



The Chrism Mass

Archbishop Edward J. Weisenburger, Celebrant

Thursday, April 17, 2025 | 10:00 a.m.
The Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament

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 (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" (Jn 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.

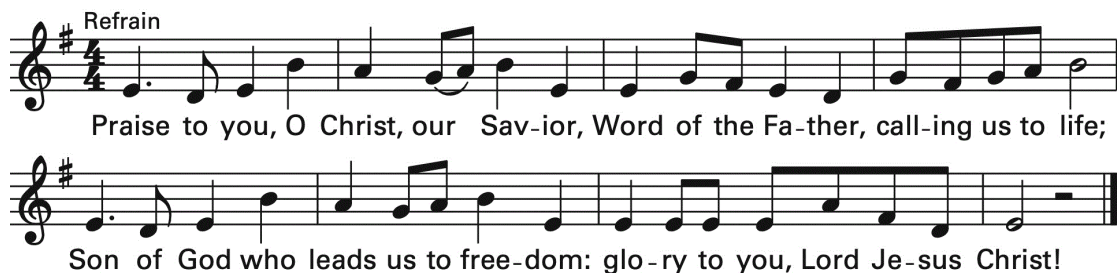
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Entrance Hymn:

Praise to You, O Christ Our Savior

Bernadette Farrell

Refrain



Praise to you, O Christ, our Sav-ior, Word of the Fa-ther, call-ing us to life;
Son of God who leads us to free-dom: glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ!

Verses



1. You are the Word who calls us out of dark - ness;
2. You are the one whom proph-ets hoped and longed for;
3. You are the Word who calls us to be ser - vants;
4. You are the Word who binds us and u - nites us;
1. *Ver - bo de Dios, del mal tú nos res - ca - tas;*
2. *Tú e - res a - quel que a - nun - cian los pro - fe - tas;*
3. *Ver - bo de Dios, nos lla - mas a ser sier - vos;*
4. *Ver - bo de Dios, nos u - nes y nos li - gas;*
1. you are the Word who leads us in - to light;
2. you are the one who speaks to us to - day;
3. you are the Word whose on - ly law is love;
4. you are the Word who calls us to be one;
1. *Ver - bo de Dios, nos das tu res - plan - dor;*
2. *Tú e - res a - quel que ha - blas con a - mor;*
3. *Ver - bo de Dios, tu ley es el a - mor;*
4. *Ver - bo de Dios, el U - ni - fi - ca - dor;*



1. you are the Word who brings us through the des - ert:
 2. you are the one who leads us to our fu - ture:
 3. you are the Word - made - flesh who lives a - mong us:
 4. you are the Word who teach - es us for - give - ness:
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1. Ver - bo de Dios, por el de - sier - to guí - as:
 2. Tú e - res a - quel que cum - ples tus pro - me - sas:
 3. Ver - bo en - car - na - do, mo - ras con no - so - tros:
 4. Ver - bo de Dios, per - dón tú nos en - se - ñas:



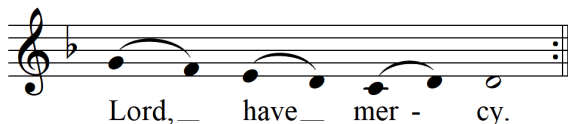
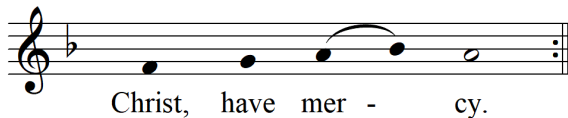
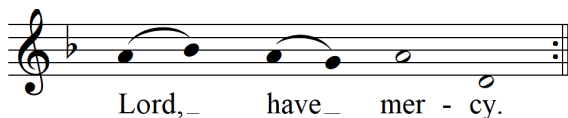
- 1-4. glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!
- 1-4. ¡Ho - nor y glo - ria a ti, Se - ñor!

Introit:

*Jesus Christ has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father.
To him be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.*

Kyrie:

Mode I



Gloria:

Mass of St. Francis

Buchholz

Glo - ry to God in the high - - est, and on earth_ peace to
peo-ple of good will, We praise_ you, we bless_ you, we a -
dore_ you, we glo - ri - fy you, we give you thanks for
your great glo - ry, Lord God,
heav-en - ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa - ther.____

Cantor/Choir: "Lord Jesus Christ..."

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -
lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - - - - - men.

