



Mass of Priestly Ordination

July 9, 2020 | St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Green Bay

*The Most Reverend David L. Ricken, DD, JCL
Bishop of Green Bay, Principal Celebrant*

Rev. Mr. Benjamin Johnson

*The LORD has sworn and will not waver:
"You are a priest forever in the manner of Melchizedek." - Psalm 110:4*



Diocese of
Green Bay



Reverend Mr. Benjamin Johnson

This past year has been one of preparation for Deacon Johnson, the son of Jerry and Mary Johnson. Last summer, he served as a deacon at Holy Trinity Parish, Oconto; St. Anthony Parish, Oconto Falls; and St. Patrick Parish, Stiles.

Deacon Johnson welcomed plenty of preaching opportunities, especially at weekday Masses. He shadowed Fr. Sember, helped out at funerals and assisted weekly at a food pantry. Baptisms were limited at the three parishes, but those opportunities were presented when he returned in the fall to resume his studies at Mundelein Seminary at University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Illinois. "The parish where I was assigned to help out on weekends is St. Alphonsus in Lakeview (Ill.)," That area has a lot of young couples," he explained. "I've been told that the average age of the parishioners is under 35. There are so many babies. On average, there are three to six baptisms per weekend. I didn't take every weekend, but I took a bunch of them." Deacon Johnson, who served three years at St. Alphonsus, also appreciated his preaching opportunities for the parish community as a deacon.

Looking back to his teen years, ordination to the priesthood seemed unlikely for Deacon Johnson. He questioned his faith before rediscovering it as a high school senior at Lourdes Academy in Oshkosh. He attended Milwaukee School of Engineering after high school. While in Milwaukee, he connected with Fr. Daniel Schuster (former vocation director for the Diocese of Green Bay), who helped him discern his vocation. Deacon Johnson then studied at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona, Minn., for three years.

Deacon Johnson spent a year serving at Sacred Heart Parish and School in Shawano before attending Mundelein. His formation also included an internship at St. Therese Parish in Appleton. He was ordained a Deacon by Bishop Ricken on May 19th, 2019 at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral. Fr. Johnson's first priestly appointment is parochial vicar at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Manitowoc, with Fr. Doug LeCaptain, pastor. He will also serve as chaplain at Roncalli High School in Manitowoc. (The Compass)

The Roman Pontifical, Rite of Ordination

“By sacred Ordination a sacrament is conferred on Priests through which, ”by the anointing of the Holy Spirit, they are signed with a special character and are so configured to Christ the Priest that they have the power to act in the person of Christ the Head.” Priests, therefore, take part in the Bishop’s Priesthood and mission. As virtuous co-workers with the episcopal Order, called to serve the People of God, they constitute one presbyterate in union with their Bishop, while being charged with different duties.

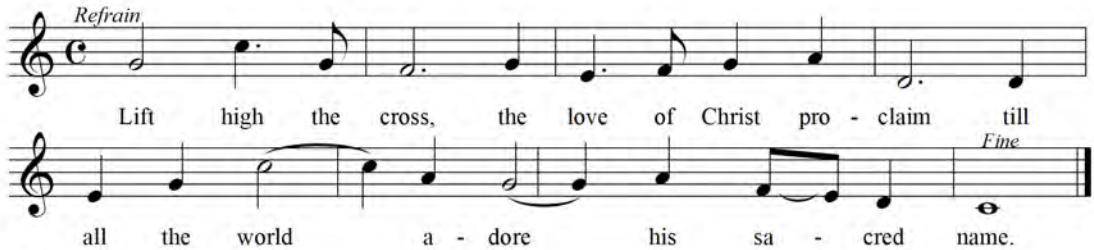
Partakers of the office of Christ, the sole Mediator (cf. 1 Timothy 2: 5), at their own grade of ministry they announce the divine word to all. In fact, they exercise their sacred office above all in the Eucharistic synaxis (Eucharistic assembly). For the repentant and the sick among the faithful they exercise, most especially, the ministry of reconciliation and comfort and they present the needs and the prayers of the faithful to God the Father (cf. Hebrews 5: 1-4). Exercising the office of Christ as Shepherd and Head according to their share of authority, they gather together God’s family as a fellowship all of one mind and soul, and lead them through Christ, in the Spirit, to God the Father. In the midst of the flock they adore him in spirit and in truth (cf. John 4: 24). Finally they labor in preaching and teaching (cf. 1 Timothy 5: 17), believing what they have read while meditating on the law of the Lord, teaching what they have believed, and putting into practice what they have taught.”

