



THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 15, 2024 at 5:30pm ☪ May 16, 2024 at 5:00pm

Saint Bridget Catholic Church ♦ Richmond, Virginia

Contemporary Mass



ORDER OF MASS

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Prelude Music

Opening Hymn: *The Lion and the Lamb*

Sung by Cantor

Chorus: He's coming on the clouds.
Kings and kingdoms will bow down,
And every chain will break
As broken hearts declare His praise.
For who can stop the Lord almighty.

Chorus: Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah.
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles.
And every knee will bow before Him.
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain
For the sin of the world. His blood breaks the chains
and every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb.
Oh every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb.

Optional verse: So open up the gates.
Make way before the King of kings;
Our God who comes to save.
Is here to set the captives free.
For who can stop the Lord almighty. *Refrain*

Gloria

Sung by Cantor

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people 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. 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. 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. <i>Amen</i>
--	---

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

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?"

Continued next page

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."

Responsorial Psalm 47: *God Mounts His Throne*

Sung by Cantor Refrain: *God mounts His throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

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

<i>God mounts His throne amid shouts of joy; The Lord, amid trumpet blasts. Sing praise to God, to God, sing praise; Sing praise to our King, sing praise.</i>	<i>King of all the earth is God; Sing hymns of praise. God reigns over all the nations, God sits upon His holy throne</i>
--	---

Refrain text © 1969, 1997, ICEL. All rights reserved. Used with permission. Verses text © 1970, 1997, 1998, CCD. All rights reserved. Used with permission. Music ©2000, Curtis Stephan, Published by OCP Publications. All rights reserved. LicenSing U2865

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

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.

Gospel Acclamation *Sung by Cantor*

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
le - lu - ia! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

*Verse: Now Christ is raised up from death, He will never die again.
All who follow His way shall have life in Him: Hallelujah, Hallelujah.*

Gospel Reading: Mark 16:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons,

they will speak new languages.
 They will pick up serpents with their hands,
 and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them.
 They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”
 So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them,
 was taken up into heaven
 and took his seat at the right hand of God.
 But they went forth and preached everywhere,
 while the Lord worked with them
 and confirmed the word through accompanying signs

Homily

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth, of all things
 visible and invisible.
 I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the Only Begotten Son of God,
 born of the Father before all ages.
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
 through him all things were made.
 For us men and for our salvation
 He came down from Heaven, (*all Bow*)
 and by the Holy Spirit
 was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried,
 and rose again on the third day
 in accordance with the Scriptures.
 He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right
 hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
 dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with
 the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who
 has spoken through the Prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
 I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
 and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
 and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

Prayers of the Faithful

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Music

O Praise Him

Invitation to Prayer

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

*All: 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.*

Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

All: It is right and just.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Sung by Cantor

Mass of Restoration

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. Bless - ed is
 he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Memorial Acclamation

Mass of Restoration

Sung by Cantor

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

Great Amen

Mass of Restoration

Sung by Cantor

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

The Lord's Prayer

*All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

*Priest: Deliver us, Lord, ...as we await the blessed hope and the coming
of our Savior, Jesus Christ.*

All: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever.

The Sign of Peace

Priest: May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

Lamb of God

Mass of Restoration

Sung by Cantor

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

Invitation to Communion

*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.*

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

Communion Hymn: *Send Down the Fire*

Cantor sings

*Send down the fire of your justice,
send down the rains of your love;
Come send down the Spirit,
breathe life in your people,
and we shall be people of God.*

*Call us to be your compassion,
Teach us the song of your love;
Give us hearts that sing,
Give us deeds that ring,
Make us ring with the song of your love.*

*Call us to learn of your mercy,
Teach us the way of your peace;
Give us hearts that feel,
Give us hands that heal,
Make us walk in the way of your peace.*

*Call us to answer oppression,
Teach us the fire of your truth;
Give us righteous souls,
'Til your justice rolls,
Make us burn with the fire of your truth.*

*Call us to witness your Kingdom,
Give us the presence of Christ;
May your holy light Keep us shining bright,
Ever shine with the presence of Christ.*

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Closing Music: *Start a Fire*

Instrumental