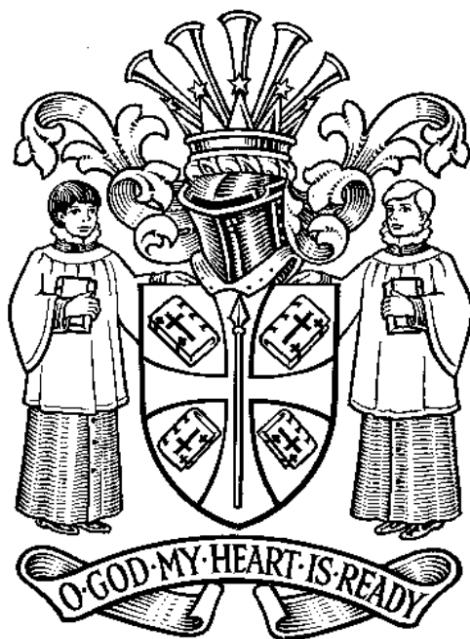


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WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2023 AT 5:30 P.M.
THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

SOLEMN EUCHARIST
SUNG BY THE GENTLEMEN OF THE CHOIR

PRELUDE

Meine Seele erhebt den Herren BuxWV 204

Dieterich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

The People stand at the entry of the Choir and Ministers.

INTROIT

Plainsong (*Tone I*)

GAUDEAMUS omnes in Domino, diem festum celebrantes sub honore Mariae Virginis:
De cuius festivitate gaudent angeli, et collaudant Filium Dei.
Ps. Eructavit cor meum erbum bonum: dico ego opera mea regi.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto:
sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Gaudeamus omnes . . .

*Rejoice we all, and praise the Lord, celebrating a holy day in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary:
in whose festival the angels are joyful, and glorify the Son of God.*

Ps. My heart is inditing of a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made unto the King.

*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.*

Rejoice we all...

Ps. 45:1

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The People kneel. Silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

MOST merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought,
word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Celebrant says

THE Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and
remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life,
and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The People stand.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Sung by the Choir

GLORIA in excelsis Deo,
et in terra pax
hominibus bonæ voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus altissimus Jesu Christe.
Cum Sancto Spiritu
in Gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace,
good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee.
We give thanks to thee
for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ.
With the Holy Ghost, art most high
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

FATHER in heaven, by whose grace the virgin mother of thy incarnate Son was blessed
in bearing him, but still more blessed in keeping thy word: Grant us who honor the exaltation
of her lowliness to follow the example of her devotion to thy will; through the same Jesus Christ
our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON

1 Samuel 2:1-10

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

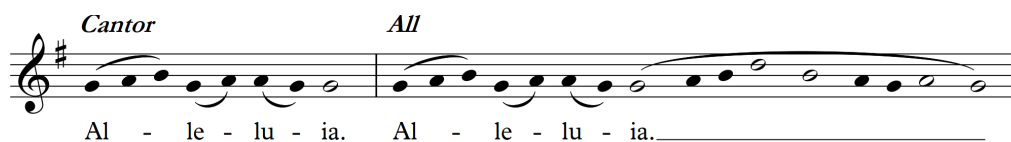
PSALM 113

Sung by the Choir

Plainsong (*Tone V²*)

LAUDATE, PUERI

PRAISE the Lord, ye servants : O praise the Name of the Lord.
Blessed be the Name of the Lord : from this time forth for evermore.
The Lord's Name is praised : from the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same.
The Lord is high above all heathen : and his glory above the heavens.
Who is like unto the Lord our God, that hath his dwelling so high :
and yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth?
He taketh up the simple out of the dust : and lifteth the poor out of the mire;
That he may set him with the princes : even with the princes of his people.
He maketh the barren woman to keep house : and to be a joyful mother of children.
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.



Cantor Blessed is she that believed:
for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.

People **Alleluia, alleluia!**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-57

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

After the Gospel, the Deacon says

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Mark Schulz
Associate for Pastoral Care

A period of silent reflection may follow the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

Said by all, standing. It is customary to bow at the underlined words.