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Procession

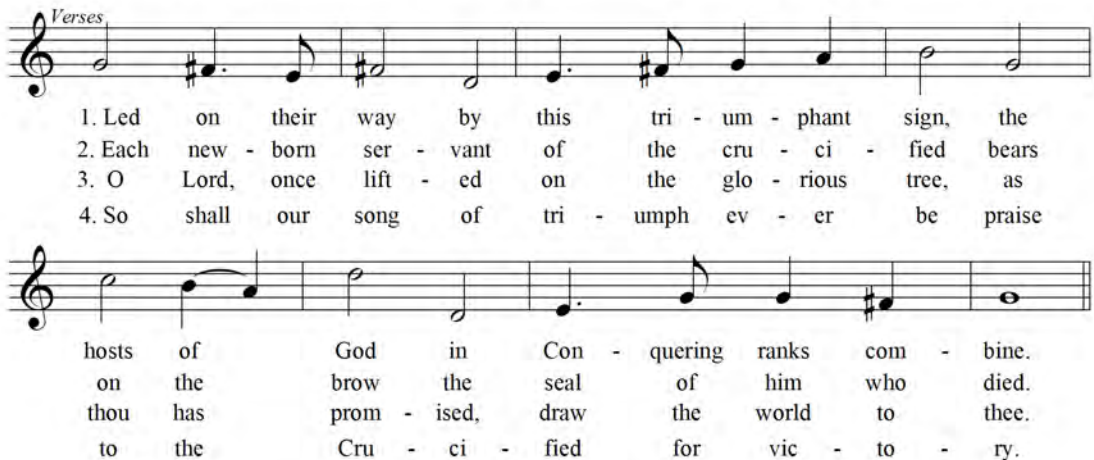
Lift High the Cross (Crucifer)

Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till
all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*

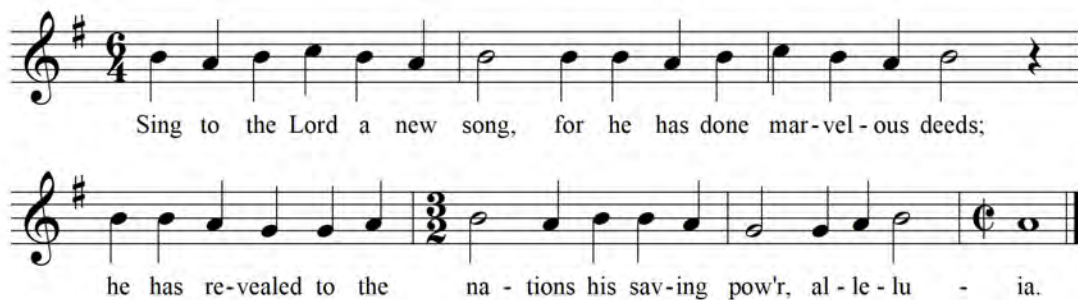
Verses



1. Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign, the
2. Each new - born ser - vant of the cru - ci - fied bears
3. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree, as
4. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be praise
hosts of God in Con - quering ranks com - bine.
on the brow the seal of him who died.
thou has prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

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Entrance Antiphon (Psalm 98:1, 2; 3)

