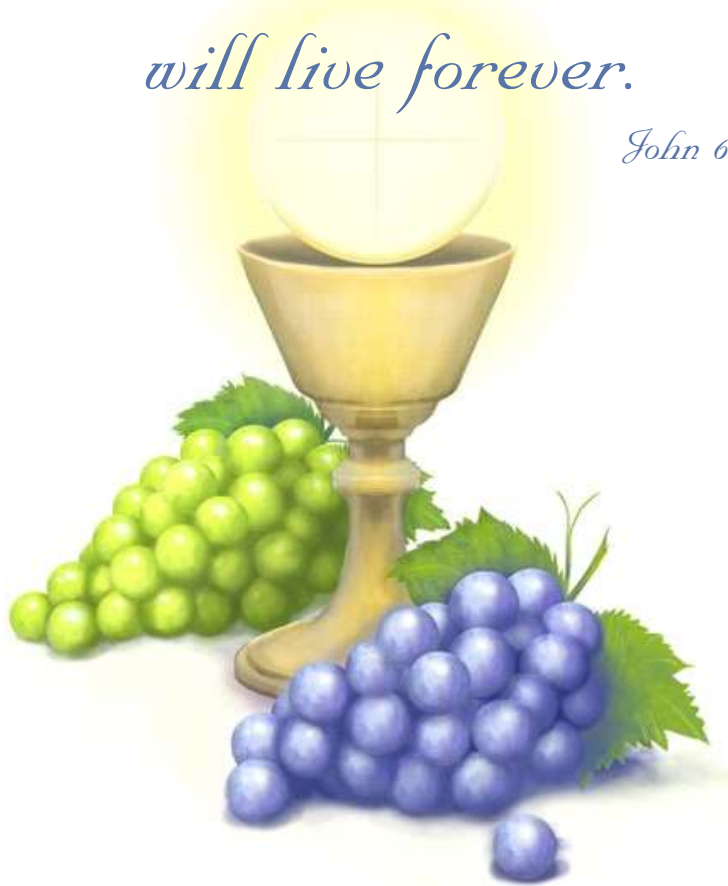


*I am the bread of life ...  
whoever eats  
this bread  
will live forever.*

*John 6:35-58*

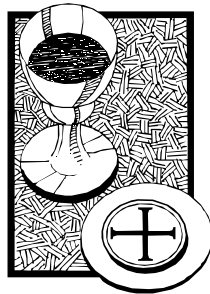


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### ***Parents' Prayer for a Child's First Communion***

*Father, today for the first time, You are calling our child (name) to the table of the Eucharist. We ask that he/she may be a worthy member of Christ's Mystical Body, the Church. In the power of the Eucharist preserve (name) from the assaults of evil, strengthen his/her faith, and make him/her a witness to Your love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Introductory Rites

### Processional Hymn

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -  
 3. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly  
 4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

1. a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for  
 2. fend thee; Sure - ly his good - ness and  
 3. reign - eth, Shel - ters thee un - der his  
 4. dore him! All that hath life and breath

1. he is thy health and sal - va - tion.  
 2. mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend thee.  
 3. wings, yea, so gent - ly sus - tain - eth.  
 4. come now with prais - es be - fore him!

1. All ye who hear, Now to his al - tar draw  
 2. Pon - der a - new What the Al - might - y can  
 3. Hast thou not seen All that thou need - est hath  
 4. Let the A - men Sound from his peo - ple a -

1. near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
 2. do, Who with his love doth be - friend thee.  
 3. been Grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
 4. gain, Now as we wor - ship be - fore him.

