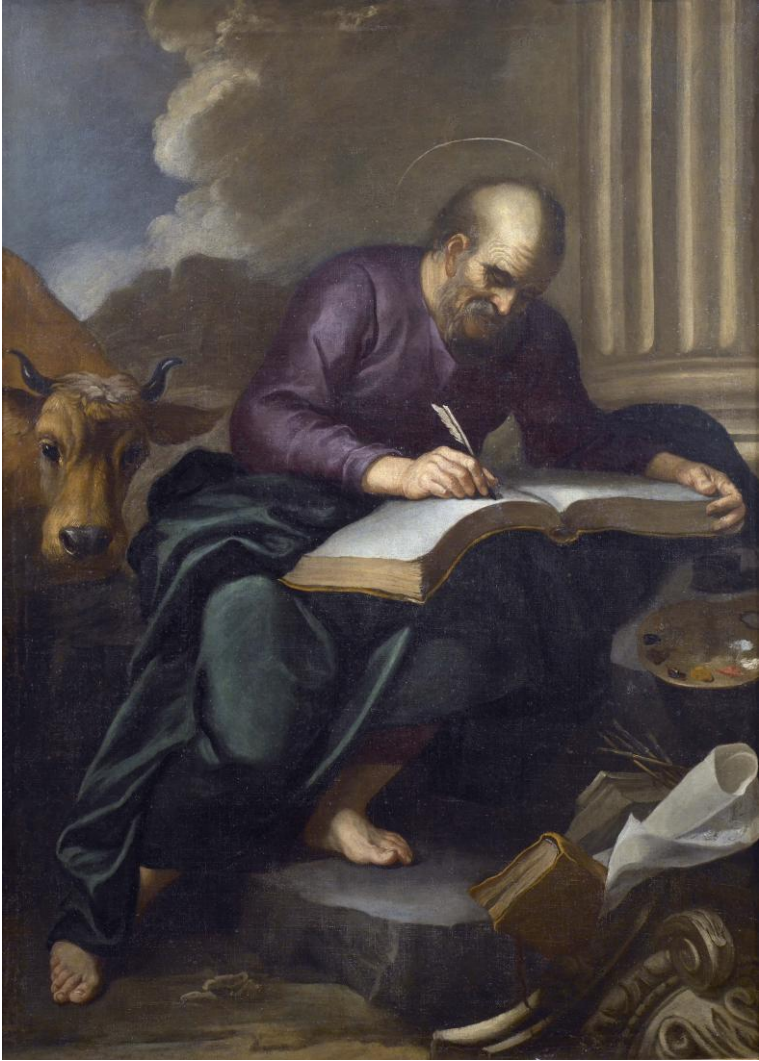




SAINT LUKE, EVANGELIST

Sunday, 18th October 2026

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St Luke's Church, Holbrooks
Sunday, 18th October 2026



Saint Luke (first century) was a Greek, possibly from Antioch, who trained as a doctor. He converted to Christianity, became a disciple of Saint Paul and wrote both a Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. His vivid descriptions of the childhood of Jesus have led some to believe that he was close to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He is believed to have died in his old age, and may have been martyred. He is patron of doctors and artists.

The Introductory Rites

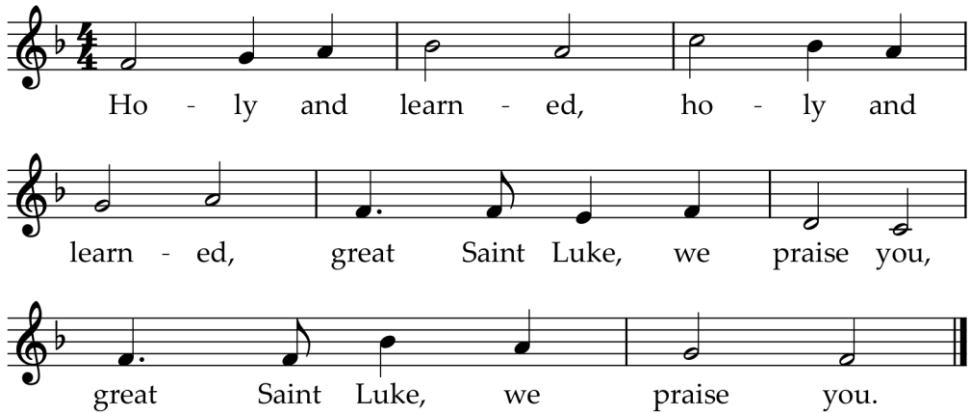
¶ *STAND*

ORGAN PRELUDE

Toccata all'Elevazione in fa maggiore

Domenico Zipoli (1688-1726)

RESPONSORIAL HYMN TO SAINT LUKE



Ho - ly and learn - ed, ho - ly and
learn - ed, great Saint Luke, we praise you,
great Saint Luke, we praise you.

