

# Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary



2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020

Candlemas Ceremonies & Solemn Mass 11.00

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*Epiphany IV*

**Organ**—Variations on ‘Lucis Creator’

*Jehan Alain*

*When the bell rings to announce the entrance of the Ministers, all stand.*

## The Asperges

*Ant.* Aspérges me, Dómine, hyssópo, et mundábor; lavábis me, et super nivem dealbábor. *Ps. 50, 7.* Miserére mei Deus, secúndum magnam misericórdiam tuam. ✠ Glória Patri, et Fílio, et Spíritui Sancto. Sicut érat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sácula sæculórum. Amen. Aspérges me.

*Ant.* Thou shalt purge me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be clean: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. *Ps. 51, 7.* Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness. ✠ 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. Thou shalt purge.

✠ O Lord show thy mercy upon us. ✠ And grant us thy salvation.

✠ O Lord, hear my prayer; ✠ And let my cry come unto thee.

✠ The Lord be with you. ✠ And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

**G**RACIOUSLY hear us, O Lord holy, Father almighty, everlasting God: and vouchsafe to send thy holy angel from heaven to guard and cherish, to protect and visit, and to defend all who dwell in this thy holy habitation. Through Christ our Lord. ✠ Amen.

## At the Blessing of Candles

✠ The Lord be with you. ✠ And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

**O**LORD holy, Father almighty, everlasting God, who hast created all things out of nothing, and by thy command hast made this liquid through the labour of bees to come to the perfection of wax: who didst likewise on this day fulfil the petition of the just man Simeon: we humbly pray thee; that through the invocation of thy most holy name, and the intercession of blessed Mary ever Virgin, whose festival we this day devoutly celebrate, and through the prayers of all thy Saints, thou wouldest vouchsafe to bless and sanctify these candles for the use of men, and for their protection in body and soul, on land or on water: and that from thy holy heaven, and from the throne of thy majesty, thou wouldest hearken to the voice of this thy people, that seeketh to bear them forth in their hands to thine honour and to sing thy praises: and we beseech thee to have mercy on all that call upon thee, whom thou hast redeemed with the precious Blood of thy Son: Who liveth and reigneth. ✠ Amen.

Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who on this day didst present thine only-begotten Son in thy holy temple, to be received in the arms of Saint Simeon: we humbly implore thy mercy; that thou wouldest vouchsafe to bless, sanctify, and kindle with the light of thy heavenly benediction these candles, which we thy servants, receiving to the glory of thy name, desire to kindle and bear forth: to the intent that we, being made worthy by offering them unto thee, our Lord and God, and being enkindled with the holy fire of thy most gracious charity, may be found meet to be presented in the holy temple of thy glory. Through the same. ℞ Amen.

Let us pray.

**O** LORD Jesu Christ, the true light, that lightenest every man that cometh into this world: pour forth thy blessing upon these candles, and sanctify them with the light of thy grace, and mercifully grant; that even as these lights, kindled with visible fire, do scatter the darkness of night; so our hearts, illumined by invisible fire, that is, by the brightness of the Holy Spirit, may be delivered from all blindness of iniquity: that, the eyes of our understanding being enlightened, we may discern such things as are pleasing unto thee and profitable for our salvation; so that finally after the darkness and dangers of this world, we may be found meet to attain unto the light everlasting. Through thee, Christ Jesu, Saviour of the world, who in perfect Trinity livest and reignest, God, throughout all ages, world without end. ℞ Amen.

Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who through thy servant Moses didst command the purest liquid of oil to be prepared for the lamps to burn continually before thy face: mercifully pour upon these candles the grace of thy benediction: that as they shed forth their outward light, so, by thy grace, the light of thy Spirit may continually shine within our souls. Through ... in the unity of the same Holy Spirit. ℞ Amen.

Let us pray.

**O** LORD Jesu Christ, who on this day, appearing among men in substance of our flesh, wast presented by thy parents in the temple: whom the old man, Simeon, the venerable, illumined by the light of thy Spirit, acknowledged, received and blessed: mercifully grant; that we, being enlightened and instructed by the grace of the same Holy Spirit, may truly know thee and faithfully love thee: Who livest and reignest. ℞ Amen.

