

**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**



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**IN THE YEAR OF SALVATION TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023**

❁ INTRODUCTORY RITES ❁

PRELUDE (NOON)

Prière à Notre Dame

Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)
from *Suite Gothique, Op. 25*
“Prayer to Our Lady”

INTROIT (NOON)

*Gaudens gaudebo * in Domino et exsultabit anima mea in Deo meo:
quia induit me vestimentis salutis,
et indumento iustitiae circumdedit me,
quasi sponsam ornátam monilibus suis.*

*Exaltabo te Domine, quoniam suscepisti me:
nec delectasti inimicos meos super me.*

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, and my soul shall be joyful in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
and with the robe of righteousness he has covered me,
as a bridegroom decked with a crown, and as a bride adorned with her jewels.

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have lifted me up,
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

-Is 61:10; Ps 29

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Mary, First Among Believers



1. Mar - y, first a - mong be - liev - ers, Trust - ing in the
2. Mar - y first a - mong the ex - iles, Seek - ing ref - uge
3. Mar - y first a - mong dis - ci - ples, Lis - t'ning, learn - ing
4. Mar - y, first a - mong the suf - f'ring, Stand - ing bowed be -
5. Mar - y, first a - mong the bless - ed, Robed in heav - en's

(Continued on page 3)

an - gel's word, You con - sent - ed and, con - ceiv - ing,
 in the night, You left home with spouse and In - fant,
 from your Son, You held dear his words and ac - tions,
 neath the cross, You knew all the pain and an - guish
 beau - ty bright, You re - joice with saints and an - gels

Brought to birth the Son of God. Moth - er now of
 Flee - ing Her - od's sword in fright. Moth - er now of
 Pon - d'ring each, for - get - ting none. Moth - er now of
 Of op - pres - sion, grief, and loss. Moth - er now of
 In your Son's re - splen - dent light. Moth - er now of

all be - liev - ers, Give our frag - ile faith in - crease;
 all the ex - iles, Give them sleep with - out a - larm;
 all dis - ci - ples, Help us lis - ten day by day;
 all the suf - f'ring, May we show Com - pas - sion's face;
 all the bless - ed, Make your pil - grim peo - ple strong;

May we, trust - ing in God's pro - mise,
 Give them cloth - ing, food, and shel - ter;
 O - pen to the Spir - it's prompt - ing,
 May the vic - tims of in - jus - tice
 Keep us faith - ful till we join you,


Doubts and use - less fears re - lease.
 Keep them safe and free from harm.
 Help us fol - low Je - sus' way.
 Know, through us, God's love and grace.
 Prais - ing God in end - less song.

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GREETING

PENITENTIAL ACT

GLORIA

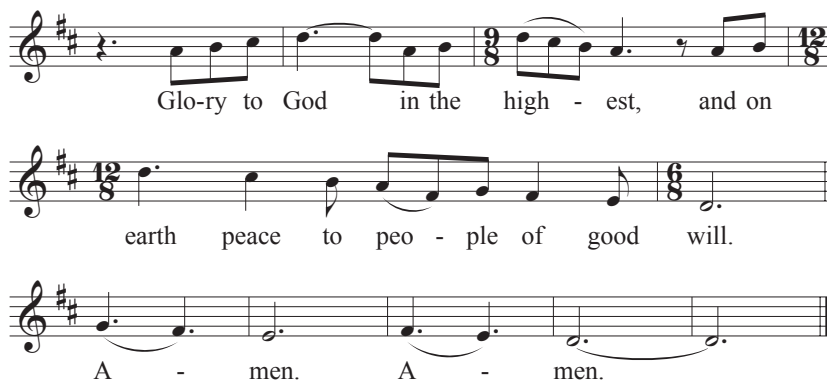


Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on
earth peace to peo - ple of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. **Refrain**

Lord, Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
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. **Refrain**

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. **Final Refrain**



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on
earth peace to peo - ple of good will.
A - men. A - men.

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COLLECT

After responding "Amen" to the Collect, please be seated.

❁ LITURGY OF THE WORD ❁

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS

3:9-15, 20

After the man, Adam, had eaten of the tree, the LORD God called to the man and asked him, “Where are you?” He answered, “I heard you in the garden; but I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself.” Then he asked, “Who told you that you were naked? You have eaten, then, from the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat!” The man replied, “The woman whom you put here with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and so I ate it.” The LORD God then asked the woman, “Why did you do such a thing?” The woman answered, “The serpent tricked me into it, so I ate it.”