All repeat:

**Holy and learned, holy and learned,
great Saint Luke we praise you,
great Saint Luke we praise you.**

1. Holy and learned, great Saint Luke we praise you,
closely you followed in the steps of Jesus;
as supreme witness to his life and teaching
shedding your lifeblood. **R.**

2. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit,
you left in writing, for all time to study
stories unrivalled for their depth and beauty,
Christ's love revealing. **R. ...**

3. Yours are the records which we read with pleasure
of the beginnings of the Church so fervent,
under the impulse of the true and living
Spirit of Jesus.

**R. Holy and learned, holy and learned,
great Saint Luke we praise you,
great Saint Luke we praise you.**

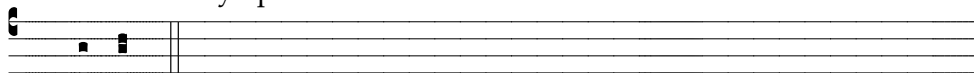
4. Paul's earnest helper, sharer in his travels,
zealous as he was, with a heart as loving;
make our souls also steadfast and devoted
to the Lord Jesus. **R.**

5. Tender physician, use your gift of healing,
comfort our weakness with a faith unswerving,
so that rejoicing we may praise for ever
God the almighty. **R.**

**From *Plausibus, Luca* (modern)
translated by the Benedictine Nuns,
St Cecilia's Abbey, Ryde**

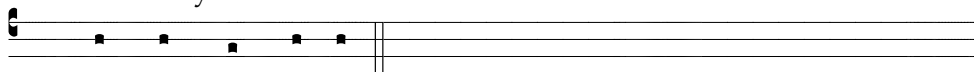
SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GREETING

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.



R. A-men.

Peace be with you.



R. And with your spir-it.

SPRINKLING OF WATER

Dear brothers and sisters,
let us implore the blessing of God, our Father,
that this rite of sprinkling of holy water
may revive in us the grace of our baptism,
in which we were immersed
in the Lord's redemptive death,
that we may rise with him to new life.

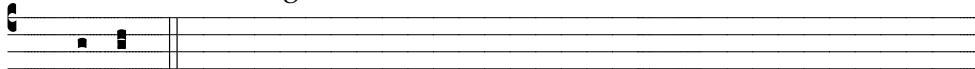
*The Bishop sprinkles the people with the blessed water
while the cantor sings the antiphon:*

ANTIPHON

Asperges me Ps 51,9

You will sprinkle me with hyssop, O Lord,
and I shall be cleansed;
you will wash me and I shall be made whiter than snow.

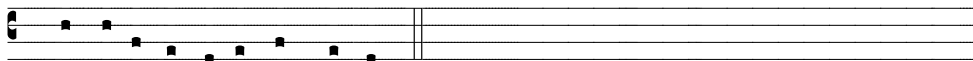
May almighty God cleanse us of our sins,
and through the celebration of this Eucharist
make us worthy to share
at the table of his Kingdom.



R. A-men.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

The Bishop intones Gloria in excelsis Deo:



Glo-ri- a in excel-sis De-o.

The hymn is then taken up by the congregation:

**R. Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest.**

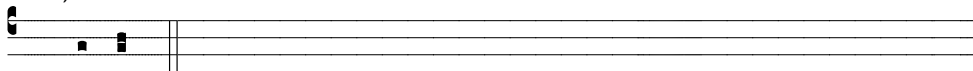
**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory. R.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**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. R**

COLLECT

Lord God, who chose Saint Luke
to reveal by his preaching and writings
the mystery of your love for the poor,
grant that those who already glory in your name
may persevere as one heart and one soul
and that all nations may merit to see your salvation.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.



