# st mary's catholic charch greenville, south carolina



fifth sanday of easter 2 may 2021



#### **Entrance** Antiphon

Psalm 98.1, 2

O sing a new song to the Lord, alleluia; for he has worked wonders, alleluia; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia, alleluia.

#### Entrance Hymn

#### Alleluia, Sing to Jesus



Text: Rev. 5:9; William C. Dix, 1837-1898 Tune: HYFRYDOL, 8 7 8 7 D; Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

#### Penitential Act

#### Confiteor

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,

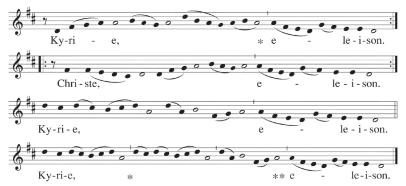
All strike their breast, saying:

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.

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

#### People Amen.



#### Kyrie

Music: Vatican Edition VIII; acc. by Richard Proulx



Gloria

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Collect

# 📌 Liturgy of the Word 💠

#### First Reading

#### Acts of the Apostles 9.26-31

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus.

The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

#### People: Thanks be to God.



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Owen Alstott

Psalm 22.26-27, 28, 30, 31-32



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I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the LORD. The lowly shall eat their fill; they who seek the LORD shall praise him: "May your hearts live forever!" Response.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of the nations shall bow down before him. Response.

**Responsorial Psalm** 

Psalm 22

To him alone shall bow down all who sleep in the earth; before him shall bend all who go down into the dust. Response.

And to him my soul shall live; my descendants shall serve him. Let the coming generation be told of the LORD that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born the justice he has shown. Response.

# Second Reading

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.** 

#### 1 John 3.18-24

# **Gospel Acclamation**



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Gospel

John 15.1-8

**People: And with your spirit.** 

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

Deacon: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. **People: Glory to you, O Lord.** 

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

# Homily



#### Profession of Faith (spoken slowly and reverently)

The Apostles' Creed is the baptismal profession of faith of the Holy Roman Church, which is used in the administration of Baptism and at the renewal of our baptismal promises at Easter. For this reason, we use this text throughout Lent and Eastertide to profess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

Bow profoundly during these two lines:

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 there 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.

#### The Bidding Prayers

#### The Collection

The offering is for the support of the parish.



#### Offertory Antiphon

Psalm 66.1, 2, 16

Shout with joy to God, all the earth; sing a psalm to his name. Come and hear, all who fear God, and I will tell you what great things the Lord has done for my soul, alleluia.



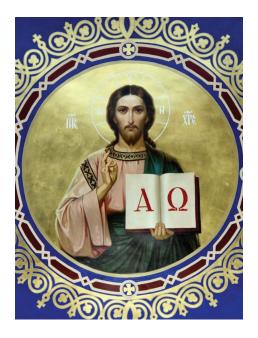
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#### Offertory Anthem

#### If Ye Be Risen With Christ

Orlando Gibbons

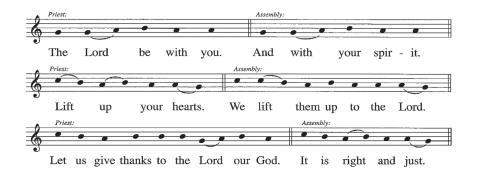
If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

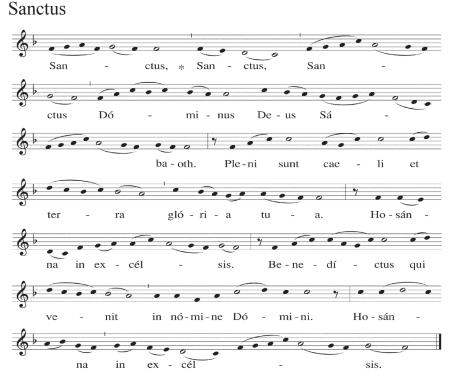


- Priest Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.
- **People** May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

### Prayer Over the Offerings

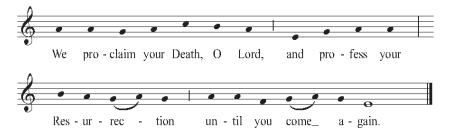
#### Preface Dialogue





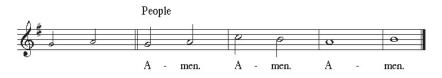
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# Mystérium Fídei (The Mystery of Faith)



#### The Great Amen

#### arr. by Judy Franzen





# Communion Rite

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

PeopleOur Father, who art in heaven,<br/>hallowed be thy name;<br/>thy kingdom come,<br/>thy will be done<br/>on earth as it is in heaven.<br/>Give us this day our daily bread,<br/>and forgive us our trespasses,<br/>as we forgive those who trespass against us;<br/>and lead us not into temptation,<br/>but deliver us from evil.