I BELIEVE in one God,
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,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
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 worshipped
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 PEACE

The Celebrant introduces the Peace with these words

UNTO us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace. (*Isaiah 9:6*)

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with thy spirit.

The People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM

Johannes Eccard
(1553-1611)

ÜBER'S Gebirg Maria geht
zu ihrer Bas Elisabeth.
Sie grüßt die Freundin, die vom Geist
freudig bewegt Maria preist
und sie des Herren Mutter nennt;
Maria ward fröhlich und sang:

Mein Seel den Herrn erhebet,
mein Geist sich Gottes freuet;
er ist mein Heiland, fürchtet ihn,
er will allzeit barmherzig sein.

Was bleiben immer wir daheim;
laßt uns auch aufs Gebirge gehn,
da eins dem andern spreche zu,
des Geistes Gruß das Herz aufthu,
davon es freudig werd und spring,
der Mund in wahren Glauben sing:

Mein Seel den Herrn erhebet,
mein Geist sich Gottes freuet;
er ist mein Heiland, fürchtet ihn,
er will allzeit barmherzig sein.

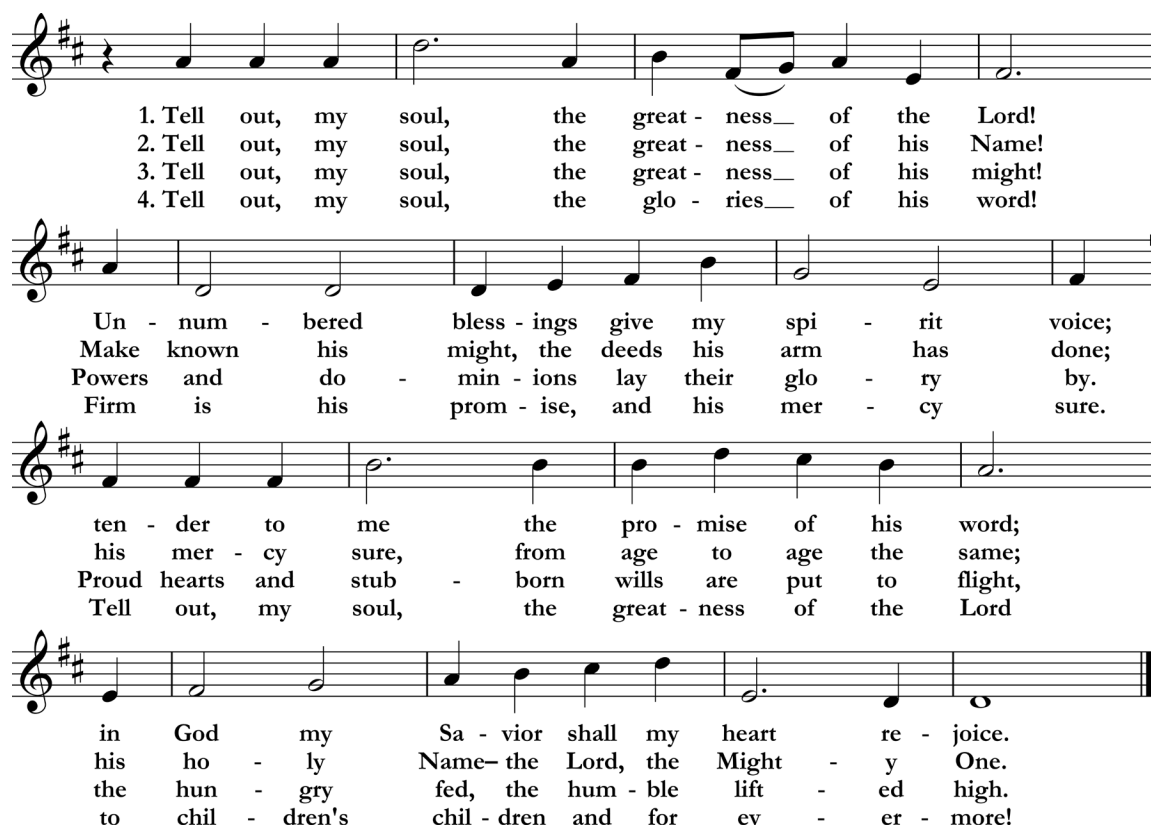
*Maria walks across the mountains
to her cousin Elisabeth.
She greets the friend who, joyfully moved
by the Spirit, praises her,
and calls her Mother of the Lord;
Maria became full of joy and sang:*

