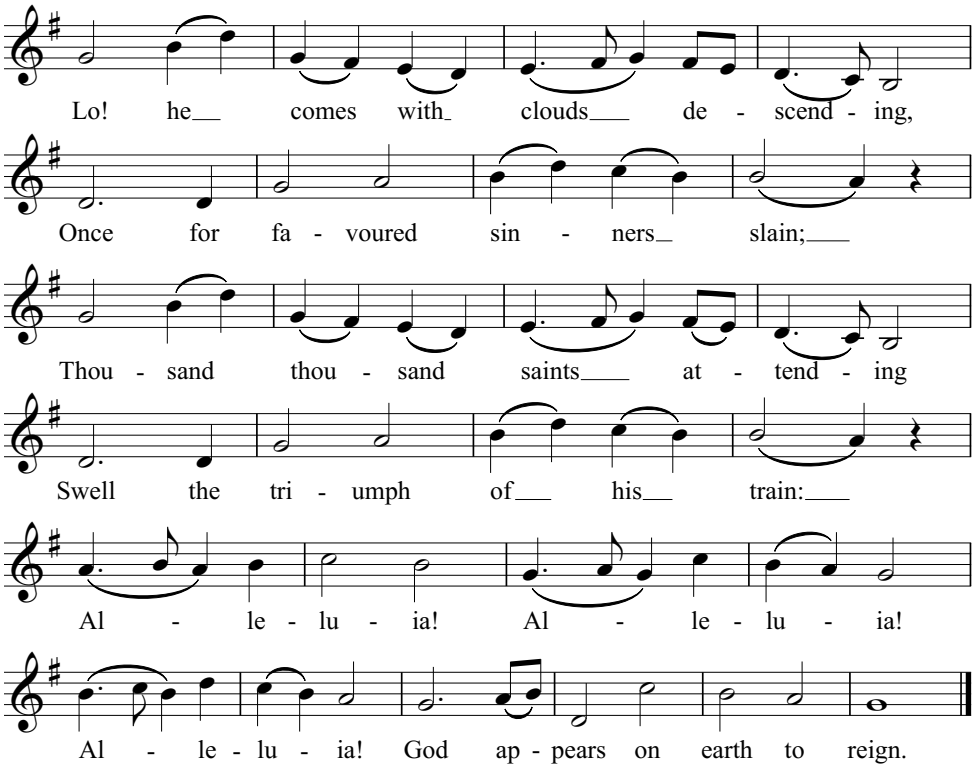
MUSIC AT THE SUNDAY 9.00am MASS

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

All sing the Processional Hymn



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Every eye shall now behold him
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at nought and sold him
Pierced and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing
Shall the true Messiah see.

3

Yea, Amen! let all adore thee,
High on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory:
Claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly!
Alleluia! Come, Lord, come!

Helmsley
Thomas Olivers (1725–1799)
adapted Martin Madan (1726–1790)

John Cennick (1718–1755)
and Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

All make the Sign of the Cross as the Celebrant says

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

℟. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

℟. **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

After a brief silence all say

I CONFESS to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

All strike their breast thrice, saying

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

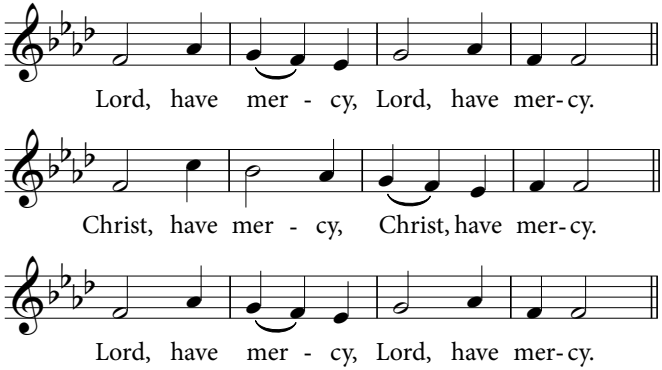
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The Celebrant gives the absolution, saying

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

℟. **Amen.**

All repeat each line of the Kyrie*, after it has been sung by the Cantor.*

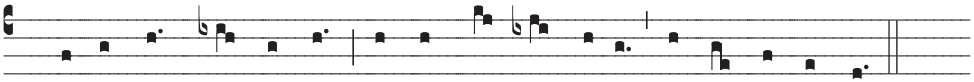


Mass of Perpetual Help *Robert More*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading — *Isaiah 63:16-17,64:1,3-8*

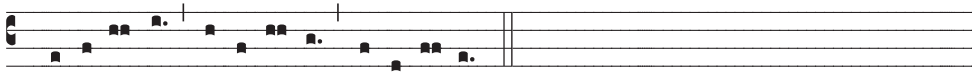
Responsorial Psalm — *Psalm 79:2-3,15-16,18-19* ℟ *v.4*