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

#### *People* For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

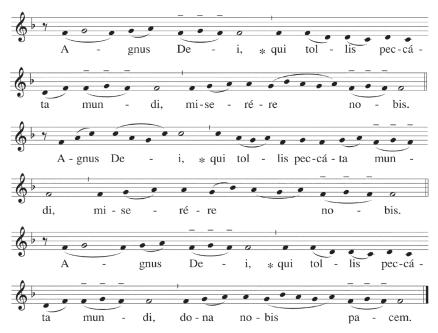
Priest Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with y our will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

People Amen.

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be with you always.

#### People And with your spirit.

Agnus Dei



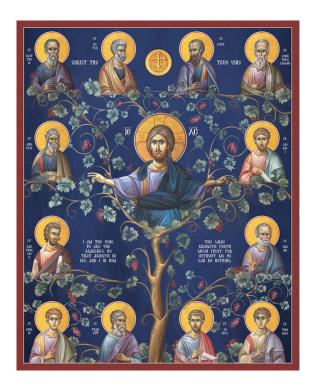
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- Priest Behold the Lamb of God,behold him who takes away the sins of the world.Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
- People Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

#### **Communion Antiphon**

*I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.* 



#### AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, I love you above all things. How I long to receive you with my brothers and sisters at the table you have prepared. But since I cannot at this moment receive you in the holy sacrament of your Body and Blood, I ask you to feed me with the manna of your Holy Spirit and nourish me with your holy presence. I unite myself completely to you; never permit me to be separated from your love. Amen.

#### **Communion Motets**

#### Morning Hymn

#### Arlen Clarke

New every morning is the love Our wakening and uprising prove; Through sleep and darkness safely brought, Restored to life and power and thought.

New mercies, each returning day, Hover around us while we pray; New perils past, new sins forgiven, New thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.

If, on our daily course, our mind Be set to hallow all we find, New treasures still, of countless price, God will provide for sacrifice.

Only, O Lord, in Thy dear love, Fit us for perfect rest above, And help us, this and every day, To live more nearly as we pray.

#### Ave verum Corpus

#### Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary: You who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for the sake of man. From whose pierced flank flowed water and blood: Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death. O sweet, O merciful, O Jesus, Son of Mary. Have mercy on me. Amen.

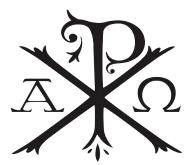


Communion Hymn

How Good the Name of Jesus Sounds



Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt. Tune: ST. PETER, CM; Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799-1877





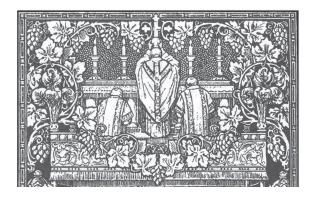
*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with your spirit.

*Priest* May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*People* Amen.

DeaconGo in peace.PeopleThanks be to God.

During Mass at St Mary's, the priest and people face the same direction at the altar, a custom that was once universal in the Catholic Church but is now rare in the celebration of the modern liturgy. For an explanation of this practice, please visit our parish website, <u>www.stmarysgvl.org</u>, and look in the section called *Parish Links* for the essay entitled *Facing East to Pray*.



Page five: The Grotto of Saint Paul. Ephesus. (6th century).
Page ten: Chapel over the crypt of A.P. Bezak. Kiev-Pechersk Lavra territory, Ukraine.
Page twelve: Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration Chapel, Clyde, MO.
Page sixteen: Rene De Cramer. Roman Missal illustration. (20th century).