*The Celebrant sets incense in the thurible; and thrice sprinkles the Candles with holy water, saying the Antiphon Asperges: and then thrice incenses them. Then the senior of the Clergy approaches the Altar, from whom the Celebrant receives a Candle. Then the Celebrant distributes candles first to the senior, then to the Choir and the people: all kneeling and kissing the Candle and the Celebrant's hand.*

## During the Distribution of Candles

*Ant. Luc. 2, 32.* Lumen ad revelatiónem géntium: et glóriam plébis tuæ Israel.

*Ant. Luke 2, 32.* A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

**Canticle**—*Ibid., 29–32.* Nunc Dimittis in B-flat

*Charles Wood*

**N**UNC dimittis servum tuum, Dómine, secúndum verbum tuum in pace. Quia vidérunt óculi mei salutáre tuum. Quod parásti ante fáciem ómnium populórum. Lumen ad revelatiónem géntium, et glóriam plébis tuæ Israë̄l. √ Glória Patri. Lumen.

**L**ORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation. Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people. To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel. √ Glory be. A light.

## After the Distribution of Candles

*Ant. Ps. 43, 26.* Exsúrge, Dómine, ádjuva nos: et líbera nos propter nomen tuum.

*Ant. Ps. 44, 26.* O Lord, arise, help us: and deliver us for thy name's sake.

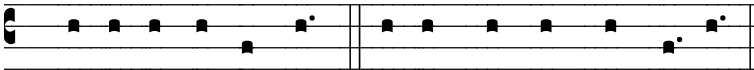
*Ps. ibid.* Deus, áuribus nostris audívimus: patres nostri annuntiavérunt nobis. √ Glória Patri. Exsurge, Domine.

*Ps. ibid.* O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us. √ Glory be. O Lord arise.

Let us pray.

**W**E beseech thee, O Lord, hearken unto thy people: and vouchsafe; that this observance, wherein thou sufferest us to do thee outward honour year by year, may by the light of thy grace bring forth fruit in our souls. Through Christ our Lord. ℞: Amen.

## At the Procession



√ Let us proceed in peace. ℞: In the Name of Christ. Amen.

*Ant.* Adórna thálamum tuum, Sion, et súscipe Regem Christum: ampléctere Mariam, quæ est Cæléstis porta; ipsa enim portat Regem glóriæ novi lúminis: subsístit Virgo, addúcens mánibus Fílium ante lucíferum géntium: quem accípiens Simeonin ulnas suas, prædicávit pópulis, Dóminum eum esse vitæ et mortis, et Salvatórem mundi.

*Ant.* O Sion, adorn thy bride-chamber, and receive Christ the King: greet Mary, who is the gate of heaven: for she beareth the King of the glory of the new light: she remaineth a Virgin, yet beareth in her hands a Son begotten before the morning-star: whom Simeon took into his arms, declaring to the nations that he is the Lord of life and death, and Saviour of the world.

*Ant. Luc. 2, 26–29.* Respónsum accépit Símeon a Spírítu Sancto, non visúrum se mortem nisi vidért Christum Dómini: et cum indúcerent Púerum in templum, accépit eum in ulnas suas, et benedixit Deum, et dixit: Nunc dimíttis servum tuum, Dómine, in pace. Ʒ Cum indúcerent púerum Jesum paréntes ejus, ut fácerent secúndum consuetúdinem legis pro eo, ipse accépit eum in ulnas suas.

*Ant. Luke 2, 26–29.* It was revealed unto Simeon by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ: and when they brought the Child into the temple, then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said: Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace. Ʒ When his parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, then took he him up in his arms.

**1940 Hymnal N° 115**—Hail to the Lord who comes

*Old 120<sup>th</sup>*

Hail to the Lord who comes,  
Comes to his temple gate;  
Not with his angel host,  
Not in his kingly state;  
No shouts proclaim him nigh,  
No crowds his coming wait;  
2. But, borne upon the throne  
Of Mary's gentle breast,  
Watched by her duteous love,  
In her fond arms at rest,  
Thus to his Father's house  
He comes, the heav'nly guest.

3 There Joseph at her side  
In rev'rent wonder stands;  
And, filled with holy joy,  
Old Simeon in his hands  
Takes up the promised child,  
The glory of all lands.  
4. O Light of all the earth,  
Thy children wait for thee!  
Come to thy temples here,  
That we, from sin set free,  
Before thy Father's face  
May all presented be!

