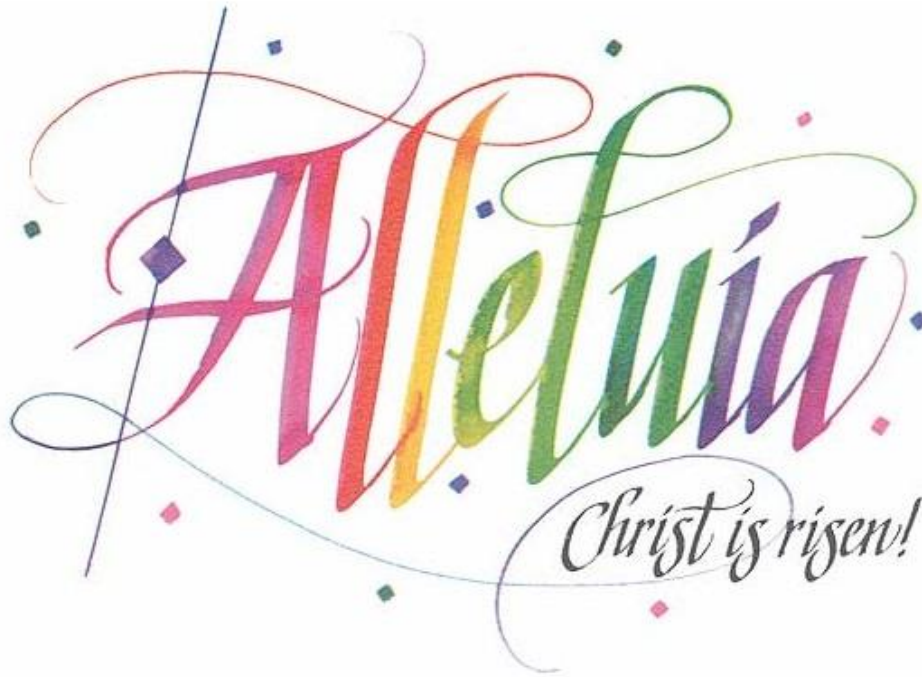


ASCENSION

May 20/21, 2023



St. Michael Poplar Springs

Mount Airy, MD

10:30 a.m. in church will be live-streamed.

MUSICIAN: Good evening/morning/afternoon!

Welcome to St. Michael Poplar Springs for the celebration of the SOLEMNITY of the ASCENSION OF THE LORD!

10:30 – A special welcome to those who join us via livestream! There is a worship aid for you on line at our web page. Thank you for choosing to celebrate Mass with us today!

Today our presider is:

10:30 – our pastor, Father Paul.

ALL MASSES:

Please stand and offer welcome to those around you...

**Sunday 10:30: Let us sing together song number 395,
“Here I Am, Lord,” number 395.**

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Gathering Song 10:30

“Here I Am, Lord”

Dan Schutte

Breaking Bread Book, Number 395

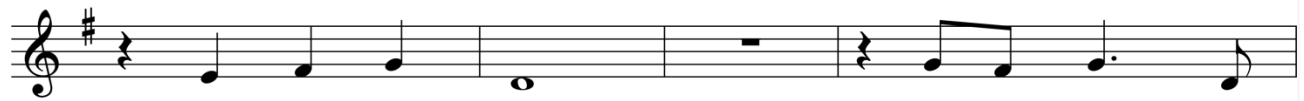
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1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the



peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin
peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them.
poor and lame. I will set a feast for them.



My hand will save. I who made the
They turn a - way. I will break their
My hand will save. Fin - est bread I



stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.
will pro - vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

AFTER THE ENTRANCE SONG, please announce:

- *This weekend we are conducting our annual Mass attendance count. Each year the archdiocese uses this information to determine the number of parishioners attending Mass. The information is used in a number of statistical reports, including the annual report to the Vatican.*
- *You will find blue cards and pencils at the end of your pew.*
- *We ask that one person from each household record information for all family members present today.*
- *If you are the only member of your household present, please fill out a form including your information.*
- *Please take a few moments now to do this. (play a few moments of instrumental music and continue...)*
- *You can turn in the cards later, when we pass the collection basket. Thank you!*

