



St. Thomas More Parish

A Roman Catholic Parish of the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Wednesday, March 25, 2020 ☩ 5:30 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Scranton, Pennsylvania



Organ Prelude

Meditation on *Ave Maria*

after F. Schubert

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Introit, *chanted by the Cantor*

Rorate cæli

plainsong

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness:
let the earth open and bring forth a Savior.

The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament showeth his handywork.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness:
let the earth open and bring forth a Savior.

Sign of the Cross & Collect for Purity



In the ☩ Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

The Priest says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

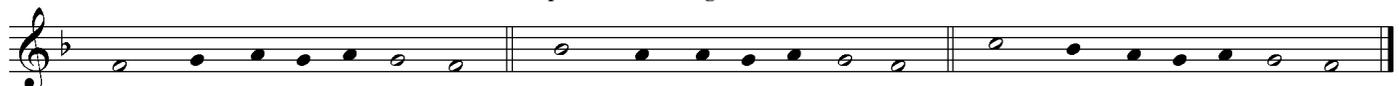
The Summary of the Law, *proclaimed by the Priest*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie

Each phrase is sung three times

J. Merbecke



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

Gloria in excelsis

J. Merbecke

Priest *All*

Glo-ry be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will to-wards men. We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glo-ri-fy thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glo-ry, O Lord God, heaven-ly King,
God the Fa-ther Al-might-y. O Lord, the on-ly-be-got-ten Son, Je-sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Fa - ther, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.
Thou that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer. Thou that sit-test at the right
hand of God the Father, have mer-cy up-on us. For thou on-ly art ho - ly; thou on-ly art the Lord;
thou on-ly, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most high in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Priest *People* *Priest*

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit. Let us pray.

The Priest chants the Collect, the People singing 'Amen.'

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts: that, as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an Angel; so by his Cross and Passion we may be brought unto the glory of his Resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson

Isaiah 7:10-14

In those days: the LORD spoke to Ahaz, "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a virgin shall

conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Take counsel together, but it will come to naught; speak a word, but it will not stand, for God is with us.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of Glory shall come in.
 Who shall ascend unto the hill of the Lord, or who shall stand in his holy place:
 even he that hath clean hands and a pure heart.

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 10:4-10

Brethren: It is impossible that the blood of bulls and goats should take away sins. Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,' as it is written of me in the roll of the book." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices

and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Tract, *chanted by the Cantor*

Audi, filia

plainsong

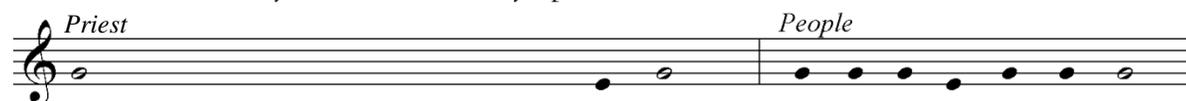
Hearken O daughter, and consider, incline thine ear: for the King hath pleasure in thy beauty.
 The rich also among the people shall make their supplication before thee:
 King's daughters were among thy honorable women.
 She shall be brought unto the King in a raiment of needlework:
 the virgins that be her fellows shall bear her company, and shall be brought unto thee.
 With joy and gladness shall they be brought: and shall enter into the King's palace.

The Gospel

Luke 1:26-38



The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.



✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glo-ry be to thee, O Lord.

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel,

"How will this be, since I have no husband?" And the angel said to her, "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, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.



The Gospel of the Lord. Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

Priest I believe in one God,

People the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,

genuflect and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man;

arise and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,

who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;

who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;

and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Priest sings

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mer - cy."

A Deacon, Priest, or Cantor sings the Intercessions, each concluding:

Intercessor: ...Let us pray to the Lord.
People: Lord, have mer - cy.

Intercessor *People* *Intercessor* *People*

Final intercession ...to Christ our God. To thee, O Lord our God. (Closing Doxology or Collect) ...now and for-ever. A-men.

The Penitential Rite

The Priest says

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

Priest Almighty God,

People Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, judge of all men:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,

which we from time to time most grievously have committed,

by thought, word, and deed against thy divine Majesty,

provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;

the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past;

and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest says

May Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy on us, ✠ pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Comfortable Words

Hear what comfortable words our Savior Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him:

(here the Priest proclaims one or more of the prescribed sentences from Scripture)

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Sentence

The Priest may pronounce a Sentence inviting the collection of tithes & offerings

Offertory Antiphon

Ave, Maria

plainsong

Hail, Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee:
blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

Offertory Voluntary

Meditation on Veni, Veni Emmanuel

Improv. on 15th c. plainsong

Orate Fratres

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

People May the Lord accept the sacrifice at thy hands for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

The Prayer over the Offerings

Priest We beseech thee, O Lord, establish in our hearts the mysteries of the true religion: that, as we do believe thy Son, conceived of a Virgin, to be very God and very Man; so by the power of his Resurrection, we may be found worthy to attain to everlasting felicity; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Priest The Lord be with you. *People* And with thy spi - rit. *Priest* Lift — up your hearts.

People We lift — them up un - to the Lord. *Priest* Let us give thanks un - to the Lord our God.

People It is meet — and right so to do.