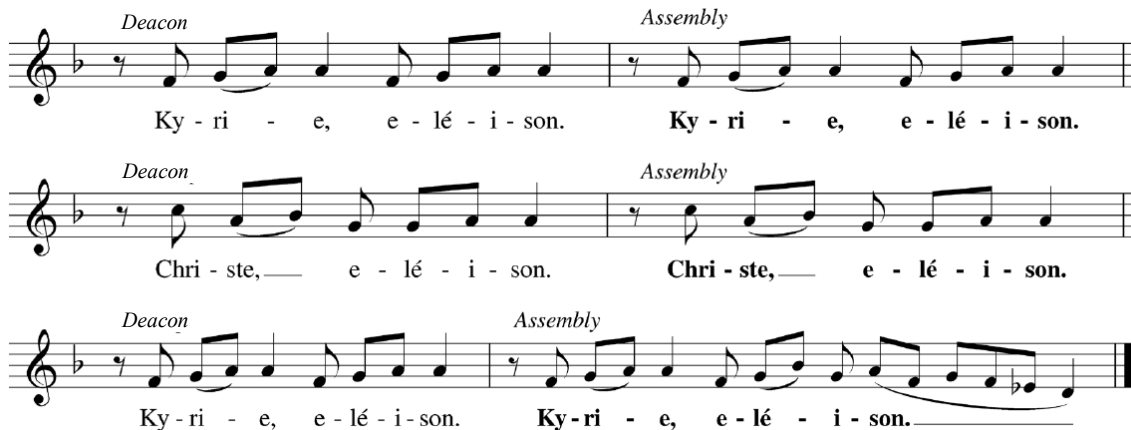


Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done mar-vel-ous deeds;
he has re-vealed to the na-tions his sav-ing pow'r, al-le-lu-ia.

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Greeting

Penitential Act



Deacon Ky - ri - e, e - lé - i - son. *Assembly* Ky - ri - e, e - lé - i - son.
Deacon Chri - ste, — e - lé - i - son. *Assembly* Chri - ste, — e - lé - i - son.
Deacon Ky - ri - e, e - lé - i - son. *Assembly* Ky - ri - e, e - lé - i - son.

Gloria

John Lee

Cantor *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.*

Assembly



We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you,

Cantor: *we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,*


Assembly



Lord God — heav'n - ly King, O God, al - might - y Fa - ther.

Cantor: *Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, lamb of God, Son of the Father,*

Assembly



you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us;

Cantor: *you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;*

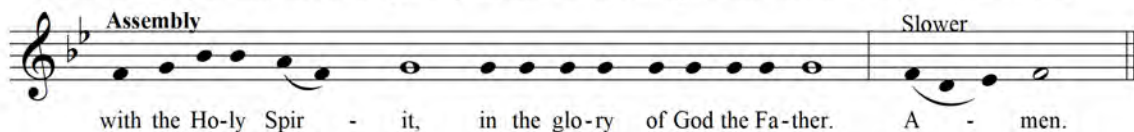
Assembly



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us.

Cantor: *For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,*

Assembly **Slower**



with the Ho-ly Spir - it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

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Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Numbers 11:11b-12, 14-17, 24-25

Moses asked the LORD: "Why are you so displeased with me that you burden me with all this people? Was it I who conceived all this people? Or was it 1 who gave them birth, that you tell me to carry them at my bosom, like a foster father carrying an infant, to the land you have promised under oath to their fathers? I cannot carry all this people by myself, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you will deal with me, then please do me the favor of killing me at once, so that I need no longer face this distress."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Assemble for me seventy of the elders of Israel, men you know for true elders and authorities among the people, and bring them to the meeting tent. When they are in place beside you, I will come down and speak with you there. I will also take some of the Spirit that is on you and will bestow it on them, that they may share the burden of the people with you. You will then not have to bear it by yourself."

So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. Gathering seventy elders of the people, he had them stand around the tent. The LORD then came down in the cloud and spoke to him. Taking some of the Spirit that was on Moses, he bestowed it on the seventy elders, and as the Spirit came to rest on them, they prophesied.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 110

Refrain



You are a priest for ev - er in the line of Mel - chi - ze - dek.

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Second Reading Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13

Brothers and sisters:

I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace: one Body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. And he gave some as Apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers, to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the Body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the extent of the full stature of Christ.

Reader: The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 15:51b

James Chepponis

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Gospel John 15:9-17

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Reader: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

"I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please remain standing after the Gospel Reading as Bishop reverences the Book of the Gospels.

Please be seated.

RITE OF ORDINATION

Presentation of the Candidate

A deacon, on behalf of the community, summons the candidate by name. The vocation director presents the candidate to the bishop and testifies to his worthiness.

Bishop: ... relying upon the Help of the Lord God
and our Savior Jesus Christ,
we chose these, our brothers,
for the Order of the Priesthood.

All: **Thanks be to God.**
(The Assembly gives their assent with applause.)

Homily

Promises of the Elect for Ordination

By a series of questions, the bishop asks the elect to express his desire and willingness to be ordained a priest and to fulfill the responsibilities that come with ordination. Then, kneeling before him, the elect places his hands between those of the bishop and promises him respect and obedience.

Invitation to Prayer

The bishop invites the assembly to pray for the candidate. The cantor invokes the Saints and proclaims various petitions to which the people respond. The candidate prostrates himself while the litany is sung.