**1940 Hymnal N° 116**—O Sion, open wide thy gates

*Bedford*

O Sion, open wide thy gates,  
Let symbols disappear;  
A priest and victim, both in one,  
The Truth himself, is here.  
2. No more the simple flock shall bleed;  
Behold, the Father's Son  
Himself to his own altar comes  
For sinners to atone.

3. Conscious of hidden deity,  
The lowly virgin brings  
Her new-born babe, with two young doves,  
Her humble offerings.  
4. The aged Simeon sees at last  
His Lord, so long desired,  
And Anna welcomes Israel's hope,  
With holy rapture fired.

5. But silent knelt the mother blest  
Of the yet silent Word,  
And pond'ring all things in her heart,  
With speechless praise adored.

6. All glory to the Father be,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,  
While endless ages run. Amen.

**Responsory**—*Luke 2, 32.*

**O**BTULERUNT pro eo Dómino par turturum, aut duos pullos columbárum: ℞. Sicut scriptum est in lege Dómini. √ Postquam impléti sunt dies purgatiónis Mariæ, secúndum legem Móysi, tulérunt Jesum in Jerúsalem, ut sístèrent eum Dómino. ℞. Sicut scriptum est in lege Dómini. √ Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. ℞. Sicut scriptum est in lege Dómini.

**T**HEY offered for him unto the Lord a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons: ℞. As it is written in the law of the Lord. √ When the days of Mary's purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought Jesus to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord. ℞. As it is written in the law of the Lord. √ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. ℞. As it is written in the law of the Lord.

*At the conclusion of the Responsory, the Candles are extinguished. Then the Celebrant and Minsters go to the bench and remove the violet vestments and put on white. Meanwhile, the Choir begins the Introit as below, and the Ministers say the Preparation.*

**Introit**—*Psalm 48, 10–11.*

**S**USCEPIMUS, Deus, misericórdiam tuam in médio templi tui: secúndum nomen tuum, Deus, ita et laus tua in fines terræ: justítia plena est dextera tua. *Ps. ibid., 1.* Magnus Dóminus, et laudábilis nimis: in civitáte Dei nostri, in monte sancto ejus. √ Glória Patri. Suscépimus.

*Please kneel and stand as the servers so do.*

**W**E wait for thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple: O God, according to thy name, so is thy praise unto the world's end: thy right hand is full of righteousness. *Ps. ibid., 1.* Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised: in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill. √ Glory be. We wait.

**Kyrie Eleison**—Mass for Four Voices

Kýrie, eléison. *ijj.* Christe, eléison. *ijj.*  
Kýrie, eléison. *ijj.*

*William Byrd*

Lord, have mercy upon us. *ijj.* Christ, have mercy upon us. *ijj.* Lord, have mercy upon us. *ijj.*

**Gloria in excelsis**

*Byrd*

*All remain standing until the Ministers sit, then all sit.*

**G**LORIA in excélsis Deo, et in terra pax homínibus bonæ voluntátis. Laudámus

**G**LORY be to God on high. And in earth peace good will towards men. We praise

te. Benedícimus te. Adorámus te. Glorificámus te. Grátias ágimus tibi propter magnam glóriam tuam. Dómine Deus, Rex cæléstis, Deus Pater omnípotens. Dómine Fili unigénite, Jesu Christe. Dómine Deus, Agnus Dei, Fílius Patris. Qui tollis peccáta mundi, miserére nobis. Qui tollis peccáta mundi, súscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserére nobis. Quóniam tu solus Sanctus. Tu solus Dóminus. Tu solus Altíssimus, Jesu Christe. Cum Sancto Spírítu, ✠ in glória Dei Patris. Amen.

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 Jesu 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 Jesu Christ, with the Holy Ghost, ✠ art Most High in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

℣. The Lord be with you. ℞. And with thy spirit.

*Please stand for the Collects.*

Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY and everliving God, we humbly beseech thy majesty: that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh; so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts. Through the same. ℞. Amen.

Let us pray.

**O** GOD, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that for man's frailness we cannot always stand uprightly: grant to us health of body and soul; that all those things which we suffer for sin, by thy help we may overcome. Through. ℞. Amen.

### For the Epistle

*Please be seated.*

The Lesson from the Prophet Malachi.

Mal. 3, 1–4

**T**HUS saith the Lord God: Behold, I will send my Messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me. And the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in. Behold he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts: but who may abide the day of his coming, and who shall stand when he appeareth? For he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: and he shall sit as a refiner and purifer of silver, and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver: that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in former years: saith the Lord Almighty. ℞. Thanks be to God.