R. A-men.

The Liturgy of the Word

¶ SIT

FIRST READING

Isaiah 52,7-10

‘All the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.’

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings good news,
who publishes peace,
who brings good news of happiness,
who publishes salvation,
who says to Sion, ‘Your God reigns.’
The voice of your watchmen – they lift up their voice;
together they sing for joy;
for eye to eye they see
the return of the LORD to Sion.
Break forth together into singing,
you waste places of Jerusalem,

for the LORD has comforted his people;
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 145,10-11. 12-13b. 17-18. R. cf. 12a



***All repeat: Your friends, O LORD, shall make known
the glorious splendour of your kingdom.***

All your works shall thank you, O LORD,
and all your faithful ones bless you.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign,
and declare your mighty deeds. **R.**

They make known your might to the children of men,
and the glorious splendour of your reign.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule endures for all generations. **R.**

The LORD is just in all his ways,
and holy in all his deeds.
The LORD is close to all who call him,
who call on him in truth. **R.**

SECOND READING

Acts 1,1-3;2,1-4

'They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.'

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the Apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

When the day of Pentecost arrived, the Apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

¶ *STAND*

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Cf. Jn 15,16

R. VI f

A L- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia.

All repeat: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

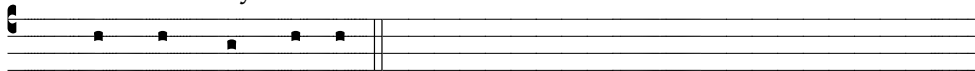
I chose you out of the world, says the Lord,
that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide. **R.**

GOSPEL

Luke 10,1-9

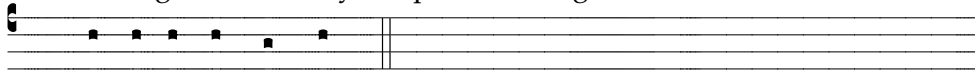
'Your peace will rest upon him.'

The Lord be with you.



R. And with your spir-it.

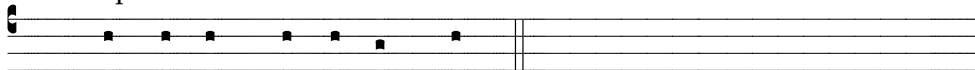
✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.



R. Glo-ry to you, O Lord.

At that time: The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no money bag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace be to this house!" And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the labourer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick in it and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

The Gospel of the Lord.



R. Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

THE HOMILY

¶ SIT

Silence for personal reflection.

The Liturgy of Initiation

¶ REMAIN SEATED

THE PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The Parish Priest presents the Candidates to the Bishop:

Reverend Father in God,

I present to you our candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

With the prayerful support and encouragement of this parish,
they have been prepared to continue their initiation
into the Body of Christ, the Church, which was begun at their Baptism.

Be pleased to lay hands upon them
and anoint them with the Sacred Chrism,
sealing them with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The Bishop asks the candidates:

Have you been baptised in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?

Those to be confirmed:

I have.

Are you ready with your own mouth
and from your own heart
to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

Those to be confirmed:

I am.

The Bishop addresses the whole congregation:

People of God,
will you welcome these candidates
and uphold them in their life in Christ?

All:

With the help of God, we will.

THE DECISION

The Bishop addresses the candidates:

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.
To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.
Therefore I ask: Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

Those to be confirmed:

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

Those to be confirmed:

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us
from God and neighbour?

Those to be confirmed:

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

Those to be confirmed:

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

Those to be confirmed:

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way,
the truth and the life?

Those to be confirmed:

I come to Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

¶ *STAND*

Brothers and sisters,
I ask you to profess together with these
candidates the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
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.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

CONFIRMATION

The Bishop stands before those who are to be confirmed and says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R. Who has made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

R. Now and for ever. Amen.

The Bishop extends his hands towards those to be confirmed and says:

Almighty and ever-living God,
you have given these your servants new birth
in baptism by water and the Spirit,
and have forgiven them all their sins.

Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them:
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding;
the Spirit of counsel and inward strength;
the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness;
and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord.

R. Amen.

The Bishop addresses each candidate in these words:

N, God has called you by name
and made you his own.

He then lays his hand on the head of each, saying:

CONFIRM, O LORD, YOUR SERVANT
WITH YOUR HOLY SPIRIT.