Please kneel.

Litany of Supplication



Cantors All

Lord, have mer-cy. **Lord, have mer-cy.**
Christ, have mer-cy. **Christ, have mer-cy.**
Lord, have mer-cy. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



Cantors All

Holy Mary, Mother of God, **pray for us.**



Cantors All

Lord, be mer-ci-ful, **Lord, de-liv-er us, we pray.**



Cantors All

Be merciful to us sin-ners, **Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.**



Cantors, All repeat Cantors, All repeat

Christ, hear us. Christ, gra-cious-ly hear us.

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Patron of Candidate included in Litany:

St. John Paul II

Laying on of Hands

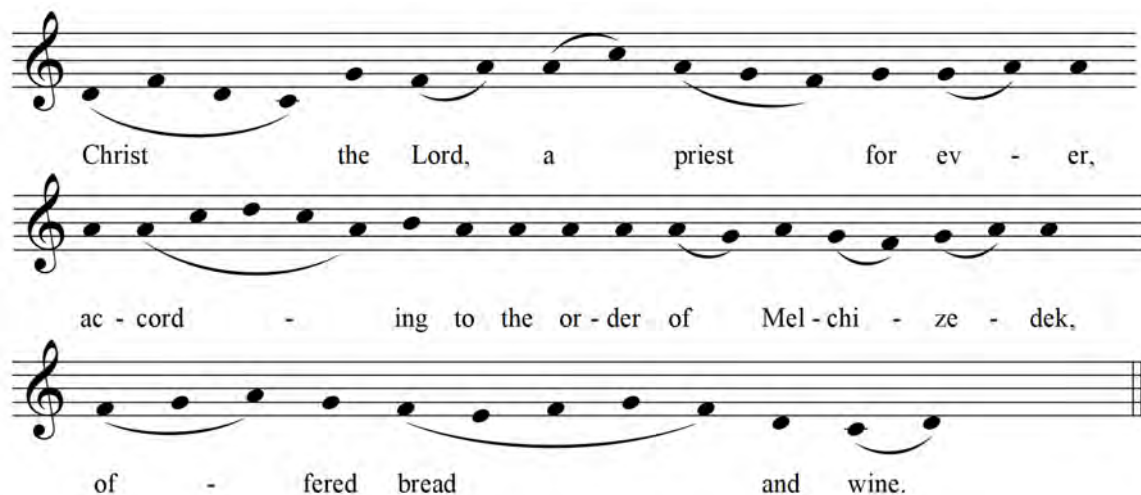
Following the ancient custom found in Scripture, the bishop places his hands upon the head of the elect, praying in solemn silence for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Then all of the concelebrating priests lay hands upon the elect.

Prayer of Ordination

The bishop extends his hands over the elect kneeling before him and prays that he may be worthy of the ministry upon which he will embark.

Investiture with Stole & Chasuble

Assisted by members of the presbyterate, the newly ordained priest is vested with the stole and chasuble, the outer vestments worn by the priest during the celebration of the Eucharist.



Christ the Lord, a priest for ev - er,
ac - cord - ing to the or - der of Mel - chi - ze - dek,
of - fered bread and wine.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G-clef, treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes, often beamed together. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff covers the words 'Christ the Lord, a priest for ev - er,'. The second staff covers 'ac - cord - ing to the or - der of Mel - chi - ze - dek,'. The third staff covers 'of - fered bread and wine.' The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Vesting Priest: Rev. Matthew Faucett

Anointing of the Hands


The bishop anoints the hands of the new priest with Sacred Chrism consecrated at the Chrism Mass during Holy Week.

Presentation of the Gifts

A deacon assists the bishop in receiving the gifts of bread and wine from the people. The paten and chalice prepared for the celebration of Mass are then presented to the newly ordained priest by the bishop.

Kiss of Peace

The bishop exchanges the traditional kiss of peace with the new priest. Then all the concelebrating priests come forward and exchange the sign of peace with the newly ordained priest.



