

Friday, February 2nd, 2024

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
(CANDLEMAS)

Feast

The Blessing of Candles and the Procession

PRELUDE Noël pour l'amour de Marie - Nicholas Le Begue (1631-1702)

BLESSING OF THE CANDLES

The Priest sings or says:

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

R. Amen.

V. The Lord be with you;

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who as on this day didst suffer thine Only Begotten Son to be presented in the temple and to be received in the arms of Saint Simeon: we humbly beseech thy mercy; that like as we thy servants, taking these candles, do seek to light them and bear them to the glory of thy Name, so thou wouldest vouchsafe to bless ✠ and sanctify ✠ the same; that we being made worthy of offering them unto thee, our Lord and our God, and being enkindled with the holy flame of thy most gracious charity, may be found meet to be presented before thee in the temple of thy glory; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Then shall the Priest, placing incense in the thurible, sprinkle the candles with holy water and then cense them.

The Priest then distributes the candles to the Ministers and servers in the Sanctuary. Then the candles are distributed to the congregation.

During the distribution, the Nunc Dimittis is sung.

Hunc dimittis

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Tone I, 2

Cantor

Choir and Congregation

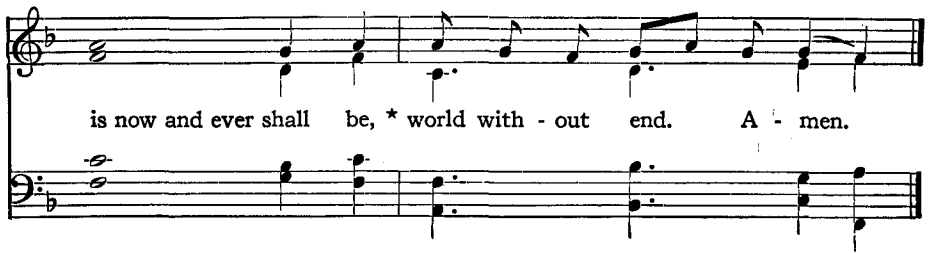
Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, * ac-cord-ing to thy word.

2 For mine eyes have seen * thy sal - va - tion, 3 Which thou hast pre - par - ed

* before the face of all peo - ple; 4 To be a light to lighten the Gen-tiles,

* and to be the glory of thy peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Father and

to the Son, * and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the beginning,



Then the following antiphon may be sung:

Antiphon

Exsurge, Domine (Ps 44:26,1)

O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us: for thy Name's sake.

(Ps) O God, we have heard with our ears: our fathers have declared unto us.

GLORY. O Lord...

Towards the end of the distribution, the servers light the candles of the Ministers, the candles of the congregation, and the candles on the altar. While the candles are lighted, the following antiphon may be sung:

Antiphon

Ecce Dominus (Cf. Is 35:4,5)

Behold, the Lord shall come to us with mighty power: bringing light to the eyes of those who serve him well.

Then the Priest shall say:

Let us pray.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, mercifully to hear the prayers of thy people: that this observance, whereby we do thee outward honour year by year, may by the light of thy grace bring forth fruit inwardly in our souls; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The procession is formed in the usual manner. The Deacon or Priest, standing at the altar and facing the People, sings or says:

V. Let us go forth in peace.

R. In the Name of Christ. Amen.

All hold their lighted candles for the procession. During the procession, the following hymns are sung.

Saints' Days and Holy Days

The Purification

February 2

OLD HUNDRED TWENTIETH

Melody from THOMAS EST'S
Whole Book of Psalmes, 1592

66. 66. 66

In moderate time

1 Hail to the Lord who comes, Comes to his tem - ple gate;
2 But, borne up - on the throne Of Ma - ry's gen - tle breast,

Not with his an - gel host, Not in his king - ly state;
Watched by her du - teous love, In her fond arms at rest,

No shouts pro-claim him nigh, No crowds his com - ing wait;
Thus to his Fa - ther's house He comes, the heav'n - ly guest. A-men.

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! Amen.

A station is made at the Marian shrine:

Priest: They offered for him unto the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons:

People: As it is written in the law of the Lord.

The priest says a prayer, and the procession continues.

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Saints' Days and Holy Days

The Purification

C. M.

BEDFORD

Moderately slow

WILLIAM WHEALL, 1723

1 O Si - on, o - pen wide thy gates, Let sym - bols dis - ap - pear;
2 No more the sim - ple flock shall bleed; Be - hold, the Fa - ther's Son

A priest and vic - tim, both in one, The Truth him - self, is here.
Him - self to his own al - tar comes For sin - ners to a - tone. A - men.

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.