R. Amen.

*The Bishop then makes the Sign of the Cross
on the forehead of each with Chrism, as he says:*

N, BE SEALED WITH THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

R. Amen.

He takes the right hand of the candidate and says:

Peace be with you.

The newly confirmed:

And with your spirit.

The Bishop prays for all those on whom he has laid hands:

Defend, O Lord, these your servants with your heavenly grace,
that they may continue yours for ever,
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more
until they come to your everlasting kingdom.

R. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Each intention is concluded by the following responsory:

Let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, have mercy.

AVE MARIA (Cf. Luke 1,28. 42)

**Hail, Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.**

**Blessed art thou amongst 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.



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The Liturgy of the Eucharist

OFFERTORY HYMN



1. Angel-voices ever singing
round thy throne of light,
angel-harps for ever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless thee
and confess thee Lord of might.

2. Thou who art beyond the farthest
mortal eye can scan,
can it be that thou regardest
songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou art near us,
and wilt hear us? Yea, we can.

3. Yea, we know that thou rejoicest
o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and voices
for thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for thy pleasure all combine.

4. In thy house, great God, we offer
of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer
all unworthily
hearts and minds and hands and voices
in our choicest psalmody.

5. Honour, glory, might, and merit
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
blessèd Trinity.
Of the best that thou hast given
earth and heaven render thee.

Francis Pott (1832–1909)

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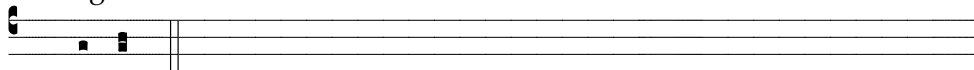
ORATE, FRATRES

Pray, brethren (*brothers and sisters*),
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

**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

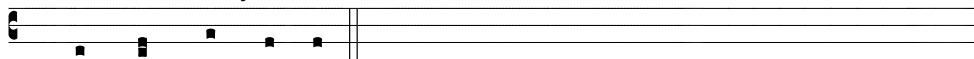
Grant through your heavenly gifts
that we may serve you in freedom of heart, we pray, O Lord,
so that the offerings we make on the feast day of Saint Luke
may bring us healing and give us glory.
Through Christ our Lord.



R. A-men.

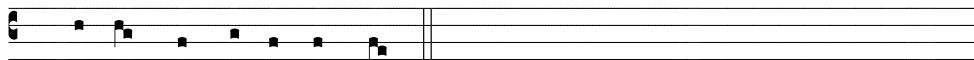
PREFACE OF EVANGELISTS

The Lord be with you.



R. And with your spir-it.

Lift up your hearts.



R. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.

You willed that the mystery of Christ your Son
be made known to us through the Scriptures,
the work of those whom you enlightened by the Holy Spirit.
Through them you have entrusted to your Church
the words and acts of the Saviour
in writings destined to endure
as a fertile seed for every generation,
bearing rich fruit to your praise and glory.

With these holy Gospels to inspire us,
we join the choirs of Angels and Saints
in this, their joyful hymn of praise:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed ✠ is he who comes

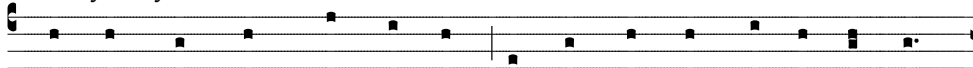
in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

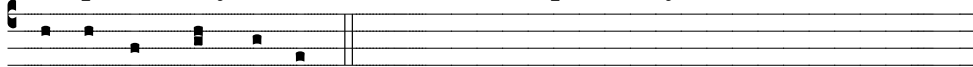
After this the congregation KNEELS (or REMAINS STANDING) for the remainder of the Eucharistic Prayer.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

The mystery of faith.



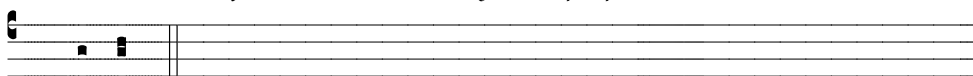
We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion



un-til you come a-gain.

DOXOLOGY AND AMEN

At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer the people acclaim:



R. A-men.

The Communion Rite

¶ *STAND*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

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

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

THE PEACE

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 your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.
R. Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
R. And with your spirit.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

And all offer one another the customary sign of peace.