℟ **God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.**

Second Reading — *1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

Alleluia



℟ **Al-le-lú- ia, al-le-lú- ia, al-le-lú- ia.**

Gospel — *Mark 13:33-37*

Homily

Profession of Faith

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 during the following line:

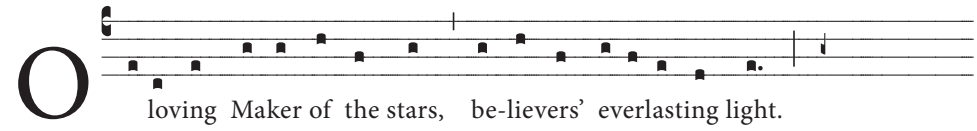
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

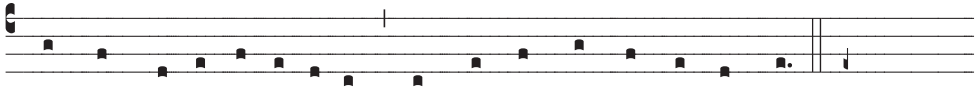
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom 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.

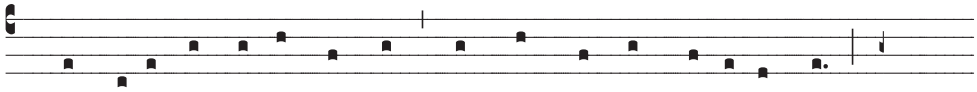
Universal Prayer

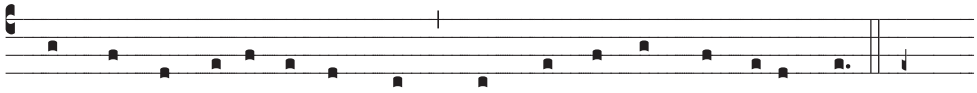
THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

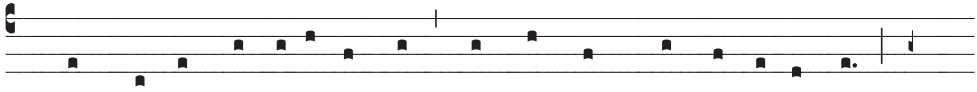
All sing the Offertory Hymn



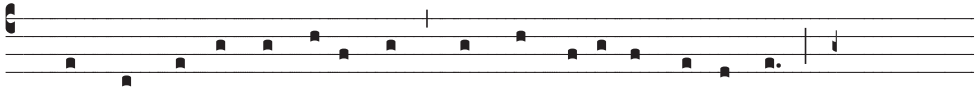


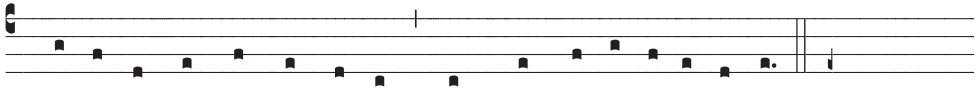


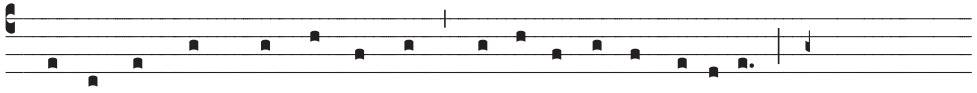


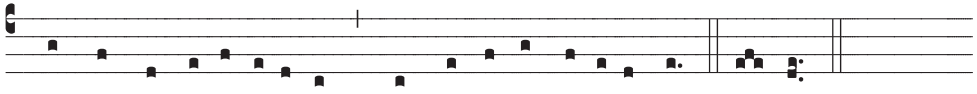












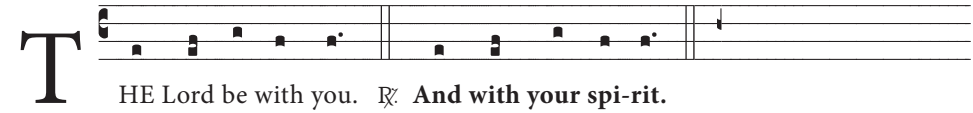
Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

℟ **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.**

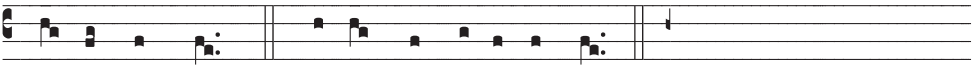
Prayer over the Offerings

℟ **Amen.**

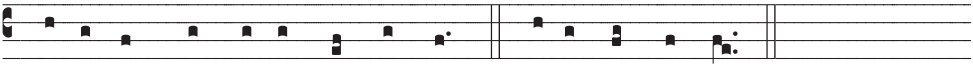
THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