First Reading:

Isaiah 61.1-3a, 6a, 8b-9

(proclaimed in English)

*The Lord has anointed me,
and has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor and to give them oil of gladness.*

El espíritu del Señor está sobre mí, porque me ha ungido
y me ha enviado para anunciar la buena nueva a los pobres,
a curar a los de corazón quebrantado,
a proclamar el perdón a los cautivos, y la libertad a los prisioneros;
a pregonar el año de gracia del Señor, el día de la venganza de nuestro Dios.
El Señor me ha enviado a consolar a los afligidos, los afligidos de Sión,
a cambiar su ceniza en diadema,
sus lágrimas en aceite perfumado de alegría, y su abatimiento, en cánticos.
Ustedes serán llamados “sacerdotes del Señor; “ministros de nuestro Dios” se les llamará.
Esto Dice el Señor:
“Yo les daré su recompensa fielmente y haré con ellos un pacto perpetuo.
Su estirpe será célebre entre las naciones, y sus vástagos, entre los pueblos.
Cuantos los vean reconocerán
que son la estirpe que bendijo el Señor.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 88 (89)

Buchholz



Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-8 (proclaimed in Spanish)

Christ has made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father

Grace to you and peace from God who is and who was and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

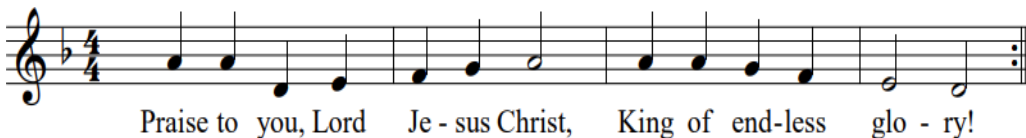
Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will lament. So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Lector: Palabra de Dios.

All: Te alabamos, Señor.

Gospel Acclamation:



Gospel:

Luke 4:16-21

(proclaimed in English)

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.*

En aquel tiempo, Jesús fue a Nazaret, donde se había criado.
Entró en la sinagoga, como era su costumbre hacerlo los sábados,
y se levantó para hacer la lectura. Se le dio el volumen del profeta Isaías,
lo desenrolló y encontró el pasaje en que estaba
escrito: El Espíritu del Señor está sobre mí,
porque me ha ungido para llevar a los pobres la buena nueva,
para anunciar la liberación a los cautivos y la curación a los ciegos,
para dar libertad a los oprimidos y proclamar el año de gracia del Señor.

Enrolló el volumen, lo devolvió al encargado y se sentó.
Los ojos de todos los asistentes a la sinagoga estaban fijos en él.
Entonces comenzó a hablar, diciendo: “Hoy mismo se ha cumplido este pasaje de la
Escritura que ustedes acaban de oír.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Homily

Renewal of Priestly Promises

Archbishop Weisenburger: Beloved sons,
on the anniversary of that day
when Christ our Lord conferred his
priesthood on his Apostles and on us,
are you resolved to renew,
in the presence of your Bishop and God's holy people,
the promises you once made?

Priests:

I am.

Archbishop Weisenburger: Are you resolved to be more united with the Lord Jesus and more closely conformed to him, denying yourselves and confirming those promises about sacred duties towards Christ's Church which prompted by love of him, you willingly and joyfully pledged on the day of your priestly ordination?


Priests: I am.

Archbishop Weisenburger: Are you resolved to be faithful stewards of the mysteries of God in the Holy Eucharist and the other liturgical rites and discharge faithfully the sacred office of teaching, following Christ the Head and Shepherd, not seeking any gain, but moved only by zeal for souls?

Priests: I am.

Archbishop Weisenburger: As for you, dearest sons and daughters, pray for your priests, that the Lord may pour out his gifts abundantly upon them, and keep them faithful as ministers of Christ, the High Priest, so that they may lead you to him, who is the source of salvation.

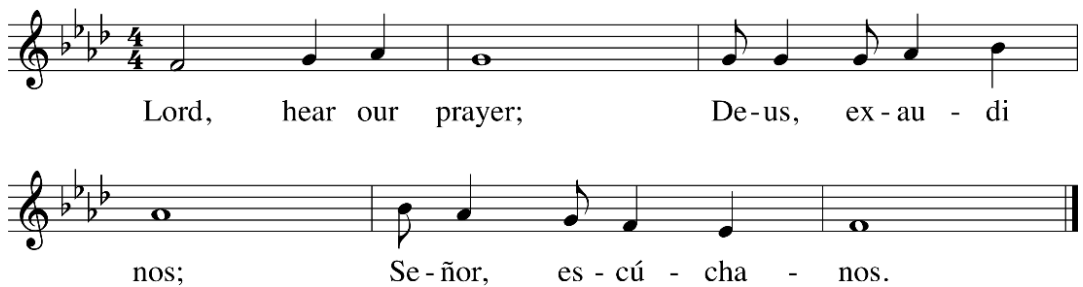
All:



Lord, hear our prayer; De-us, ex - au - di
nos; Se - ñor, es - cú - cha - nos.

Archbishop Weisenburger: And pray also for me,
that I may be faithful to the apostolic
office entrusted to me in my lowliness
and that in your midst I may be
made day by day a living and more
perfect image of Christ, the Priest,
the Good Shepherd, the Teacher
and the Servant of all.

