

Ascension of the Lord

May 15-16, 2021

Welcome to the
Catholic Community of St. Francis Xavier
in Hunt Valley, Maryland.

Thank you for worshiping with us!

Opening Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the scepter, his the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
Has redeemed us by his blood."

2. Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us;
Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

Sprinkling Rite

Come to the River

Refrain

Come, O come, come to the river
flowing from the body of Christ.
We'll go down, deep in the water,
but in the Lord we shall arise.

1. Washed in the waters of rebirth,
we have put on Christ Jesus.
2. Priestly people are we,
sealed and sent by the Spirit

Gloria

Refrain:

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

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks, thanks for your great
glory.
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world, have

mercy on us.

You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

For You alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the
Father. Amen. Amen.

From Jubilation Mass

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus,
I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught
until the day he was taken up,
after giving instructions through the Holy
Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.
He presented himself alive to them
by many proofs after he had suffered,
appearing to them during forty days
and speaking about the kingdom of God.

While meeting with them, he enjoined them
not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for
“the promise of the Father about which you
have heard me speak; for John baptized with
water, but in a few days you will be baptized
with the Holy Spirit.”

When they had gathered together they asked
him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore

the kingdom to Israel?”

He answered them, “It is not for you to know
the times or seasons that the Father has
established by his own authority. But you will
receive power when the Holy Spirit comes
upon you, and you will be my witnesses in
Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria,
and to the ends of the earth.”

When he had said this, as they were looking on,
he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from
their sight. While they were looking intently at
the sky as he was going, suddenly two men
dressed in white garments stood beside them.
They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you
standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus
who has been taken up from you into heaven
will return in the same way as you have seen
him going into heaven.”

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 47

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading

Eph 1:17-23

Brothers and sisters:
May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the
Father of glory,
give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation
resulting in knowledge of him.
May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened,
that you may know what is the hope that
belongs to his call,
what are the riches of glory
in his inheritance among the holy ones,
and what is the surpassing greatness of his
power for us who believe,
in accord with the exercise of his great might,

which he worked in Christ,
raising him from the dead
and seating him at his right hand in the
heavens,
far above every principality, authority, power,
and dominion,
and every name that is named
not only in this age but also in the one to come.
And he put all things beneath his feet
and gave him as head over all things to the
church,
which is his body,
the fullness of the one who fills all things in
every way.

Gospel Acclamation

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Go and teach all nations, says the Lord;
I am with you always, until the end of the world.

R. Alleluia, alleluia. *Mark 19a-20b*

Gospel

Jn 15:9-17

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 may 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.”

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with
the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
*(At the words that follow, up to and including
and became man, all bow.)*

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate, he suffered death and was buried,

and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver
of life, who proceeds from the Father
and the Son, who with the Father and the
Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic
Church. I confess one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead and the life of the
world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

Who or what do you need to pray for today?

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts

Come, Holy Ghost

1. Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
And in our hearts take up thy rest;
Come with thy grace and heav'nly aid
To fill the hearts which thou hast made;
To fill the hearts which thou hast made.

2. O Comforter, to the we cry,
Thou heav'nly gift of God most high;
Thou font of life and fire of love,

And sweet anointing from above;
And sweet anointing from above.

3. Praise be to thee, Father and Son,
And Holy Spirit, with them one;
And may the Son on us bestow
The gifts that from the Spirit flow;
The gifts that from the Spirit flow.

Prayer over the Gifts

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

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation

Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (repeat)
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Prayer before Communion

Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Song

Draw Near

Refrain

Draw near, draw near!

Take the body of your Lord.

Draw near, draw near!

Drink the Blood for you outpoured.

1. Draw near and take the Body of the Lord,
and drink with faith the Blood for you
outpoured.
Saved by Christ's Body and his holy Blood,
with souls refreshed we give our thanks to God.

2. Christ, our Redeemer, God's eternal Son,
has by his cross and blood the vict'ry won.
He spent his life for greatest and for least.
Praise Christ, the Paschal Victim, Christ the
Priest.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You, come spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Closing Song

Christ Has No Body Now But Yours

Refrain

Christ has no body now but yours, no hands
but yours.

Here on this earth yours is the work,
to serve with the joy of compassion.

1. No hands but yours to heal the wounded
world,
no hands but yours to sooth all its suffering,

3. Let us approach with faithful hearts sincere
and claim the promise of salvation here.
Christ rules our hearts, and all his saints
defends;
he gives believers life that never ends.

4. With heav'nly bread Christ makes the
hungry whole;
his living water fills the thirsting soul.
Alpha – Omega, unto whom shall bow
all nations of the earth, be with us now.

no touch but yours to bind the broken hope of
the people of God.

2. No eyes but yours to see as Christ would see,
to find the lost, to gaze with compassion;
no eyes but yours to glimpse the holy joy of the
city of God.

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