### Greeting


#### Penitential Act (Confiteor)

*I confess to almighty God  
 and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
 that I have greatly sinned,  
 in my thoughts and in my words,  
 in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,  
 through my fault, through my fault,  
 through my most grievous fault;  
 therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
 all the Angels and Saints,  
 and you, my brothers and sisters  
 to pray for me to the Lord our God.*

## Kyrie

### Gloria

*All:*



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy you,

we give you thanks for your great glo-ry, Lord God, heav'n-ly King,

O God, al-might-y Fa-ther. Lord Je-sus Christ,

On-ly Be-got-ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther,

you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us;

you take a-way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther,

have mer-cy on us. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,

you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ,

with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

### Collect

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

The brothers and sisters devoted themselves  
to the teaching of the Apostles and to the communal life,  
to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers.  
Awe came upon everyone,  
and many wonders and signs were done through the  
Apostles.  
All who believed were together and had all things in  
common;  
they would sell their property and possessions  
and divide them among all according to each one's  
need.  
Every day they devoted themselves  
to meeting together in the temple area  
and to breaking bread in their homes.  
They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart,  
praising God and enjoying favor with all the people.  
And every day the Lord added to their number those who  
were being saved.

The word of the Lord.

***R/. Thanks be to God.***

Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 116*



Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Brothers and sisters:  
I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you,  
that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over,  
took bread and, after he had given thanks,  
broke it and said, "This is my Body that is for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying,  
"This cup is the new covenant in my Blood.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."  
For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,  
you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

The word of the Lord.

***R/. Thanks be to God.***

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the Jews who were present:  
"I am the living bread that came down from heaven;  
whoever eats this bread will live forever;  
and the bread that I will give  
is my Flesh for the life of the world."

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying,  
"How can this man give us his Flesh to eat?"

Jesus said to them,  
"Amen, amen, I say to you,  
unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink  
his Blood,  
you do not have life within you.

Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood  
has eternal life,  
and I will raise him on the last day.

For my Flesh is true food,  
and my Blood is true drink.

Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood  
remains in me and I in him.

Just as the living Father sent me  
and I have life because of the Father,  
so also the one who feeds on me  
will have life because of me.

This is the bread that came down from heaven.

Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died,  
whoever eats this bread will live forever.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