JEAN BAPTISTE DE SANTEÜIL, 1680;
Tr. EDWARD CASWALL, 1849, *alt.*

HYMN IN PROCESSION 115 Hail to the Lord who comes (Insert)

A station is made at the Marian shrine:

Priest: They offered for him unto the Lord, a pair of
turtledoves or two young pigeons:

People: **As it is written in the law of the Lord.**

The priest says a prayer, and the procession continues.

HYMN IN PROCESSION 116 O Sion open wide thy gates (Insert)

The people extinguish their candles until the Gospel.

Introit

Suscepimus (Ps 48:8,9,1)

We have waited, O God, for thy loving-kindness in the midst of
thy temple; according to thy Name, O God, so is thy praise unto
the world's end: thy right hand is full of righteousness.

(Ps) Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised: in the city of our
God, even upon his holy hill.

GLORY. We have...

KYRIE

Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
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Setting: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

GLORIA

Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena

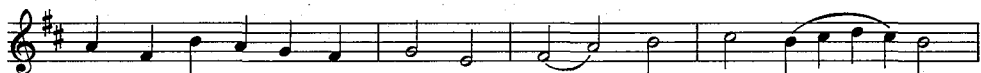
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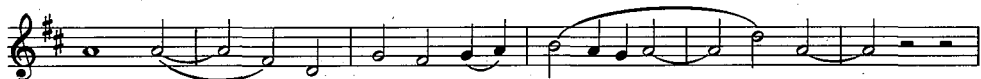
good will towards men. 2. We praise thee, we bless thee,



we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give



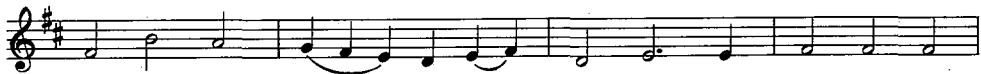
thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly



King, God the Fa - ther Al - might - - - y.



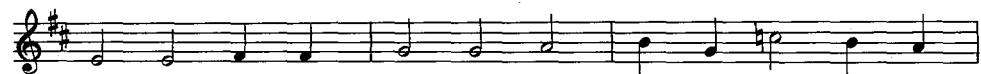
4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ;



5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that



ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -



on us. 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the



world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the



right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.

8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. thou
 on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art the most
 high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. —
 A - - - - - men.

Setting: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Collect

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we humbly beseech thy majesty: that, as thine 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, by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord GOD:

“Behold, I send my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

“For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, till they present right offerings to the LORD.

Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.”

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J. BARNBY



- 7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates;
and be ye lift up, ye ever- | lasting | doors; *
and the King of | glory | shall come | in.
- 8 Who is this | King of | glory? *
It is the Lord strong and mighty,
even the | **Lord** | mighty · in | battle.
- 9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates;
and be ye lift up, ye ever- | lasting | doors; *
and the King of | glory | shall come | in.
- 10 Who is this | King of | glory? *
Even the Lord of hosts, | he · is the | King of | glory.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since the children share in flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise partook of the same nature, that through death he might destroy him who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong bondage.

For surely it is not with angels that he is concerned but with the descendants of Abraham.

Therefore he had to be made like his brethren in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make expiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered and been tempted, he is able to help those who are tempted.

The people's candles are lighted again for the Gospel.

Tract

Nunc dimittis (Lk 2:29-32)

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word.

V. For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation.

V. Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people.

V. To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

✠ A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

And inspired by the Spirit he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

"Lord, now let your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel."

And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother,

"Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed."

And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phan'uel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, and as a widow till she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and spoke of him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

And when they had performed everything according to the

law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth.

And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The people extinguish their candles until after the Offertory.

HOMILY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form III: Mass Booklet page 29

PENITENTIAL RITE Mass Booklet page 5

Facing the People, the Priest or Deacon says the exhortation. The People kneel. The Priest, facing the altar, begins the following prayer, and the People join in saying:

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:**

**We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and
wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously
have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy
divine majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and
indignation against us.**

**We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our
misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,
the burden of them is intolerable.**

**Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful
Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us
all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve
and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory
of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Priest concludes with a prayer asking for God's mercy and
pardon.*

Offertory

Diffusa est gratia (Ps 45:2b)

Full of grace are thy lips: because God hath blessed thee for ever.

OFFERTORY HYMN 117 Sing of Mary, pure and lowly (Insert)

PLEADING SAVIOUR
Somewhat slowly

Plymouth Collection,
New York, 1855

1 Sing of Ma - ry, pure and low - ly, Vir - gin - moth - er un - de - filed,
2 Sing of Je - sus, son of Ma - ry, In the home at Na - za - reth.

Sing of God's own Son most ho - ly, Who be - came her lit - tle child.
Toil and la - bor can - not wea - ry Love en - dur - ing un - to death.