*Graduale. Ps. 48, 10–11.* Suscépimus, Deus, misericórdiam tuam in médio templi tui: secúndum nomen tuum, Deus, ita et laus tua in fines terræ. √ Sicut audívimus, ita et vídimus in civitáte Dei nostri, in monte sancto ejus.

Allelúja, allelúja. √ Senex Púerum portábat: Puer autem senem regébat. Allelúja.

*Gradual. Ps. 48, 10–11.* We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple: O God, according to thy name, so is thy praise unto the world's end. √ Like as we have heard, so have we seen, in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.

Alleluia, alleluia. √ The old man carried the Child: but the Child was the old man's king. Alleluia.

### The Holy Gospel

*Please stand for the Gospel.*

√ The Lord be with you. ℞ And with thy spirit.

Luke 2, 22–32

√ ✠ The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Luke. ℞ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

**A**T that time: When the days of Mary's purification, according to the law of Moses, were accomplished, they brought Jesus to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord, as it is written in the law of the Lord: Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord. And to offer a sacrifice, according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons. And behold there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law: then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said: Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people: a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. ℞ Praise be to thee, O Christ.

*At the conclusion of the Gospel, the Candles are extinguished.*

### New English Hymnal N° 183—O Glorious Maid

*Ivyhatch*

O Glorious Maid, exalted far  
Beyond the light of burning star,  
From him who made thee thou hast won,  
Grace to be Mother of his Son.

3. Thou wast the gate of heaven's high Lord,  
The door through which the light hath poured.  
Christians rejoice, for through a Maid  
To all mankind is life conveyed.

2. That which was lost in hapless Eve  
Thy holy offspring did retrieve;  
The tear-worn sons of Adam's race  
Through thee have seen the heavenly place.

4. O Jesu, Virgin-born to thee,  
Eternal praise and glory be,  
Whom with the Father we adore,  
And Holy Spirit, evermore. Amen.



Homily—Fr Alton

*Please be seated.*

### Nicene Creed

**C**REDO in unum Deum, Patrem Omnipotentem, factorem cæli et terræ, visibilibus omnium et invisibilibus. Et in unum Dominum Jesum Christum, Filium Dei unigenitum. Et ex Patre natum ante omnia sæcula. Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine, Deum verum de Deo vero. Genitum, non factum, consubstantialē Patri: per quem omnia facta sunt. Qui propter nos homines et propter nostram salutem descendit de cælis. *Here genuflect.* Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto ex Mariā Virgine: Et homo factus est. *Here arise.* Crucifixus etiam pro nobis: sub Pōntio Pilato passus, et sepultus est. Et resurrexit tertia die, secundum Scripturas. Et ascendit in cælum: sedet ad dexteram Patris. Et iterum venturus est cum gloria iudicare vivos et mortuos: cuius regni non erit finis. Et in Spiritum Sanctum, Dominum et vivificantem: qui ex Patre, Filioque procedit. Qui cum Patre, et Filio simul adoratur, et conglorificatur: qui locutus est per Prophetas. Et unam, sanctam, catholicam et apostolicam Ecclesiam. Confiteor unum baptismum in remissionem peccatorum. Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum, et vitam ✠ venturi sæculi. Amen.

*All stand, then the Celebrant sings:*

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

*Offertorium. Ps. 44, 3.* Diffusa est gratia in labiis tuis: propterea benedixit te Deus in æternum, et in sæculum sæculi.

*Please stand for the Creed.*

**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. *Here genuflect.* And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary: And was made man. *Here 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 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.

*Offertory. Ps. 45, 3.* Full of grace are thy lips: because God hath blessed thee for ever, and world without end.

Hymn—All prophets hail thee

*Cœlites plaudant*



All prophets hail thee, from of old announcing,  
By the inbreathèd Spirit of the Father,  
God's Mother, bringing prophecies to fullness,  
Mary the maiden.

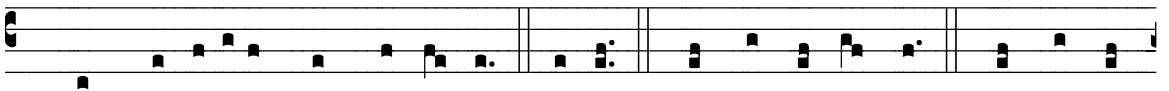
2. Thou the true Virgin Mother of the highest,  
Bearing incarnate God in awed obedience,  
Meekly acceptest for a sinless offspring,  
Purification.