Greeting

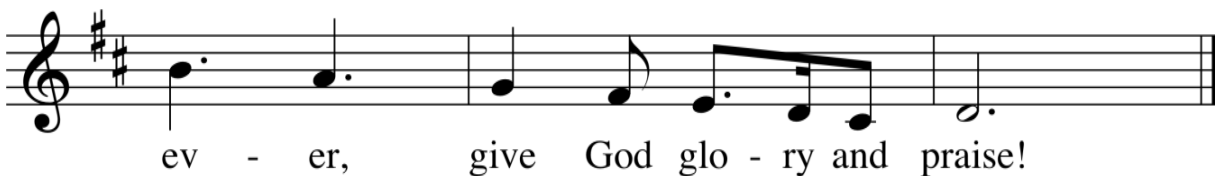
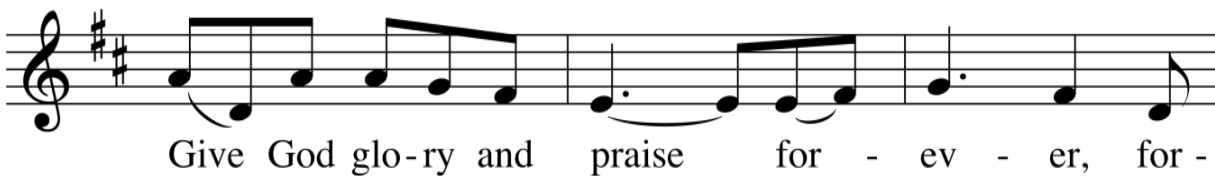
Sign of the Cross

Sprinkling Rite (in place of the Penitential Act)

“Springs of Water”

Tony Alonso

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4. When he returns to his chair and the singing is over, the Priest stands facing the people and, with hands joined, says:

**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.**

Gloria “Glory to God” from *Mass of Christ the Savior*

Dan Schutte

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Refrain

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

Verse 1

1. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we
1. glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry,
1. Lord God, heav'n-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa-ther.

Verse 2

2. Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son, Lord God,
2. Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-way the sins of the world,
2. have mer-cy on us; you take a-way the sins of the world,
2. re-ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed at the right hand,
2. the right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us.

Verse 3

3. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
3. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly
to Coda ⊕ or Refrain
3. Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.

Collect

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 1: 1 – 11

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 47:

“God Mounts His Throne to Shouts of Joy”

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R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trum-pets for the Lord.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1: 17 - 23

Gospel Acclamation

from *Mass of Restoration*

Josh Blakesley and Leland G. “Grae” McCullough, IV

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Gospel

Matthew 28: 16 - 20

We will repeat the “Alleluia” following the Gospel.

Homily

Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
(*All Bow*) and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Universal Prayer

“Lord, hear our prayer.”

As soon as everyone is seated, the LECTOR says...

Lector: Today we have a special collection
for the Catholic Communications Campaign,
please use your envelope,
or use an envelope provided in the narthex,
or give on line so that we can record your gift.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.
And please remember to drop
your blue mass count card in the basket, too!

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts 10:30 “These Alone Are Enough”

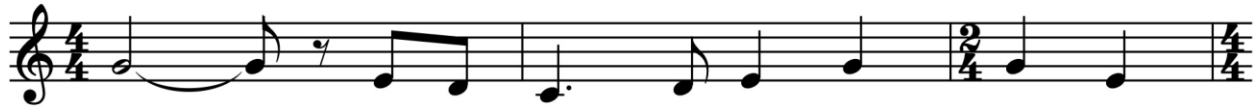
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Breaking Bread Book, Number 399

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1. Take my heart, O Lord, take my hopes and
2. Take my thoughts, O Lord, and my mem - o -
3. I sur - ren - der, Lord, all I have and
4. When the dark - ness falls on my fi - nal



1. dreams. Take my mind with all its plans and
2. ry. Take my tears, my joys, my lib - er -
3. hold. I re - turn to you your gifts un -
4. days, take the ver - y breath that sang your



1. schemes.
2. ty.
3. told.
4. praise. } Give me noth - ing more than your love and



1-4. grace. These a-lone, O God, are e-nough for me.

