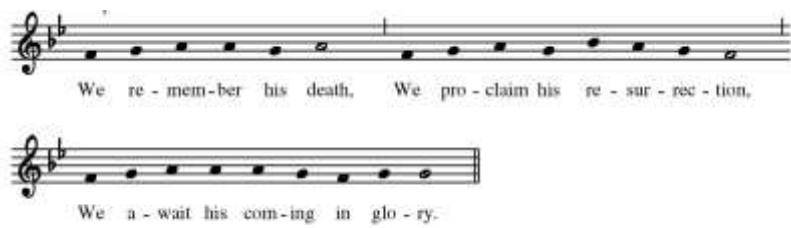


Therefore, according to his command, O Father,



The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in the subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

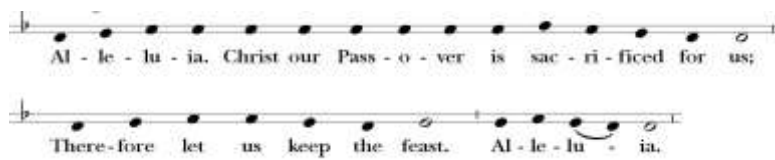
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold 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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. The Celebrant and People sing



The Celebrant continues

The gifts of God for the People of God. (Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.)

The Lord's Table is open to all. Baptized persons are welcome to receive communion. Unbaptized persons are invited to the altar to receive a blessing. To signify that you do not desire communion, please cross your arms over your chest, and a priest will administer a blessing. You are also invited to receive prayers and anointing with holy oil in one of our transept chapels (Ascension to the south, and Holy Communion to the north) where anointers wait to pray with you.

Music at Communion

Organ	L'Ascension <i>IV. Prayer from Christ ascending towards His Father</i>	Olivier Messiaen
Hymn 318	“Here, O my Lord”	<i>Nyack</i>
Motet	Sing ye to the Lord	Everett Titcomb
	Sing ye to the Lord who ascended to the heav’n of heav’n to the sun rising. Alleluia.	

The Sending of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Following communion, Eucharistic Visitors to our homebound members may be sent forth with the following prayer.

Celebrant In the name of St. John’s Cathedral, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s Body and Blood.

People We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.

The Postcommunion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people.

In Procession, Hymn 544 “Jesus shall reign where e’er the sun” *Duke Street*

The Dismissal

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Voluntary L'Ascension Olivier Messiaen
III. Outbursts of joy

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The flowers in Cummings Chapel and at the High Altar are given to the glory of God, in loving memory of Richard Bush, by Shirley Bush, in loving memory of LaTrelle Sheffield, by Karen Culler, in loving memory of Sara Jane Ashurst Ferris, and in thanksgiving for Captain William Dallas Bethea, Jr., by Sally Ferris.

The flowers in Holy Communion Chapel and Ascension Chapel are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory and thanksgiving for all mothers.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

ASCENSION SUNDAY
May 8, 2016 - 11 a.m.

A joyous and warm welcome to our visitors and guests. Please know how happy our Cathedral community is to have you worship with us. We'd love to know our guests, so please fill out a visitor card and drop it in the offering plate as it comes by.

Voluntary L'Ascension Olivier Messiaen
II. Serene Alleluias

Introit God is gone up Arthur Hutchings

God is gone up with a merry noise, and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. Thou art gone up on high, Thou hast led captivity captive and received gifts for men. O sing praises unto our God. O sing praises unto our King. He hath led captivity captive and received gifts for men. God is gone up on high.

In Procession, Hymn 214 “Hail the day that sees him rise” *Llanfair*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant continues

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The People are seated.

The Lesson Acts 1:1-11

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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

A period of silence for reflection follows the reading.

The choir sings:

Psalm 47

Chant: John Goss

Clap your hands together, all ye people *
O sing unto God with the voice of melody.

For the Lord is high, and to be feared *
he is the great King upon all the earth.

He shall subdue the people under us *
and the nations under our feet.

He shall choose out an heritage for us *
even the worship of Jacob, whom he loved.

God is gone up with a merry noise *
and the Lord with the sound of the trump.

O sing praises, sing praises unto our God *
O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.

For God is the King of all the earth *
sing ye praises with understanding.

God reigneth over the heathen *
God sitteth upon his holy seat.

The princes of the people are joined unto the people of the God of Abraham *
for God, which is very high exalted, doth defend the earth,
as it were with a shield.

A period of silence for reflection follows.

The Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Easter Alleluia and Verse

Mode VIII

Cantor: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Choir and People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Cantor: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast.

Choir and People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The People are seated.

The Sermon

The Reverend Canon David Erickson

A period of silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The People stand.

The Nicene Creed

The Celebrant and People say

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again 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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People *All remain standing as able.*

Father, we pray for the church, for those who are looking for you and those who are finding you. May everyone be filled with your love and grace.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for Christians around the world, especially in the Middle East, who are being oppressed or are in danger because of their faith.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for this nation and its leaders. May they guide us with compassion and wisdom.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are in trouble and need your love, and for those who are sick and need your strength.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for our moms, that you may give them the strength and patience they need to continue their great work.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died. May they join the communion of saints and see you face to face.

Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant and People say

Gracious and loving God, our heavenly Father, you have called us in this Diocese to a goodly community of faith. You have called us also to bring others to know and love you, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Because it is only by your mercy that we can do those good things you require of us, we pray that you would give us a special measure of your grace as we seek to be obedient to your Great Commission. Assist us, O Lord, and help us as we set out to do those things you would have us to do to bring others to the knowledge and love of you. We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes the prayers.

The Peace

The People stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Clergy and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Representatives of the congregation bring forward the People's offerings of bread and wine, money, and other gifts.

Offertory Anthem

God is gone up

William Croft

God is gone up with a merry noise: and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. O sing praises, sing praises unto our God: O sing praises, sing praises unto our King. For God is the King of all the earth: O sing ye praises with understanding. Amen.

Rebecca Andrews, soprano; Michele Holt, soprano; Katie Sherer, alto;

Cindy Miller, alto; Paul Fisher, tenor; Michael Miller, baritone

The People stand when the offerings are brought forward and placed on the Altar.

Hymn 380, v. 3 “Praise God, from whom all blessings flow” *Old 100th*

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

The Celebrant and people sing

Celebrant
The Lord is with us And al- so with you.
People
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

Hymnal S-125

Richard Proulx

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”