¶ REMAIN STANDING

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the
world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the
world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the
world, grant us peace.

¶ KNEEL (or REMAIN STANDING)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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.

**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

Cf. Lk 10,1.9

The Lord sent out disciples to proclaim throughout the towns:
The kingdom of God is at hand for you.

HYMN AFTER COMMUNION



1. How shall I sing that majesty
which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
thy throne, O God most high;
ten thousand times ten thousand sound
thy praise; but who am I?

2. Thy brightness unto them appears,
whilst I thy footsteps trace;
a sound of God comes to my ears,
but they behold thy face.
They sing, because thou art their Sun;
Lord, send a beam on me;
for where heaven is but once begun
there alleluias be.

3. Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
in flame it with love's fire;
then shall I sing and bear a part
with that celestial choir.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,
with all my fire and light;
yet when thou dost accept their gold,
Lord, treasure up my mite.

4. How great a being, Lord, is thine,
which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
to sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore,
a sun without a sphere;
thy time is now and evermore,
thy place is everywhere.

John Mason (c. 1645–1694)

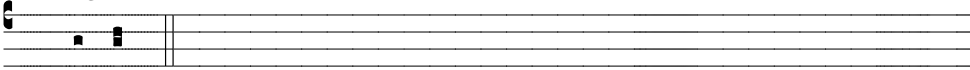
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

¶ *STAND*

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that what we have received from your holy altar
may sanctify us and make us strong
in the faith of the Gospel which Saint Luke proclaimed.
Through Christ our Lord.



R. A-men.

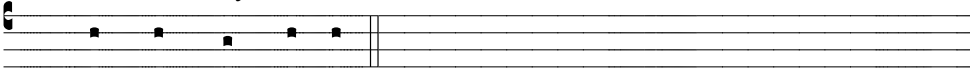
The Concluding Rites

Any brief announcements to the people follow here.

¶ *STAND*

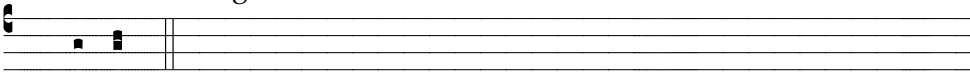
SOLEMN BLESSING

The Lord be with you.



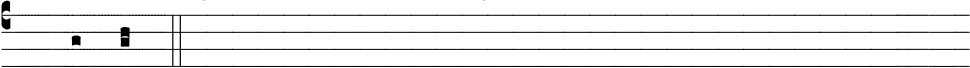
R. And with your spir-it.

Confirm, O God,
what you have brought about in us,
and preserve in the hearts of your faithful
the gifts of the Holy Spirit:
may they never be ashamed
to confess Christ crucified before the world
and by devoted charity
may they ever fulfil his commands.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.



R. A-men.

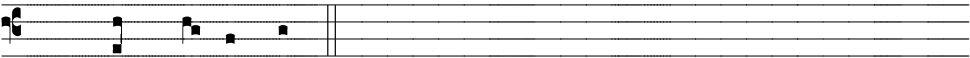
And may the blessing of almighty God,
✠ the Father, ✠ and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.



R. A-men.

DISMISSAL

Go forth, the Mass is ended.



R. Thanks be to God.

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS

The Bishop intones Te Deum laudamus ('We praise you, O God').

The hymn is then taken up by all:



1. Holy God, we praise thy Name;
Lord of all, we bow before thee!
All on earth thy sceptre claim,
all in heav'n above adore thee;
infinite thy vast domain,
everlasting is thy reign.

*Infinite thy vast domain,
everlasting is thy reign.*

2. Hark! the loud celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising,
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising;
fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord.

*Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord.*

3. Lo! the apostolic train
join the sacred Name to hallow;
prophets swell the loud refrain,
and the white-robed martyrs follow;
and from morn to set of sun,
through the Church the song goes on.

*And from morn to set of sun,
through the Church the song goes on.*

4. Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name thee;
while in essence only One,
undivided God we claim thee;
and adoring bend the knee,
while we own the mystery.

*And adoring bend the knee,
while we own the mystery.*

Ignaz Franz (1719–1790)

translated by **Clarence A. Walworth (1820–1900)**

based on **Te Deum laudamus (A Song of the Church)**

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