You are my friends, says the Lord, if you do what I com - mand you

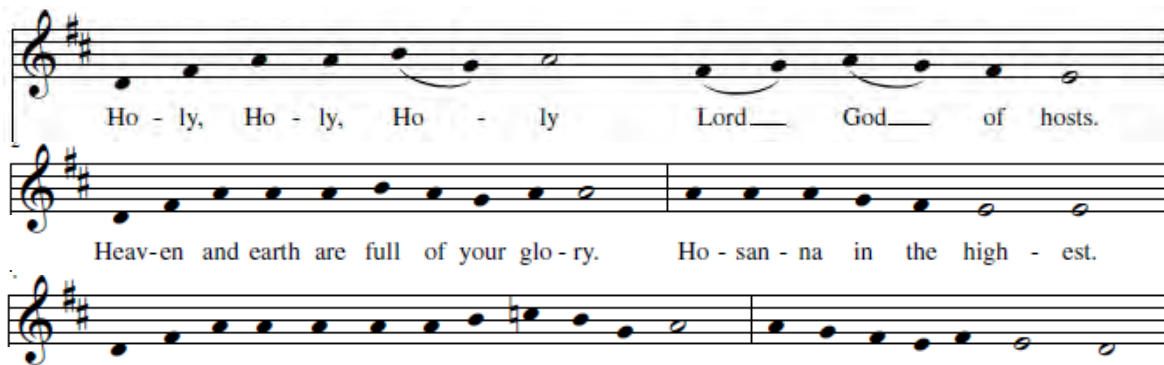
The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

What Return We Shall Make (Ambrosetti)

Please kneel following the singing of the Holy, Holy, until the end of the Great Amen.

Holy, Holy



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.

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Mystery of Faith

The musical notation for 'Mystery of Faith' consists of two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the lyrics 'The mys - ter - y of faith. ——— We pro - claim your Death, O Lord.' The second staff contains the lyrics 'and pro - fess your Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain. ———'. The melody is written in a simple, diatonic style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes, and some phrases are connected by slurs.

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Amen

The musical notation for 'Amen' is a single staff in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are 'A - men, a - men, a - men. ———'. The melody is simple and diatonic, using quarter and eighth notes with slurs connecting the syllables.

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Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

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

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

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us— peace.—

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Please kneel

Reception of Holy Communion

For the reception of Holy Communion, please follow the guidance of the ushers.

Communicants will form a single line in the center aisle. Please keep a 6' distance from the person in front of you.

Ordinand's immediate family will receive first.

The ushers will begin at the back of the church on the right center side followed by the left center side. The right and left side aisles will be guided from the front pews to the back.

Those in need of a low-gluten host, please inform the priest when receiving.

Guidelines for the Reception of Holy Communion

For Catholics

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (*Code of Canon Law, canon 916*). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

For our fellow Christians

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (*John 17:21*). Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (*canon 844 §4*). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of communion by Christians of these Churches (*canon 844§3*).

For those not receiving Holy Communion

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

For non-Christians

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

Communion Procession

Communion Antiphon (John 15:5)

The musical score is written on two staves in G major. The first staff begins in 6/4 time and contains the lyrics "I am the vine and you are the branch - es, _____ says the Lord;". The second staff continues in 6/4 time, then changes to 5/4 time, and finally to 3/2 time, with the lyrics "he who lives in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit, al - le - lu - ia." The music consists of a series of chords and some melodic lines.

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Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord, (Coena Domini)

Eat This Bread (Taize Community / Batastini)

Ave Maria (Arcadelt)

Prayer After Communion

The Concluding Rites

Solemn Blessing and Dismissal

Closing Song *O God Beyond All Praising*, (Perry, Holst, Proulx)

1. O God, be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to -
2. The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly
3. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we

day and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-
die, its frag-ile bloom sur-ren-der to you, the Lord most
bring, that we who know your fa-vor serve you as our

pay; for we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you
high; but hid-den from all na-ture the e-ter-nal seed is
King; and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or

send, at bless-ings with-out num-ber and
sown— though small in mor-tal stat-ure, to
ill, we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and

mer-cies with-out end: we lift our hearts be-
heav-en's gar-den grown: for Christ the man from
rise to praise you still: to mar-vel at your

fore you and wait up-on your word, we
heav-en from death has set us free, and
beau-tty and glo-ry in your ways, and

hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.
we through him are giv-en the fi-nal vic-to-ry.
make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.

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Preludes:

Offertoire sur les Grands jeux, from the "Mass for the Parishes"; François Couperin

Ubi Caritas; Gjiela

Postlude:

Sinfonia to Cantata No. 29, "We Thank Thee, God"; Johann Sebastian Bach / Arr. Grace

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