THE Lord be with you. ℟ **And with your spi-rit.**

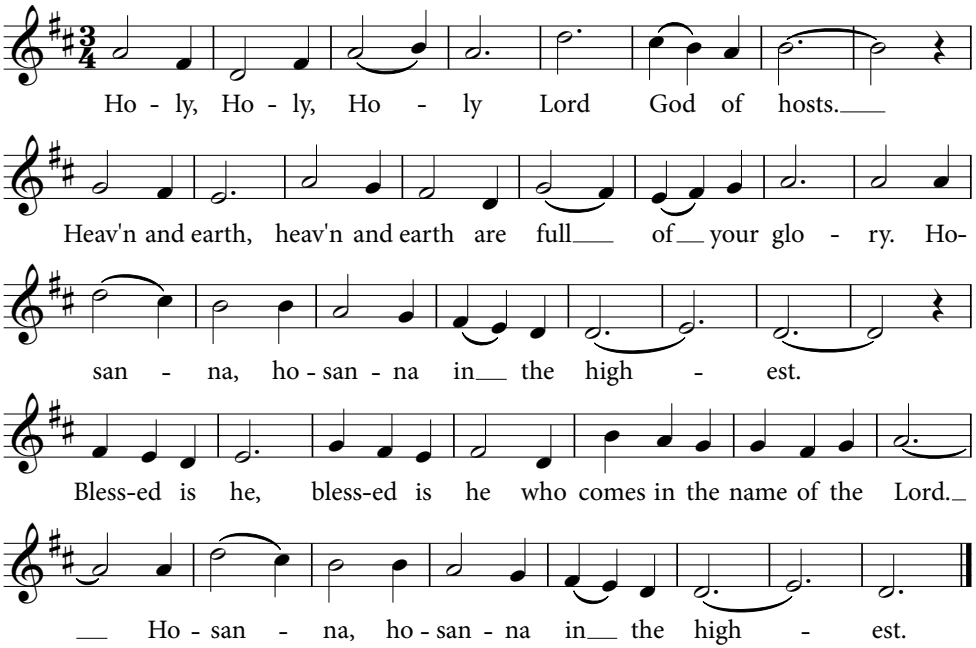


Lift up your hearts. ℟ **We lift them up to the Lord.**



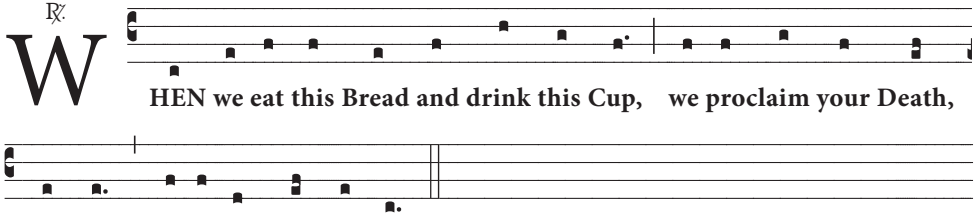
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ℟ **It is right and just.**

The Preface



All sing the Memorial Acclamation

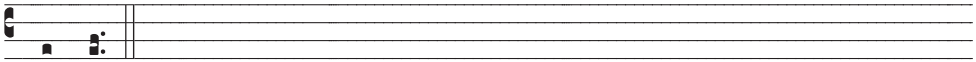
℟.



When the Celebrant sings

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

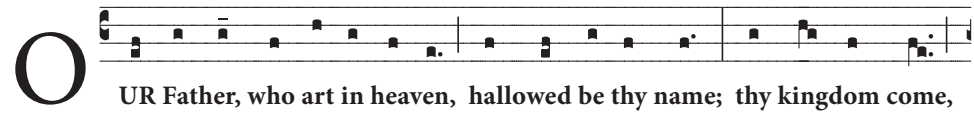
All respond



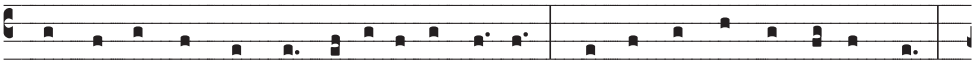
℟. **A-men.**

COMMUNION RITE

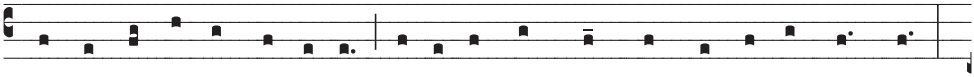
At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:



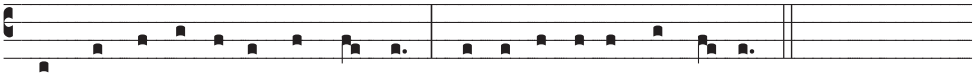
OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come,



thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread,



and forgive us our trespasses, as we for-give those who trespass a-gainst us;



and lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e- vil.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.