All:



Archbishop Weisenburger: May the Lord keep us all in his charity
and lead all of us, shepherds and flock,
to eternal life.

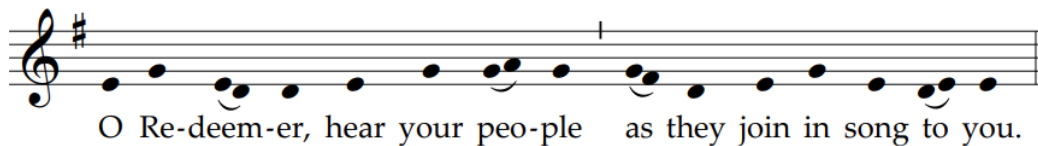
All:

Amen.



Blessing of Oils and Consecration of Chrism

The balsam fragrance used to prepare the Sacred Chrism, the oil for the Oil of the Sick, the oil for the Oil of Catechumens, and the oil for the Sacred Chrism are each presented to the Archbishop and blessed. As the balsam fragrance and each oil is brought in procession, this hymn is sung:



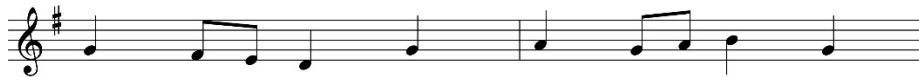
Offertory Hymn: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service/Con Tu Fiel Servicio, Oh Cristo



1. Lord, whose love in hum - ble serv - ice
 2. Still the chil - dren wan - der home - less,
 3. As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion,
 4. Called from wor - ship in - to serv - ice,
1. Con tu fiel ser - vi - cio, oh Cris - to,
 2. Aún los po - bres pa - san ham - bre,
 3. Hoy ve - ni - mos a a - do - rar - te
 4. Hoy sa - li - mos a ser - vir - te



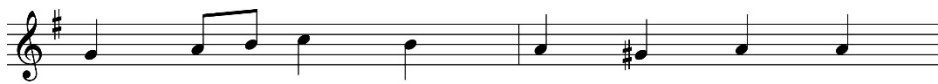
Bore the weight of hu - man need,
 Still the hun - gry cry for bread.
 Till your love's re - veal - ing light
 Forth in your great name we go
Nos mos - tras - te tu hu - mil - dad
 Mu - chos hay por con - so - lar.
 Y pe - dir - te tu vi - sión:
 Y en tu nom - bre a ben - de - cir.




Who up - on the cross, for - sak - en,
 Still the cap - tives long for free - dom,
 In its height and depth and great - ness
 To the child, the youth, the a - ged,
Por tu Cruz, el sa - cri - fi - cio
 Aún llo - ra - mos nues - tros muer - tos,
 Que la luz de tu gran - de - za
 Jó - ven, vie - jo, ni - ño— to - dos



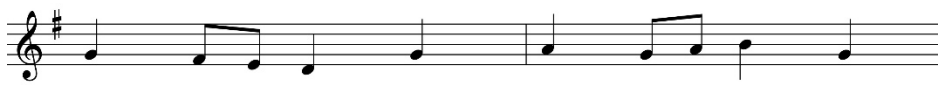
Of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed:
 Still in grief we mourn our dead.
 Dawns up - on our hu - man sight,
 Love in liv - ing deeds to show.
De per - fec - ta ca - ri - dad.
 Aún hay gen - te sin ho - gar,
 Cam - bie nues - tra con - di - ción;
 Van tu a - mor a re - ci - bir.



We, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship
 As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion,
 Mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens
 Hope and health, good - will and com - fort,
Hoy ve - ni - mos a_a - do - rar - te
Cris - to, tu mi - se - ri - cor - dia
Que_a - yu - de - mos a los o - tros
Fe, sa - lud, y di - cha da - mos;



Not of voice a - lone, but heart,
 Healed the sick and freed the soul,
 Your com - pas - sion bids us bear,
 Coun - sel, aid, and peace we give
No de la - bios, de ver - dad,
Tra - jo_a to - dos, re - den - ción;
Hoy sus pe - nas so - por - tar:
So - mos fuen - te de bon - dad,



Con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose
 Use the love your Spir - it kin - dles
 Stir - ring us to faith - ful serv - ice,
 That your chil - dren, Lord, in free - dom,
Con - sa - gran - do_a - sí_a tu cau - sa
Ven, Es - pí - ri - tu di - vi - no,
Co - mo tú, ser com - pa - si - vos,
Que tu pue - blo, con tu gra - cia,



Ev - 'ry gift that you im - part.
 Still to save and make us whole.
 Your a - bun - dant life to share.
 May your mer - cy know, and live.
Ca - da don que tú nos das.
Da - nos hoy tu sa - na - ción.
Y tu vi - da i - mi - tar.
Vi - va siem - pre_en li - ber - tad.