***R/. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

Homily

Universal Prayer

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts

*Panis angelicus*

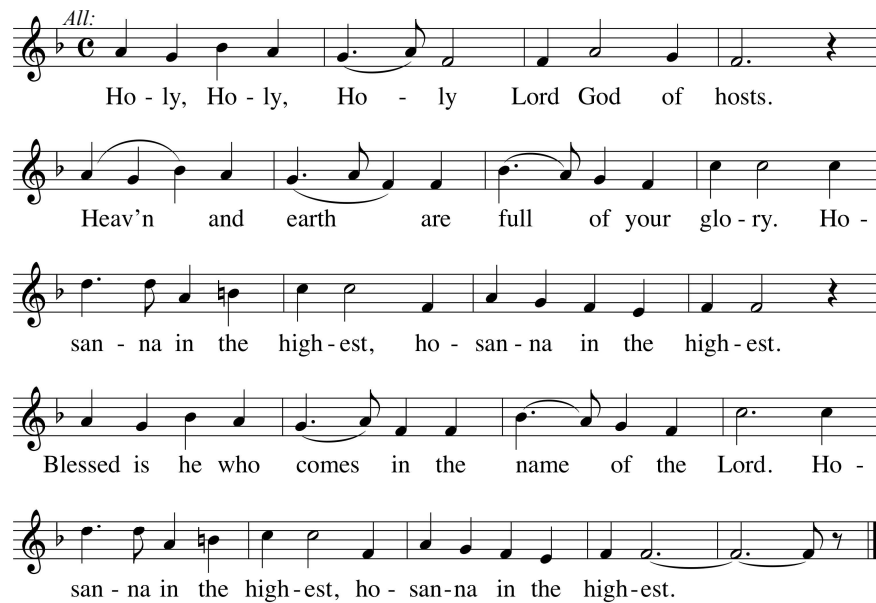
César Franck

Prayer over the Offerings

Preface Dialogue

Sanctus

*All:*



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

## The Mystery of Faith



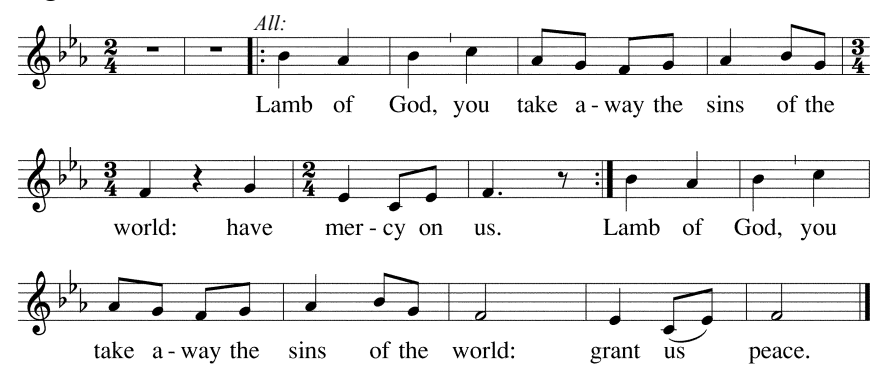
## Great Amen



## Lord's Prayer

## Rite of Peace

## Agnus Dei





# Communion Hymn

## *At That First Eucharist*



1. At that first Eu - cha - rist be - fore you died,  
 2. For all your church, O Lord, we in - ter - cede;  
 3. We pray for those who wan - der from the fold;

O Lord, you prayed that all be one in you;  
 O make our lack of char - i - ty to cease;  
 O bring them back, Good Shep - herd of the sheep,

At this our Eu - cha - rist a - gain pre - side,  
 Draw us the near - er each to each we plead,  
 Back to the faith which saints be - lieved of old,

And in our hearts your law of love re - new.  
 By draw - ing all to you, O Prince of Peace.  
 Back to the Church which still that faith does keep.

Thus may we all one Bread, one Bod - y be;  
 Through this blest Sac - ra - ment of U - ni - ty.

# Communion Meditation

## *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

Johann Sebastian Bach

# Prayer after Communion

## CONCLUDING RITE

Prayer over the People

Blessing and Dismissal

Recessional Hymn

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

1. All crea - tures of our God and King, Lift  
7. Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, And

1. up your voice and with us sing: Al - le - lu - ia!  
7. wor - ship him in hum - ble - ness, O praise him!

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1. Al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn - ing sun with gold - en beam,  
7. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son,

1. Thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam:  
7. And praise the Spir - it, Three - in - One:

O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## THANK YOU!

Our Communicants wish to thank their parents and all who helped them to prepare for this celebration of First Holy Communion!

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Kate Maroney

Organist  
Cantor

Dan Rogers  
Dan Wagner

Photographer  
Program

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### PHOTOGRAPHS

Immediately following Mass our photographer will take a group photograph of the children. Please wait until he is finished to take your own photographs.

Thank you!

### **First Communicants**

**May 3, 2025**

Mary Helen Alonzo	Kyle Maurer
Hannah Ball	Rocio Mejia Lomeli
Kaleb Bedonie	Blake "Jay" Montgomery
Cali Benjamin	Vaile "Ella" Moore
Lincoln Bower	Owen Morrow
Campion Bradley	Viviana Nieto
Jacob Brown	Evie O'Toole
Cameron Chilin-Amos	Mary Myers Pfrommer
Henry Coleman	Tinsley Pressly
Samuel Costa	John Ribock
Luke Cross	Caroline Roach
Ivy Elia	William Rupert
Caroline Eudy	Hannah Shaffer
Caroline Fogle	Charlotte Sheehan
Kate Gandolfo	Jeremiah Sukany
Olivia Grant	Broughton "Eli" Thomas
Patrick Guinn	Pierce Thompson
Samantha Guinn	James Troutman-Powell
Hartlee Hanna	Ava Lynn Walsh
John "Jack" Holder	Emma Kate Walsh
Anna "Ryan" Kubas	Conor Washington
Finley Luffman	Leland Wise

### **Fellow Classmates**

Savannah Wood

### **Special Needs Seating**

The first pew on the right side is reserved for those with special needs.

### **Guidelines for the Reception of Holy Communion**

#### **FOR CATHOLICS:**

As Catholics, we are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession.

#### **FOR OUR FELLOW CHRISTIANS:**

We welcome you to our celebration, yet because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.