The Priest proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God;

Here a Proper Preface is sung as appointed for the day. Then the Priest continues

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus & Benedictus

J. Merbecke

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Lord God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo-ry: Glo-ry be to thee,

O Lord Most High. ✠ Bless-ed is he that com-eth in the Name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the High-est.

Then the Priest says

Therefore, most merciful Father, we humbly pray thee, through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, and we ask, that thou accept and bless ✠ these gifts, these offerings, these holy and unblemished sacrifices. We offer them unto thee, first, for thy holy Catholic Church: that thou vouchsafe to keep her in peace, to guard, unite, and govern her throughout the whole world: together with thy servant Francis our Pope, Steven our Bishop, and all the faithful guardians of the catholic and apostolic faith.

Commemoration of the Living

Remember, O Lord, thy servants and handmaids and all who here around us stand, whose faith is known unto thee and their steadfastness manifest, on whose behalf we offer unto thee or who themselves offer unto thee this sacrifice of praise: for themselves, and for all who are theirs: for the redemption of their souls, for the hope of their health and well-being: and who offer their prayers unto thee, the eternal God, the living and the true.

United in one communion, we venerate the memory, first of the glorious ever-virgin Mary, Mother of our God and Lord Jesus Christ; of blessed Joseph her spouse; as also of thy blessed Apostles and Martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon, and Thaddaeus; Linus, Cletus, Clement, Xystus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian, and of all thy Saints; grant that by their merits and prayers we may in all things be defended with the help of thy protection.

We beseech thee then, O Lord, graciously to accept this oblation from us thy servants, and from thy whole family: order thou our days in thy peace, and bid us to be delivered from eternal damnation and to be numbered in the fold of thine elect.

Vouchsafe, O God, we beseech thee, in all things to make this oblation blessed, approved, and accepted, a perfect and worthy offering: that it may become for us the Body and Blood of thy dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Who the day before he suffered, took bread into his holy and venerable hands, and with eyes lifted up to heaven unto thee, God, his Almighty Father, giving thanks to thee, he blessed, broke, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

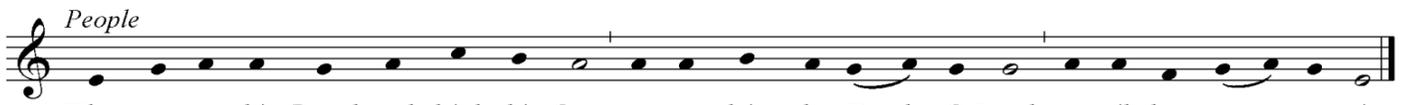
TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

Likewise, after supper, taking also this goodly chalice into his holy and venerable hands, again giving thanks to thee, he blessed, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE
BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND
FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith:

People



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

The Priest continues

Wherefore, O Lord, we thy servants, and thy holy people also, remembering the blessed passion of the same Christ thy Son our Lord, as also his resurrection from the dead, and his glorious ascension into heaven; do offer unto thine excellent majesty of thine own gifts and bounty, the pure victim, the holy victim, the immaculate victim, the holy Bread of eternal life, and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.

Vouchsafe to look upon them with a merciful and pleasant countenance: and to accept them even as thou didst vouchsafe to accept the gifts of thy servant Abel the Righteous, and the sacrifice of our patriarch Abraham: and the holy sacrifice, the immaculate victim, which thy high priest Melchisedech offered unto thee.

We humbly beseech thee, Almighty God, command these offerings to be brought by the hands of thy holy Angel to thine altar on high, in sight of thy divine majesty: that all we who at this partaking of the altar shall receive the most sacred Body and Blood of thy Son, may be fulfilled with all heavenly ✠ benediction and grace.

Commemoration of the Dead

Remember also, O Lord, thy servants and handmaids who have gone before us sealed with the seal of faith, and who sleep the sleep of peace. To them, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, we beseech thee to grant the abode of refreshing, of light, and of peace.

To us sinners also, thy servants, who hope in the multitude of thy mercies, vouchsafe to grant some part and fellowship with thy holy Apostles and Martyrs: with John, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicitas, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia, and with all thy saints: within whose fellowship, we beseech thee, admit us, not weighing our merit, but granting us forgiveness.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; through whom, O Lord, thou dost ever create all these good things: dost sanctify, quicken, bless, and bestow them upon us.

By whom and with whom and in whom, to thee, O Father Almighty, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory throughout all ages, world without end.

People



A - men. —

O Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access

The Priest and People say

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Facing the People, and showing the Chalice and Host, the Priest says

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

The People respond three times

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof,
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

The Holy Communion

Communion Antiphon

Ecce virgo concipiet

plainsong

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son: and his Name shall be called Emmanuel.

For those receiving the Sacrament, the Host, after intinction, is given on the tongue with these words:

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. ✠ Amen.

Communion Voluntary

Ave Maria

F. Schubert

Silent Prayer upon the Reception of Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving, *said by All, still kneeling*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Postcommunion Prayer

Priest Let us pray: O God, who didst vouchsafe that thy Word should be made flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary, at the message of an Angel: grant to us thy humble servants; that we, believing her to be indeed the Mother of God, may by her intercession find favor in thy sight; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Blessing & Dismissal



The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit. The peace of God...

...which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing ✠ of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you



... al-ways. A - men.



Go forth in peace. Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude

O Sanctissima

trad. Sicilian

Silent Devotion Upon the Conclusion of Mass