Sanctus:

Mass of St. Francis

Buchholz

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, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on five staves in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff has a measure rest before 'Ho - san-na'. The third staff has a measure rest before 'Bless - ed'. The fourth staff has a measure rest before 'Ho - san na'. The fifth staff ends with a double bar line.

Memorial Acclamation:

Roman Missal

ICEL

We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your
Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

The musical score is written on two staves in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff has a measure rest before 'Res - ur - rec - tion'. The third staff ends with a double bar line.

Amen:

Community Mass

Proulx



Agnus Dei:

Holy Cross Mass

Isle



Communion Antiphon

H. Buchholz



Refrain

Like a flame my hope is__ bur-ning, may my song a - rise to__ you:



Source of life that has no__ en-ding, on life's path I trust in__ you.



1. Ev' - ry na - tion, tongue, and__ peo - ple
2. God, so ten - der and__ so__ pa - tient,
3. Raise your eyes, the wind__ is__ blo - wing,



find a light with - in__ your Word. Scat - tered fra - gile sons
dawn of hope, you care__ for__ all. Heav'n and earth are re -
for our God is born in__ time. Son made man__ for you



and__ daugh-ters find a home in your dear Son.___
cre - at - ed by the Spi-rit of Life set__ free.___
and__ ma - ny who will find__ the way in__ him.___

Communion:

Ave Verum

by C. Saint-Saens

*Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary; truly suffering, sacrificed on the cross for man;
from whose pierced side flowed water and blood.*

Be to us a foretaste [of the Heavenly Banquet] at the trial of death,

O sweet Jesus, O loving Jesus,

O Jesus, Son of Mary. Amen.

Episcopal Blessing:

The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

R. Now and forever.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R. Who made heaven and earth.

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

R. Amen.

Dismissal:



1. Lord, you give the great com-mis-sion: "Heal the sick and
 2. Lord, you call us to your serv-ice: "In my name bap -
 3. Lord, you make the com-mon ho-ly: "This my bod-y,
 4. Lord, you show us love's true meas-ure: "Fa-ther, what they
 5. Lord, you bless with words as-sur-ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the Church ne-glect its mis-sion
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom-ise,
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo-ry,
 do, for-give." Yet we hoard as pri-vate treas-ure
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re-stor-ing,



And the Gos-pel go un-heard, Help us wit-ness
 Life a-bun-dant meant for each, Give us all new
 Dai-ly lift life heav-en-ward, Ask-ing that the
 All that you so free-ly give. May your care and
 May we serve as you in-tend, And, a-mid the



to your pur-pose With re-newed in-teg-ri-ty;
 fer-vor, draw us Clos-er in com-mun-i-ty;
 world a-round us Share your chil-dren's lib-er-ty;
 mer-cy lead us To a just so-ci-e-ty;
 cares that claim us, Hold in mind e-ter-ni-ty;



With the Spir-it's gifts em-pow'r us For the work of min-is-try.

About Receiving the Holy Oils in the Parish Church

It is appropriate that the oil of the sick, the oil of catechumens, and the holy chrism, which are blessed by the bishop during the Chrism Mass, be presented to and received by the local parish community.

The reception of the Holy Oils may take place in individual parishes either before the celebration of the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper or at another time that seems more appropriate. (Chrism Mass #15)

The oils should be reserved in a suitable repository in the sanctuary or near the baptismal font. The oils are received by the priest and are then placed on a suitably prepared table in the sanctuary or in the repository where they will be reserved.

As each of the oils is presented, the following or other words may be used to explain the significance of the particular oil. The people's response may be sung.

Rite of Reception of the Holy Oils

Presenter of the Oil of the Sick: The Oil of the Sick

Priest: This Oil of the Sick has been blessed by our Archbishop for healing of body, mind and soul. May the sick who are anointed with this oil experience the compassion of Christ and His saving love.

The people may respond: Blessed be God for ever.

Presenter of the Oil of Catechumens: The Oil of Catechumens

Priest: This Oil of Catechumens has been blessed by our Archbishop for the anointing of those preparing for Baptism. Through this anointing they are strengthened by Christ to resist the power of Satan and reject evil in all its forms, as they prepare for the saving waters of Baptism.

The people may respond: Blessed be God for ever.

Presenter of the Holy Chrism: The Holy Chrism

Priest: This holy Chrism, a mixture of olive oil and perfume, has been consecrated by our Archbishop and the priests of our Archdiocese. It will be used to anoint infants after Baptism, those who are to be confirmed, Bishops and Priests at their Ordination, and altars and churches at the time of their dedication.

The people respond: Blessed be God for ever.

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