Eucharistic Prayer

Acclamations from MASS OF CHRIST THE SAVIOR

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“Holy, Holy”

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
earth are full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na! Ho -
san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is
he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

“Memorial Acclamation”

Save us, save us, Sav-ior of the world, for by your
Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

“Great Amen”

A - men. A - men. A - men.

Communion Rite

The Lord’s Prayer

Sign of Peace

The Lamb of God

Acclamation from MASS OF CHRIST THE SAVIOR

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world, have mer-cy on us. world, grant us peace.

Communion Antiphon

“Ascension Sunday”

Steve Angrisano, Sarah Hart, and Curtis Stephen

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Be - hold, I am with you al - ways,
e - ven to the end of the
age, al - le - lu - ia.

Communion Song 10:30

“See, I Make All Things New”

Breaking Bread Book, Number 593

Ken Canedo

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Verses



1. Come, let us go to a bright and ho - ly cit - y, a
2. Come, let us go to a place with no more dy - ing, no
3. Come, let us go to a land where all the peo - ple can



1. place where we can dream, where we are free.
2. mourn - ing and no pain and no more fear.
3. free - ly share the wis - dom of their God.



1. Come, let us go from this world of trial and sor - row. Oh,
2. Come, let us go to a land with no more cry - ing, where
3. Come, let us go to an Earth where all the na - tions can



1. lead us to a home of last - ing peace.
2. God will gent - ly wipe a - way our tears.
3. walk to - geth - er in the light of love.

Refrain



And God said, "I am with you. Tru - ly I am with



you. See, I make all things new. I am with you.



Tru - ly I am with you. See, I make all things new."

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Made by a member of the music ministry:

- *If you are having a medical procedure or surgery soon, please meet the priest (Father Paul/Father Kurt) at the Reconciliation Room for the Anointing of the Sick after he greets parishioners.*
- *Join us for the **Cornerstone Breakfast** in the gym today (Sunday)! The buffet is open until 12:30.*
- *Donate blood and save lives! The Red Cross will be holding a blood drive in the gym on Saturday, June 3. See the bulletin to schedule an appointment.*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

**Almighty ever-living God,
who allow those on earth to celebrate divine mysteries,
grant, we pray, that Christian hope may draw us onward
to where our nature is united with you.**

Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Solemn Blessing (Ascension of the Lord)

Bow down for the blessing.

**May almighty God bless you,
for on this very day his Only Begotten Son
pierced the heights of heaven
and unlocked for you the way
to ascend to where he is.**

All: Amen.

**May he grant that,
as Christ after his Resurrection
was seen plainly by his disciples,
so when he comes as Judge
he may show himself merciful to you for all eternity.**

All: Amen.

**And may you, who believe his is seated
with the Father in his majesty,
know with joy the fulfillment of his promise
to stay with you until the end of time.**

All: Amen.

**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.**

All: Amen.

Dismissal

Sending Forth 10:30

“Love Has Come”

Breaking Bread Book, Number 487

Matt Maher

Sending Forth 5:00/8:00 and 12:15

“Hallelujah Is Our Song”

Breaking Bread Book, Number 174

Sarah Hart, Sarah Kroger, Josh Blakesley, Trey Heffinger

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1. With one voice the an - gels sing songs that make cre -
2. God the Fa - ther, El - o - him, voice of thun - der,
3. God of Cov - e - nant, di - vine, lead us to the
4. Keep - er of the sac - ri - fice man - i - fest in
5. Now sal - va - tion has come in the New Je -



1. a - tion ring. Proph - ets hear and call us to
2. spir - it, wind: breathe on me your ver - y life;
3. end of time, be - yond sor - row, be - yond fear,
4. Je - sus Christ, born to die and wake the dead,
5. ru - sa - lem. Danc - ers dance and sing - ers roar; pro -



1. live in spir - it and in truth.
2. grace will make the dark - ness bright.
3. be - yond pride and earth - en tears.
4. as we hun - ger keep us fed.
5. claim - ing Je - sus Christ is Lord!



Word of God, en - throned, dwell in us for - ev - er - more.



Love has come to show the way. Hal - le - lu -



jah, peace be with us. Love has come to show the way.