Then the LORD God said to the serpent: “Because you have done this, you shall be banned from all the animals and from all the wild creatures; on your belly shall you crawl, and dirt shall you eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike at your head, while you strike at his heel.” The man called his wife Eve, because she became the mother of all the living.

Cantor:	<i>Assembly:</i>
	
Ver - bum Do - mi - ni.	De - o gra - ti - as.
The word of the Lord.	Thanks be to God.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM (5:30)

Psalm 98

Sing to the Lord a new song, for
he has done mar-vel-ous deeds.
Sing to the Lord a new song for
he has done mar-vel-ous deeds.

Text: Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 (1a), *The Abbey Psalms and Canticles*. The English translation of the Psalm Response from the *Lectionary for Mass*, 1969, 1981, 1997, ICEL. All rights reserved.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Noon)

Psalm 98

Sing to the Lord a new song, for
he has done marv' - lous deeds.

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds;
His right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm. **Refrain**

The LORD has made his salvation known:
in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.
He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness
toward the house of Israel. **Refrain**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God.
Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; break into song; sing praise. **Refrain**

Text: Psalm 98, *New American Bible*, excerpts from the *Lectionary for Mass for Use in the Dioceses of the United States of America*, second typical edition

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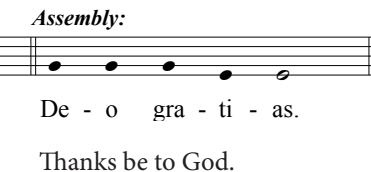
A READING FROM THE LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE ROMANS

13:11-14

Brothers and sisters:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved.

In him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will, so that we might exist for the praise of his glory, we who first hoped in Christ.

<p>Cantor:</p>  <p>Ver - bum Do - mi - ni.</p> <p>The word of the Lord.</p>	<p>Assembly:</p>  <p>De - o gra - ti - as.</p> <p>Thanks be to God.</p>
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please stand.)*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you;
blessed are you among women.

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A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

1:26-38

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Assembly: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his Kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Priest/cantor: *Assembly:*

Ver - bum Do - mi - ni. Laus ti - bi, Chri - ste.
The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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HOMILY

APOSTLES' CREED *(All bow at the words in bold.)*

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 where 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

COMMISSIONING OF EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (5:30)

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are entrusted with the task of administering the Eucharist, with taking Holy Communion to those who are sick, and giving Viaticum to the dying.

BLESSING OF ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS (5:30)

Liturgical Ministers welcome those who join us for worship, lead our community in song, proclaim the Word of God and serve at the Altar.



INTERCESSIONS

Please respond at the bidding of the cantor.



Te ro - ga - mos, — ye - nos. Lord, hear our prayer.

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COLLECTION OF OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

✿ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ✿

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE GIFTS

At the bidding of the priest, please stand.

5:30

Como Estrella en Claro Cielo

Skinner Chávez-Melo (1944-1992)
arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010)
English tr. by Ronald F. Krisman
Mundus