3. In the high temple Simeon receives thee,  
Takes to his bent arms with a holy rapture  
That promised Saviour, vision of redemption,  
Christ long-awaited.

4. Now the fair realm of Paradise attaining,  
And to thy Son's throne, Mother of the  
Eternal,  
Raisèd all glorious, yet in earth's devotion  
Join with us always.

5. Glory and worship to the Lord of all things  
Pay we unresting, who alone adored,  
Father and Son and Spirit, in the highest.  
Reignest eternal. Amen.

Preface of the Nativity



Throughout all ages, world without end. ℞ Amen. ∷ The Lord be with you. ℞ And with thy



spirit. ∷ Lift up your hearts. ℞ We lift them up unto the Lord. ∷ Let us give thanks unto our



Lord God. ℞ It is meet and right so to do.

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 through the mystery of the Word made flesh, the light of thy glory hath shone anew upon the eyes of our mind: that as we acknowledge God made visible to man, we may through him be caught up to love of things invisible. And therefore with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominations, and with all the company of the heavenly host, we sing the majesty of thy glory, evermore praising thee, and saying:

### Sanctus & Benedictus

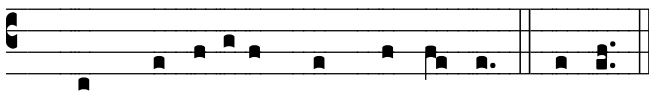
*Byrd*

SANCTUS, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dóminus Deus Sábaoth. Pleni sunt cæli et terra glória tua. Hosánna in excelsis. ✠ Benedíctus qui venit in nómine Dómini. Hosánna in excélsis.

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.

### Canon of the Mass

*Please kneel for the Canon.*

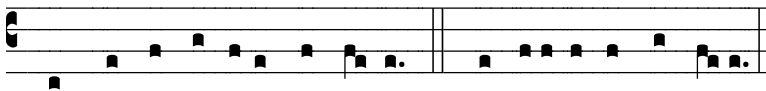


Throughout all ages, world without end. ℞ Amen.

### Our Father

Let us pray: Commanded by saving precepts, and taught by divine institution, we are bold to say:

OUR Father, which art in heaven: hallowed be thy Name: Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread: And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us:

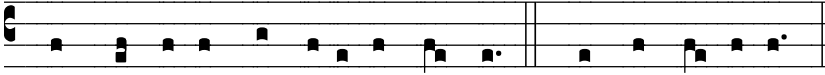


And lead us not into temptation. ℞ But deliver us from e-vil.

### The Pax



Throughout all ages, world without end. ℞ Amen.



The peace of the Lord be alway with you. ʀ And with thy spirit.

### Agnus Dei

Byrd

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi:  
miserére nobis.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the  
world: have mercy upon us.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi:  
miserére nobis.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the  
world: have mercy upon us.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi: dona  
nobis pacem.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the  
world: grant us thy peace.

### Communion of the Faithful

*Turning to the people in the midst of the Altar, the Priest says:*

ʕ Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who taketh away the sins of the world. ʀ Lord, I am not worthy, that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed. [*Repeated thrice*]

*All are welcome to come forward at Holy Communion. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. The Sacred Host will be placed upon your tongue or in the palm of your hand after which the Chalice is offered. Should you wish to receive by intinction, leave the host on your palm. The Chalicist will dip it in the consecrated wine and place it on your tongue. If you are not receiving the Sacrament, please cross your arms as the Priest approaches so that a blessing may be said. Should you be unable to manage steps, Holy Communion can be administered at your pew. The Ushers will be happy to assist you.*

*Communio. Luc. 2, 26. Respónsum accépit Símeon a Spírítu Sancto, non visúrum se mortem, nisi vidéret Christum Dómini.*

*Communion. Luke 2, 26. It was revealed unto Simeon by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.*

### Motet—Hodie beata Virgo

Byrd

**H**ODIE beáta Virgo María púerum Jesum præsentávit in templo: et Símeon, replétus Spírítu Sancto, accépit eum in ulnas suas, et benedíxit Deum in ætérnum.

**T**ODAY the Blessed Virgin Mary presented the Child Jesus in the temple; and Simeon, filled with the Holy Ghost, received him into his arms, and blessed God for evermore.