Fair - est child of fair - est moth - er, God the Lord who came to earth,
Con - stant was the love he gave her, Though he went forth from her side,

Word made flesh, our ve - ry bro - ther, Takes our na - ture by his birth.
Forth to preach, and heal, and suf - fer, Till on Cal - va - ry he died. A - men.

3 Glory be to God the Father;
Glory be to God the Son;
Glory be to God the Spirit;
Glory to the Three in One.

From the heart of blessèd Mary,
From all saints the song ascends,
And the Church the strain re-echoes
Unto earth's remotest ends. Amen.

ORATE FRATRES

The Priest kisses the altar, turns towards the People, extends and then joins his hands, and says aloud:

Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable unto God, the Father Almighty.

The People stand and respond:

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at thy hands, for the praise and glory of his Name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

OLORD, we beseech thee mercifully to hear our prayers: and that these gifts which we offer unto thy divine majesty may be an acceptable offering in thy sight, do thou show forth on us the succour of thy loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The people's candles are lighted again for the Canon.

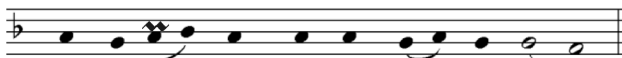
SURSUM CORDA

Priest The Lord be with you.



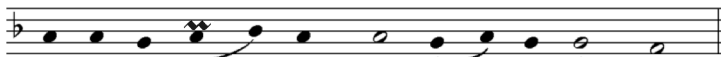
People And with thy spi - rit.

Priest Lift up your hearts.



People We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



People It is meet and right so to do.

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of



Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed — is he that com - eth —
 — in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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The mystery of faith:

We proclaim thy Death, O Lord, and profess thy Resurrection, until thou come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

The Priest sings or says:

As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

And here he begins the Lord's Prayer, as the People continue with him:

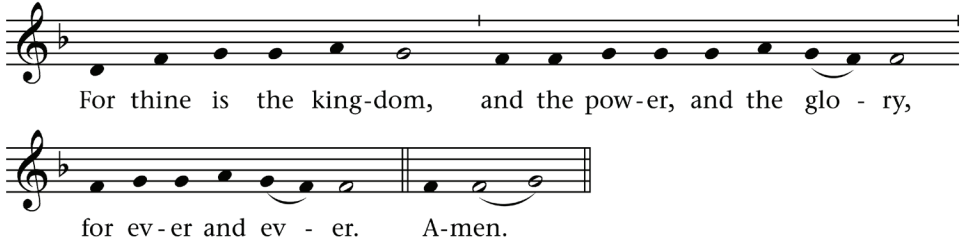
OUR FA-THER, who art in heav-en, hal-low - ed be thy Name,
 thy king-dom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our dail-ly bread.
 And for-give us our tres-pass-es, as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us.
 And lead us not in-to temp-ta - tion, but de-liv-er us from e - vil.

The Priest alone continues:

Deliver us, O Lord, we beseech thee, from all evils, past, present, and to come; and at the intercession of the blessed and glorious ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with thy blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and with Andrew, and all

the Saints, favourably grant peace in our days, that by the help of thine availing mercy we may ever both be free from sin and safe from all distress.

The Priest joins his hands. The People respond:



For thine is the king-dom, and the pow-er, and the glo - ry,
for ev - er and ev - er. A-men.

PEACE

(Kneel after response)