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# from the office of readings for the fifth sanday of easter

Christ is risen! He has burst open the gates of hell and let the dead go free; he has renewed the earth through the members of his Church now born again in baptism, and has made it blossom afresh with men brought back to life. His Holy Spirit has unlocked the doors of heaven, which stand wide open to receive those who rise up from the earth. Because of Christ's resurrection the thief ascends to paradise, the bodies of the blessed enter the holy city, and the dead are restored to the company of the living. There is an upward movement in the whole of creation, each element raising itself to something higher. We see hell restoring its victims to the upper regions, earth sending its buried dead to heaven, and heaven presenting the new arrivals to the Lord. In one and the same movement, our Savior's passion raises men from the depths, lifts them up from the earth, and sets them in the heights.

Christ is risen. His rising brings life to the dead, forgiveness to sinners, and glory to the saints. And so David the prophet summons all creation to join in celebrating the Easter festival: *Rejoice and be glad, he cries, on this day which the Lord has made.* 

The light of Christ is an endless day that knows no night. Christ is this day, says the Apostle; such is the meaning of his words: *Night is almost over; day is at hand*. He tells us that night is almost over, not that it is about to fall. By this we are meant to understand that the coming of Christ's light puts Satan's darkness to flight, leaving no place for any shadow of sin. His everlasting radiance dispels the dark clouds of the past and checks the hidden growth of vice. The Son is that day to whom the day, which is the Father, communicates the mystery of his divinity. He is the day who says through the mouth of Solomon: *I have caused an unfailing light to rise in heaven*. And as in heaven no night can follow day, so no sin can overshadow the justice of Christ. The celestial day is perpetually bright and shining with brilliant light; clouds can never darken its skies. In the same way, the light of Christ is eternally glowing with luminous radiance and can never be extinguished by the darkness of sin. This is why John the evangelist says: *The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never been able to overpower it*.

And so, my brothers, each of us ought surely to rejoice on this holy day. Let no one, conscious of his sinfulness, withdraw from our common celebration, nor let anyone be kept away from our public prayer by the burden of his guilt. Sinner he may indeed be, but he must not despair of pardon on this day which is so highly privileged; for if a thief could receive the grace of paradise, how could a Christian be refused forgiveness?

- From a sermon by Saint Maximus of Turin, bishop

# from the pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Catholics who were at least teenagers by the late 1960's or earlier remember when every parish church was not just the center of religious and educational life for everyone in the congregation; the parish was also the center of social life for children, teens, and adults of every age. Parish groups hosted dinners, dances, parties, athletic events, game nights, Mardi Gras Balls, pancake suppers, and assorted other gatherings often organized by age, sex, and marital status, and everyone was encouraged to invite others from outside the parish to join in these events. It was in many ways a golden age of parish life in the United States, but that age has passed and will not return in our time. There are now too many activities available to everyone and too many opportunities beyond the parish for the local church to be the hub of social life even for deeply committed Catholics, and while we may regret this fact of life, we would also do very well to accept it as the starting point for asking a crucial question: What can we do to make the parish more than the place where we come for Mass on Sunday?

All people naturally crave the company of others and the fostering of real bonds of friendship and fellowship, and when a community of people is knit together by overlapping lines of this sort, the result is a palpable sense of belonging with others, of being accountable to others, and of being responsible for others. That is what changes a crowd into a congregation, and then when you come to Mass on Sunday, you won't be sharing the pews with strangers or just with familiar faces; instead, you will be worshipping with brothers and sisters in the Lord. You will learn about their joys and sorrows, and they will learn about yours. You will feel an authentic human connection to others who may or may not move in your professional or social circles, but you will know that you share a bond with them that is deep and real and permanent because it flows from our Baptism. And that is the basis for everything that follows.

But no one can form this experience of community for us; we must do it ourselves. Introduce yourself by name to someone you see at Mass but cannot yet call by name. Join a group in the parish, even if it's a bit out of your comfort zone. Read the eBulletin rather than wave it off as a nuisance in your inbox. Look for opportunities to serve others or contact me to suggest a new group or activity in the parish. Decide to do something more than pop in for one hour on random Sundays to get what you want, or fulfill a dreary duty, or get someone else off your back by going to Mass. Instead, make a commitment to be part of something larger than yourself. Our parishes will never again look as they did in the 1950's when people could leave their doors unlocked all night, and most families had only one income, and 70% of Catholics came to Mass on Sunday. But we can build something real and life-giving for those who do come here to give rather than take, and from such an authentic Christian community, who knows what blessings will flow!

#### Father Newman