*My soul magnifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God;
He is my Savior, to be feared,
He shall always be merciful.*

*Why ever are we staying home?
Let us, too, go to the mountains,
where we encourage each other,
and the Spirit's greetings open the heart,
to grow joyful and excited,
and the mouth sings in true faith:*

*My soul magnifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God;
He is my Savior, to be feared,
He shall always be merciful.*

Ludwig Helmbold (1532-1598)



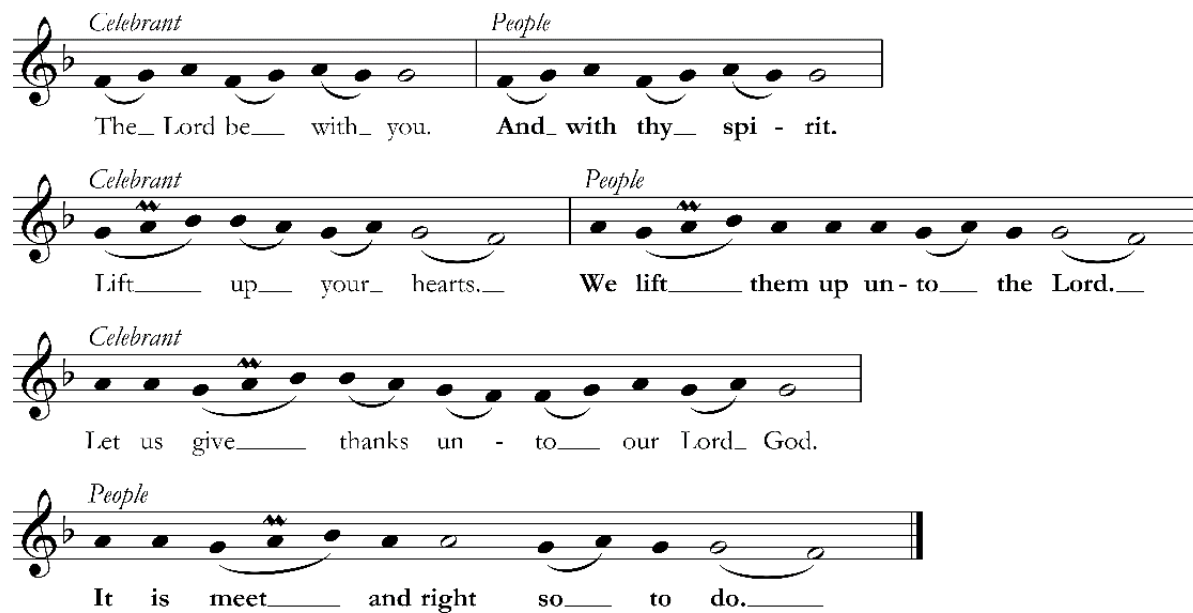
1. Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!
 2. Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!
 3. Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!
 4. Tell out, my soul, the glo-ries of his word!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
 Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
 Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the pro - mise of his word;
 his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.
 his ho - ly Name—the Lord, the Might - y One.
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
 to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - er more!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Celebrant *People*
 The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant *People*
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant
 Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People
 It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant continues

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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 AND BENEDICTUS

Sung by the Choir

SANCTUS, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

The People kneel or stand.

*Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost,
all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

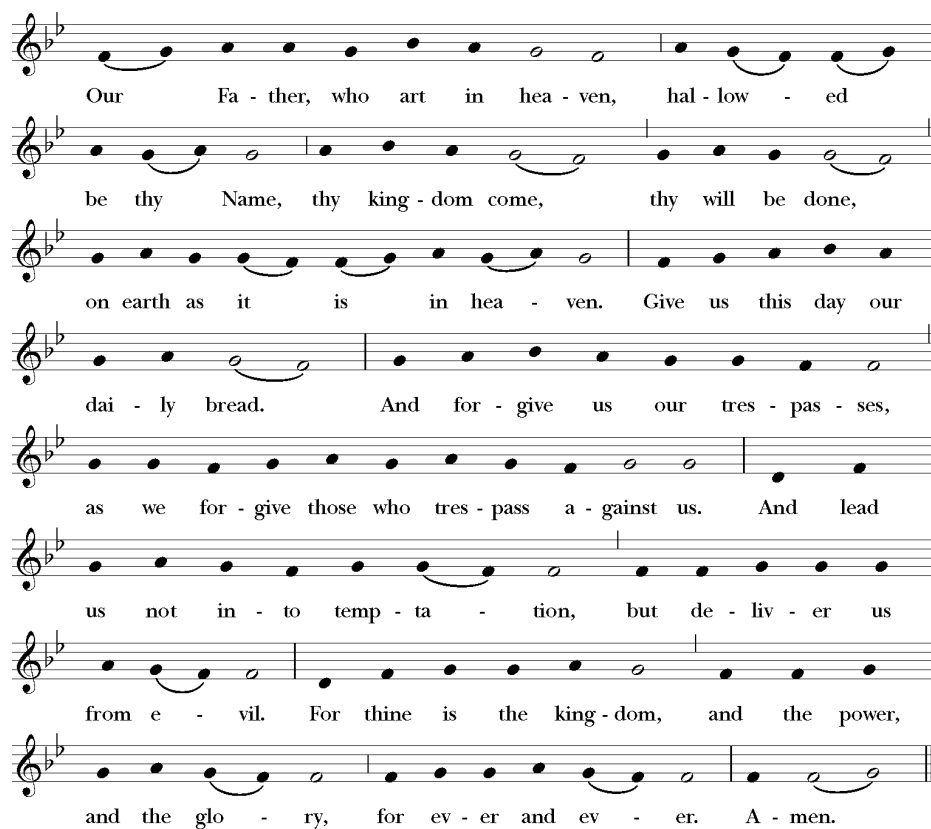
The People respond **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant says

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

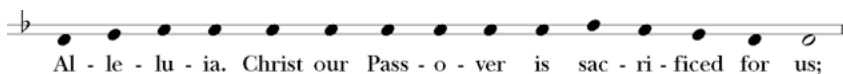
Celebrant and People



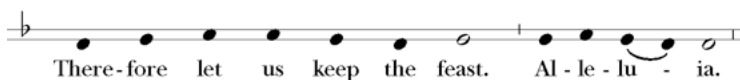
Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. The Celebrant says



People



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

BEHOLD the Lamb of God: behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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

The People remain kneeling until the bell rings.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

I BELIEVE in thee, O my Jesus, present in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar;
I love thee above all things, and I desire to receive thee into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace thee, and I unite myself to thee as if thou wast already there.
Never permit me to be separated from thee!
O Lord Jesus Christ, let the sweet and consuming force of thy love absorb my whole soul, that I may
die for the love of thee, who wast pleased to die for the love of me. Amen.

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AGNUS DEI

Sung by the Choir

AGNUS Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.*

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People kneel and silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

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. 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.

THE SOLEMN BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

WHEN the Word became flesh earth was joined to heaven in the womb of Mary: may the love and obedience of Mary be your example.
Amen.

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts and homes.
Amen.

May you be filled with the joy of the Spirit and the gifts of your eternal home.
Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Deacon says

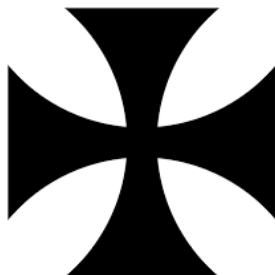
Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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Fuga sopra il Magnificat BWV 733

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)



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