℟. **For the kingdom, the power and the glo-ry are yours now and for ev-er.**

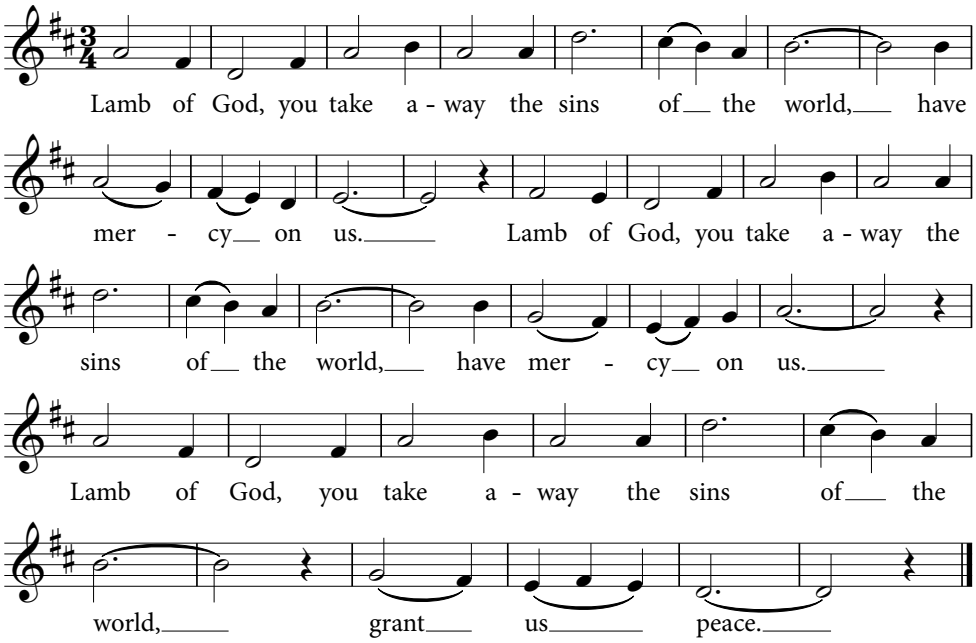
Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

℟. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

℟. **And with your spirit.**

All sing the Agnus Dei *Mass of Perpetual Help*

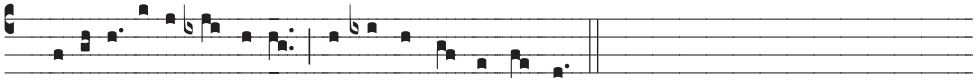


Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

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

Catholics who have made the proper spiritual and sacramental preparation may come forward in the procession to receive Holy Communion. The sacred host must be consumed in the presence of the communion minister.

All sing the Communion Antiphon *Isaiah 45:8*



℟ **Rorá-te cæli dé-super, et nubes pluant iustum.**

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One.

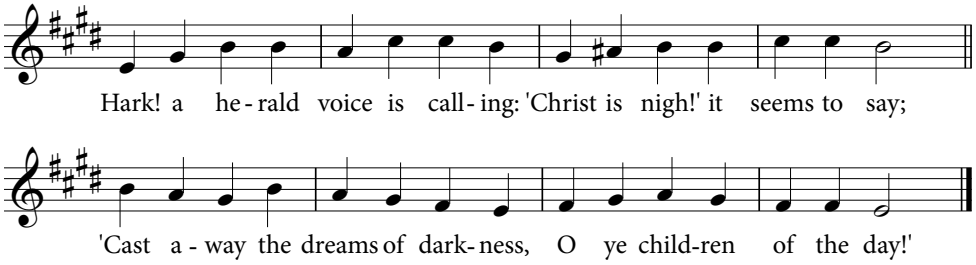
The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. ℟

O Lord, you once favoured your land and revived the fortunes of Jacob, you forgave the guilt of your people and covered all their sins. ℟

You averted all your rage, you calmed the heat of your anger. Revive us now, God, our helper! Put an end to your grievance against us. ℟

Will you not restore again our life that your people may rejoice in you? Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. ℟

All sing the Post Communion Hymn



Startled at the solemn warning,
Let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ her Sun, all sloth dispelling,
Shines upon the morning skies.

Lo! the Lamb so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from heaven;
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
One and all to be forgiven;

So when next he comes in glory,
And earth's final hour draws near,
May he then as our defender
On the clouds of heaven appear.

Honour, glory, virtue, merit,
To the Father and the Son,
With the co-eternal Spirit,
While unending ages run.

Merton
W H Monk (1823–1889)

Vox clara ecce intonat
tr. E Caswall (1814–1878)

℟. **Amen.**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.

℟. **And with your spirit.**

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

℟. **Amen.**

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

℟. **Thanks be to God.**

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