<i>Como estrella en claro cielo</i>	As a star on cloudless evenings
<i>De fulgente resplendor,</i>	With greater brilliance shines,
<i>Escogida fue María</i>	So resplendent was the maiden
<i>Por designio del Señor.</i>	Chosen for the Lord's design:
<i>Es cual rosa que florece</i>	Fairest rose in all earth's garden,
<i>Entre cardos de un jardín;</i>	Blooming on a thorny vine,
<i>Es doncella, virgen pura,</i>	Virgin mother, pure of spirit,
<i>Del linaje de David.</i>	Sprung from David's royal line.
<i>Fue un ángel quien le diera</i>	When the angel spoke to Mary,
<i>Bellas nuevas de salud,</i>	His good news brought great delight:
<i>Y a mediados de una noche</i>	He foretold the Light's appearance
<i>Dios al mundo envió la luz.</i>	When but half-spent was the night.
<i>Es su fruto engendrado,</i>	It was God's only-begotten,
<i>Del Creador, supremo don;</i>	The Creator's gift supreme:
<i>Es Jesús, Verbo Encarnado,</i>	Jesus Christ, the Word incarnate,
<i>Del humano, redención.</i>	Sent to comfort and redeem.
<i>De la paja al madero</i>	From the stable to the hillside
<i>Fue a su hijo siempre fiel</i>	Mary's faith would never dim:
<i>Y entre lágrimas y risas</i>	In her tears and in her laughter
<i>Consagró su vida a Él.</i>	She had pledged her life to Him.
<i>Hoy celebros su alegría,</i>	As we celebrate her gladness,
<i>Hoy celebros su dolor,</i>	We recall her deepest pain,
<i>Madre tierna y abnegada</i>	Tender and unselfish mother
<i>Del bendito Salvador.</i>	Of the world's most precious Gain.
<i>Gloria al Padre y al Hijo,</i>	To the Father, Son, and Spirit,
<i>Y al Espíritu en verdad,</i>	Glory, honor, thanks, and praise,
<i>Como era al principio,</i>	As it was in the beginning
<i>Es ahora y será.</i>	And shall be for endless days.
<i>Mi alabanza a Dios se eleva</i>	Let our prayers rise up like incense
<i>Como incienso en el altar;</i>	To the Triune God adored,
<i>Yo también, como María,</i>	Joining with the song of Mary
<i>Canto mi Magnificat.</i>	As we magnify the Lord.



1. The God whom earth and sea and sky A -
 2. O Moth - er blest, the cho - sen shrine Where -
 3. Blest in the mes - sage Ga - briel brought; Blest
 4. O Lord, the Vir - gin - born, to you E -



dore and praise and mag - ni - fy, Whose might they claim, whose
 in the ar - chi-tect di - vine, Whose hand con-tains the
 by the work the Spir-it wrought; Most blest, to bring to
 ter - nal praise and laud are due, Whom with the Fa - ther



love they tell, In Mar - y's bod - y comes to dwell.
 earth and sky, Has come in hu - man flesh to lie!
 hu - man birth The long de - sired of all the earth.
 we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir-it ev - er - more.

Text: LM; *Quem terra, pontus, aethera*; Venantius Fortunatus, c. 530-609, tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.)
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PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

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

Assembly: **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.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: **And with your spirit.**

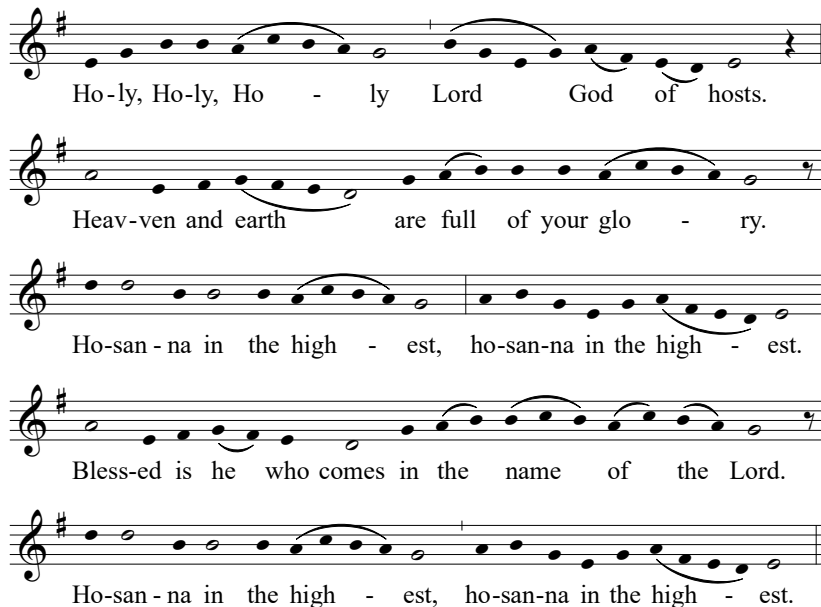
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

Assembly: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Assembly: **It is right and just.**

