, Ephesians 1:15–23, is now sung.*

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe, according to the working of his great might which he accomplished in Christ when he raised him from the dead and made him sit at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to

come; and he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fulness of him who fills all in all.

*After the Lesson, the Reader sings*

The Word of the Lord.



People

Thanks be to God.

### **The Gospel Acclamation**

*All stand. The ministers of the assembly prepare for the Gospel while the appointed antiphon is sung.*

Alleluia. Dominus in Sina in sancto,  
ascendens in altum, captivam duxit  
captivitatem. Alleluia

*Alleluia. The Lord is in Sinai, in the holy place;  
ascending on high, he has led captivity  
captive. Alleluia.*

### **The Holy Gospel**

*A Minister proclaims the Gospel, first singing*

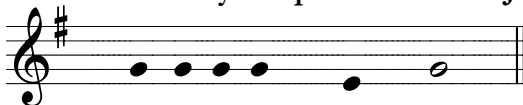
The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Minister

✠ **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.**



People

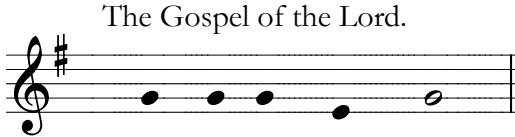
Glo-ry to you, Lord Christ.

*The appointed Gospel, Luke 24:44–53, is now proclaimed.*

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “These are my words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of

these things. And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city, until you are clothed with power from on high.” Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. And they returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

*After the Gospel, the Minister sings*



*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon** The Right Reverend Matthew Foster Heyd  
*The Bishop of New York*

**The Presentation and Examination of the Candidates**  
*The Bishop says*

The Candidates will now be presented.

*Presenters* We present these persons for Confirmation.

*Presenter* I present *N.N.* who desires to reaffirm her baptismal vows.

*The Bishop asks the following questions of the candidates.*

*Question* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?  
*Answer* I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

*After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the Congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?  
*All* We will.

*Bishop* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

### **The Baptismal Covenant**

*The Bishop says*

Do you believe in God the Father?  
*People* I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
*People* I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*Bishop* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
*People* I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.

*Bishop* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in  
the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?  
*People* I will, with God's help.

*Bishop* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into  
sin, repent and return to the Lord?  
*People* I will, with God's help.

*Bishop* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of  
God in Christ?  
*People* I will, with God's help.

*Bishop* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your  
neighbor as yourself?  
*People* I will, with God's help.

*Bishop* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and  
respect the dignity of every human being?  
*People* I will, with God's help.

## Prayers for the Candidates

*The Bishop then says to the Congregation*

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

*A Minister leads the following petitions.*

*Minister* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Minister* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Minister* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Minister* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Minister* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Minister* Send them into the world in witness to your love.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Minister* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Silence is kept. Then the Bishop says*

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*All* **AMEN.**



## **For Confirmation**

*The Bishop lays hands upon the Candidate and says*

Defend, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your heavenly grace, that *s/he* may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until *s/he* comes to your everlasting Kingdom.

*All*                    **AMEN.**

## **For Reaffirmation**

*The Bishop says*

*N.*, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom.

*All*                    **AMEN.**

*Then the Bishop says*

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*                    **AMEN.**

## **The Peace**

*The Bishop says*

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*                And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and People may share with each other a sign of Christ's peace.*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## The Preparation of the Gifts

*The Congregation is seated as the Choir sings the appointed song and the offerings of the assembly are collected.*

Ascendit Deus in jubilatione,  
Dominus in voce tubae,  
alleluia.

*God has gone up with a shout,  
the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn,  
alleluia.*

## Hymn: Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor

**The Hymnal 1982 #307**

*All stand and sing the hymn while the ushers bring forward the People's gifts of bread, wine, and money, and the Altar is prepared.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

*The People stand. The Bishop turns to face the Congregation and says*

                                  The Lord be with you.  
*People*                          And also with you.  
*Bishop*                      Lift up your hearts.  
*People*                      We lift them to the Lord.  
*Bishop*                      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*                      It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Bishop continues*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks;  
for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light  
inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things  
and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in  
the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you  
night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they  
offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice

to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify  
your Name, as we sing

*The Choir sings Sanctus and Benedictus. The setting is by Palestrina.*

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.

Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,*

*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 Bishop continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world,

he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*The Bishop and the People say*

We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

*The Bishop continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may ✠ descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Michael, our presiding bishop, and all who minister in your Church. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

*People*            **AMEN.**

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

*Then all sing the Lord's Prayer.*

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our

dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
 as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
 us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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

### The Breaking of the Bread

*The Bishop breaks the consecrated Bread, and then a Minister sings*

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
 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 Palestrina.*

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi;  
miserere nobis.

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

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi;  
miserere nobis.

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

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi;  
dona nobis pacem.

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

### **The Invitation**

*The Bishop 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 ministrations of Communion begin, the Cantor sings the appointed antiphon.*

Signa eos

qui in me credunt haec sequentur:

daemones eicient:

super aegros manus imponunt,

et bene habebunt. Alleluia.

*These signs*

*will accompany those who believe:*

*They will cast out demons,*

*and when they lay their hands upon the sick,*

*these will recover. Alleluia..*

*Then the Choir sings the motet, Coelos ascendit hodie. The setting is by Charles Villiers Stanford.*

Coelos ascendit hodie, Jesus Christus Rex gloriae, sedet ad patris dexteram, Alleluia! Gubernat coelum et terram, Alleluia! Jam finem habent omnia, patris Davidis carmina, Alleluia! Jam Dominus cum Domino, sedet in Dei solio, in hoc triumpho maximo, Alleluia! Benedicamus Domino, laudatur Sancta Trinitas Deo dicamus gratia, Alleluia! Amen.

*Today Jesus Christ, the King of glory, has ascended into the heavens, Alleluia! He sits at the Father's right hand, ruling heaven and earth, Alleluia! Now are David's songs fulfilled, now is the Lord with his Lord, Alleluia! He sits upon the royal throne of God, in this his greatest triumph, Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord: let the Holy Trinity be praised, let us give thanks to the Lord. Alleluia! Amen.*



**Hymn: A hymn of glory let us sing**  
*The Congregation stands and sings the hymn.*

**The Hymnal 1982 #218**

**The Postcommunion Prayer**

*The People may stand or kneel. The Bishop says*

Let us pray.

*Bishop*  
*All*

Almighty and everliving God,  
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 Pontifical Blessing**

*The People may stand or kneel. The Bishop prays*

*People* Our help is in the Name of the Lord;  
The maker of heaven and earth.

*Bishop* Blessed be the Name of the Lord;  
*People* From this time forth for evermore.

*Bishop* The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the  
Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.  
*People* Amen.

## Welcome and Announcements

*All are seated while the Priest-in-Charge welcomes the People. Refreshments are served in Saint Joseph's Hall immediately following the service. All are welcome.*

## Hymn: The Lord ascendeth up on high

The Hymnal 1982 #219

*The Congregation stands and sings the hymn.*

## The Dismissal

*A Minister dismisses the assembly, first singing*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

And also with you.



*Minister*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia. \_\_\_\_\_



*People*

Thanks be to God, al - le lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. \_\_\_\_\_

## The Postlude

Improvisation

## We are grateful for your help

We are enormously grateful to all the members and friends of Saint Mary's from far and wide who have supported the parish during the extraordinary events of the past three years. Your gifts have encouraged us, and they have kept us going.

If you have not yet done so, we hope that you will make a pledge to the parish for 2024 at this time. Pledge cards may be found on the ushers' table at the Forty-sixth Street entrance to the church. *If you can make an additional donation to support the parish at this time, we would happily receive it.* Donations may be made by scanning the QR code below with your smartphone; or by arranging to pay in other ways by contacting our parish administrator, Christopher Howatt, who would be happy to assist you. He may be reached at 212-869-5830 x 10.



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