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,  
 Great David's greater Son!  
 Hail, in the time appointed,  
 His reign on earth begun!  
 He comes to break oppression,  
 To set the captive free;  
 To take away transgression,  
 And rule in equity.

2. He comes with succour speedy  
 To those who suffer wrong,  
 To help the poor and needy,  
 And bid the weak be strong;  
 To give them songs for sighing,  
 Their darkness turn to light,  
 Whose souls, condemned and dying,  
 Were precious in his sight.

5. O'er every foe victorious,  
 He on his throne shall rest;  
 From age to age more glorious,  
 All-blessing and all-blest:  
 The tide of time shall never  
 His covenant remove;  
 His Name shall stand for ever,  
 His changeless Name of Love.

3. He shall come down like showers  
 Upon the fruitful earth,  
 And love, joy, hope, like flowers,  
 Spring in his path to birth:  
 Before him on the mountains  
 Shall peace, the herald go;  
 And righteousness in fountains  
 From hill to valley flow.

4. Kings shall bow down before him,  
 And gold and incense bring;  
 All nations shall adore him,  
 His praise all people sing;  
 To him shall prayer unceasing  
 And daily vows ascend;  
 His kingdom still increasing,  
 A kingdom without end.

*All stand, then the Celebrant sings:*

∇ The Lord be with you. ☩ And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

**W**E beseech thee, O Lord our God: that these holy mysteries, which thou hast given unto us for the assurance of our redemption; may, by the intercession of blessed Mary ever-Virgin, both in this life and that which is to come, be profitable unto us for the healing of our souls. Through. ☩ Amen.

Let us pray.

**L**ET these thy gifts, O God, deliver us from earthly desires: and evermore strengthen us with heavenly refreshment. Through. *℟*. Amen.

### Dismissal

*℣*. The Lord be with you. *℟*. And with thy spirit.

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I- te, mis- sa est.  
Dé- o o grá- ti- as.

### Blessing

*Please kneel for the Blessing.*

May Almighty God bless you, the Father the Son, ✠ and the Holy Ghost. *℟*. Amen.

### The Last Gospel

*Please stand for the Last Gospel.*

*℣*. The Lord be with you. *℟*. And with thy spirit.

Matt. 8, 23–27

✠ The Continuation of the holy Gospel according to Matthew. *℟*. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

**A**T that time: When Jesus was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him: and behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves, but he was asleep. And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying: Lord, save us: we perish. And he saith unto them: Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. But the men marvelled, saying: What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him? *℟*. Thanks be to God.

### The Angelus

*℣*. The Angel of the Lord brought tidings unto Mary. *℟*. And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

*℣*. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. *℟*. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*℣*. Behold, the handmaid of the Lord. *℟*. Be it unto me according to thy word.

*℣*. Hail Mary. *℟*. Holy Mary.

*℣*. And the word was made flesh. *℟*. And dwelt among us.

*℣*. Hail Mary. *℟*. Holy Mary.

*℣*. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God. *℟*. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

**W**E 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 Christ our Lord. ℞ Amen.

1940 Hymnal N<sup>o</sup> 54—Alleluia, song of gladness

*Dulce Carmen*

Alleluia, song of gladness,  
Voice of joy that cannot die;  
Alleluia is the anthem  
Ever dear to choirs on high;  
In the house of God abiding  
Thus they sing eternally.

2. Alleluia thou resoundest,  
True Jerusalem and free;  
Alleluia, joyful mother,  
All thy children sing with thee;  
But by Babylon's sad waters  
Mourning exiles now are we.

3. Alleluia we deserve not  
Here to chant forevermore;  
Alleluia our transgressions  
Make us for a while give o'er;  
For the holy time is coming  
Bidding us our sins deplore.

4. Therefore in our hymns we pray thee,  
Grant us, blessèd Trinity,  
At the last to keep thine Easter  
In our home beyond the sky;  
There to thee forever singing  
Alleluia joyfully.

**Organ**—Fiat lux

*Théodore Dubois*

**Blessing of Throats**

*Please come to the Altar Rail*



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### *Sunday*

Low Mass 8.00

Rosary 10.30

Sung Mass 11.00

Vespers & Benediction 3.00

### *Monday–Friday*

Low Mass 12.10

Vespers & Novena 5.30

### *Saturday*

Low Mass 10.00

Rosary 10.30

(1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays)

Vespers & Novena 3.00