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And with thy Spirit.**

PASCHA NOSTRUM

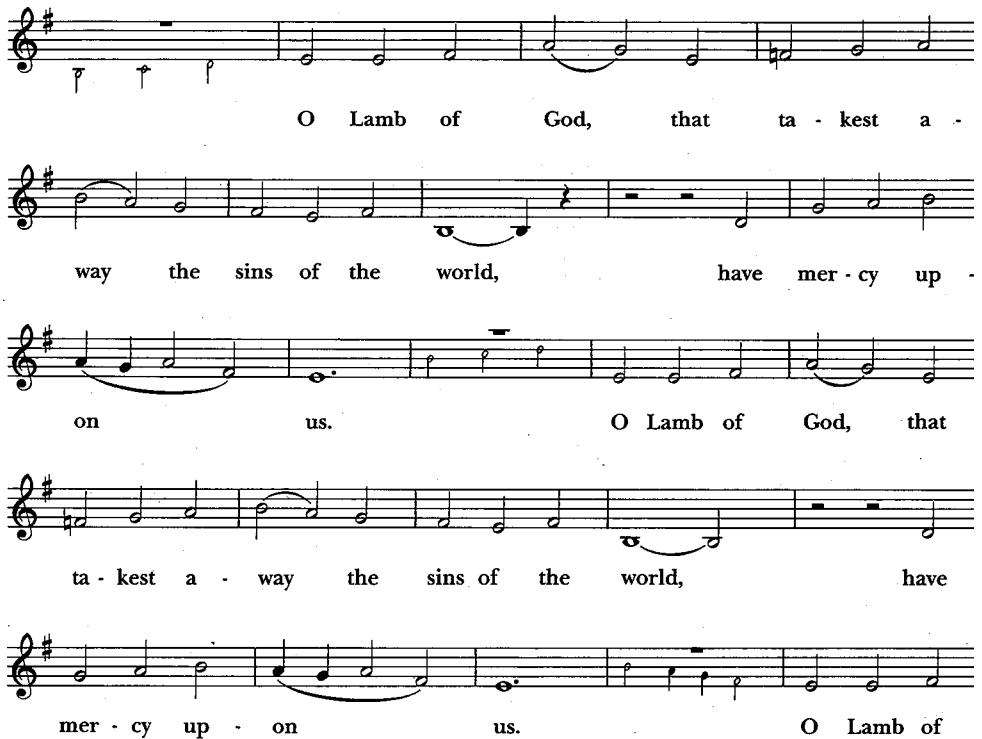
(kneeling)

Priest: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

AGNUS DEI

Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of

God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

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PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

The Priest says with all who shall receive Communion:

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table,
O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,
but in thy manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much as to gather up the
crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same
Lord whose property is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh
of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his Blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body,
and our souls washed through his most precious Blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.**

Amen.

ECCE AGNUS DEI

(said by the Priest)

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him that taketh away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

DOMINE NON SUM DIGNUS

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

Communion

Responsum accepit Simeon (Lk 2:26)

It was revealed unto Simeon by the Holy Spirit: that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Anointed.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Those in full communion with the Catholic Church are welcome to receive Holy Communion. The Priest will administer the sacred Host, followed by the Deacon or Subdeacon with the Chalice. The faithful may receive both species, or one: Our Lord is fully present in each form. We encourage communion on the tongue as the

most traditional and reverent manner of receiving the Sacrament. To simplify movements, we ask that those receiving only the host remain at the rail and cross their arms as the Chalice passes before returning to their seats.

POSTCOMMUNION HYMN 1982#258 Virgin born, we bow before thee (Insert)
THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION (kneeling)

**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 Saviour Jesus
Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour 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, by the merits of the most
precious death and Passion of thy dear Son.**

**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 Spirit, be all honour and
glory, world without end. Amen.**

Postcommunion

GRANT, we beseech thee, O Lord our God: that these holy
mysteries, which thou hast given unto us for the assurance
of our salvation, may, by the intercession of Blessed Mary ever-
Virgin, both in this life and in that which is to come, be profitable
unto us for the healing of our souls; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL Mass Booklet page 23-24

CLOSING HYMN 479 First Tune Love divine, all loves excelling (Insert)

ANGELUS

POSTLUDE Laissez paistre vos bestes - Nicholas Le Begue (1631-1702)

1 Vir - gin - born, we bow be - fore thee: bless - ed was the
 2 Bless - ed she by all cre - a - tion, who brought forth the

womb that bore thee; — Ma - ry, Mo - ther meek and mild, —
 world's sal - va - tion, and bless - ed they, for ev - er blest, who

bless - ed was she in her Child. Bless - ed was the breast that fed thee;
 love thee most and serve thee best. Vir - gin - born, we bow be - fore thee;

bless - ed was the hand that led thee; bless - ed was the
 bless - ed was the womb that bore thee; Ma - ry, Mo - ther

par - ent's eye that watched thy slum-bering in - fan - cy.
meek and mild, — bless - ed was she in her Child.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves, a treble clef on the top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on the treble staff, and the bass line is on the bass staff. The lyrics are placed between the two staves. The music features a simple, hymn-like melody with a mix of quarter and eighth notes, and rests. There are some decorative flourishes in the original image, such as a dashed line under the first few notes of the treble staff.

The Presentation (February 2); The Annunciation (March 25).

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

Music: *Psalm 86*, Claude Goudimel (1514-1572), alt.

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HYFRYDOL

ROWLAND HUGH PRICHARD, c. 1830

With dignity

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
 2 Come, al - migh - ty to de - liv - er, Let us all thy life re - ceive;
 3 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; Pure and spot - less let us be:

Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, All thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
 Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
 Let us see thy great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in thee:

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
 Thee we would be al - way bless - ing, Serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in heav'n we take our place,

Vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 Pray, and praise thee without ceas - ing, Glo - ry in thy perfect love.
 Till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise. A - men.