PREFACE ACCLAMATION

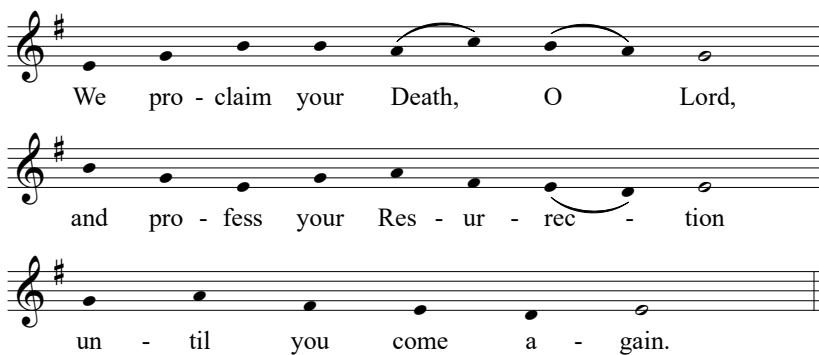


Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

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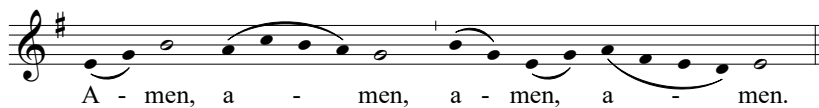
Please kneel.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



We pro - claim your Death, O Lord,
and pro - fess your Res - ur - rec - tion
un - til you come a - gain.

GREAT AMEN



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❁ COMMUNION RITE ❁

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Please stand.)*

GREETING OF PEACE

THE BREAKING OF BREAD

Cantor:
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world:
1., 2. Assembly:
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.
3. Assembly:
grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Please kneel.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION PROCESSION

My Soul Rejoices



My soul re - joic - es in God, my Sav - ior.
My spir - it finds its joy in God the liv - ing God.

Text: Luke 1:46-55; Owen Alstott.

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5:30

Ave María

Pedro Rubalcava
Mundus
Soloist: Tito Cruz

*Dios te salve María, llena eres de gracia.
El Señor está contigo, Dios te salve María
Bendita eres tú, entre todas mujeres,
y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre, Jesús.*

Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with thee,
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

*Ave María, tú, que siempre has sido guía,
ora siempre por nuestras vidas
unidas hoy en este día.*

Holy Mary, you who have always been guidance,
forever you pray for our lives
Gathered together this day.

*Ave María, goza también en mi alegría.
Sabemos bien, O madre mía,
que en el amor se de la vida.
Dichosa eres tú por haber creído
que se cumpliría la Palabra de Dios.*

Hail Mary, rejoice in my joy.
We know, O Mother,
that in love we give life.
Happy are you for believing
that the Word of God has been fulfilled.

*Ave María, grátia plena,
Dóminus tecum,
benedícta tu in muliéribus,
et benedíctus, fructus ventris tui, Jesus.
Ave María, ora pro nobis.*

Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with thee,
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Hail Mary, pray for us.

V
A L-ma * Redemptó-ris Ma-ter, quæ pérvia cæ-li
 porta manes, Et stella ma-ris, succúrre cadénti súrge-
 re qui cu-rat pópu-lo: Tu quæ genu-ísti, na-túra mi-
 ránte, tu-um sanctum Ge-ni-tó-rem: Virgo pri-us ac po-
 sté-ri-us, Gabri-é-lis ab o-re sumens illud Ave, pecca-
 tó-rum mi-se-ré-re.

Loving Mother of the Redeemer, Gateway of heaven
 and Star of the Sea, give aid to a falling people that strives to rise,
 O Thou who begot thy holy Creator, while all Nature marveled,
 Virgin before and after receiving that “Ave”
 from the mouth of Gabriel have mercy on us sinners.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*Please stand.*)

❁ CONCLUDING RITE ❁

BLESSING AND SENDING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Immaculate Mary



1. Im - mac - u - late Mar - y, your prais - es we sing;
2. Pre - des - tined for Christ by e - ter - nal de - cree,
3. To you by an an - gel, the Lord God made known
4. Most blest of all wom - en, you heard and be - lieved;
5. The an - gels re - joiced when you brought forth God's Son;



You reign now in splen - dor with Je - sus our King.
God willed you both vir - gin and moth - er to be.
The grace of the Spir - it, the gift of the Son.
Most blest is the fruit of your womb then con - ceived.
Your joy is the joy of all a - ges to come.



A - ve, a - ve, a - ve, Ma - ri - a.



A - ve, a - ve, Ma - ri - a.

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POSTLUDE (NOON)

Pièce d'Orgue

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
BWV 572
Samuel Holmberg, organ

THE BASILICA
OF SAINT MARY

