



CATHEDRAL OF SAINT JOSEPH

MOTHER CHURCH OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

FOURTH SUNDAY OF Lent

MARCH 30, 2025

Celebrant: VERY REVEREND JOHN P. MELNICK
Rector, Cathedral of Saint Joseph

Disconnect from the secular world and connect to the Divine. Please turn your cellular phone off prior to the beginning of Mass.

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling,
2. Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er,
3. Fin - ish then your new cre - a - tion,



Joy of heav'n to earth come down!
Let us all your life re - ceive;
Pure and spot - less, gra - cious Lord,



Fix in us your hum - ble dwell - ing,
Sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er,
Let us see your great sal - va - tion



All your faith - ful mer - cies crown.
Nev - er more your tem - ples leave.
Per - fect - ly in you re - stored.



Je - sus, source of all com - pas - sion,
Lord, we would be al - ways bless - ing,
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



Love un - bound - ed, love all pure;
Serve you as your hosts a - bove,
Till in heav'n we take our place,



Vis - it us with your sal - va - tion,
Pray, and praise you with - out ceas - ing,
Till we sing be - fore the al - might - y



Let your love in us en - dure.
Glo - ry in your pre - cious love.
Lost in won - der, love and praise.

GREETING

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

KYRIE

Priest, deacon or cantor, then all:

Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son. Chri - ste, e - lé - i - son.

Priest, deacon or cantor, then all:

Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son.

COLLECT

FIRST READING

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

R. Taste and see the good - ness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times; praise of him is always in my mouth. In the Lord my soul shall make its boast; the humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

Lord, and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**

Look toward him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This lowly one called; the Lord heard,

Glorify the Lord with me; together let us praise his name. I sought the

and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Chant

Cantor, then all:

R. Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, king of end - less glo - ry!

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Verse: I will get up and go to my Father and shall say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. **R.**

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Deacon: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

HOMILY

Very Reverend John P. Melnick

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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

PRESENTATION & PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

ANTHEM

Words from John 3:16

God So Loved the World

Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

HYMN

Amazing Grace



1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to
3. The Lord has prom - ised good to
4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and
5. When we've been there ten thou - sand



sound, That saved a wretch like me!
fear, And grace my fears re - lieved;
me, His word my hope se - cures;
snares, I have al - read - y come;
years, Bright shin - ing as the sun,



I once was lost, but now am
How pre - cious did that grace ap -
He will my shield and por - tion
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus
We've no less days to sing God's



found, Was blind, but now I see.
pear The hour I first be - lieved!
be As long as life en - dures.
far, And grace will lead me home.
praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: **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.**

PREFACE DIALOGUE

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

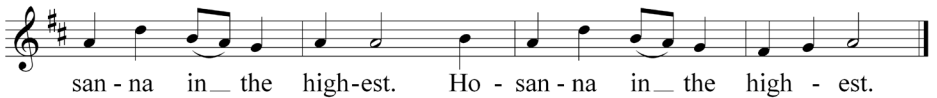
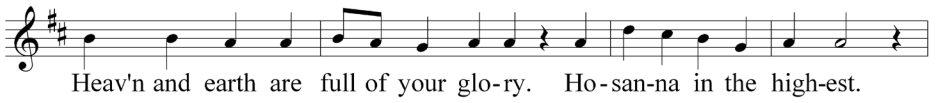
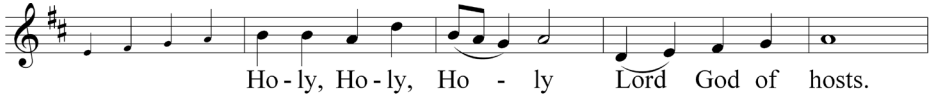
Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right and just.**

EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

Mass in Honor of
the Immaculate Conception

Sanctus



Memorial Acclamation



Amen

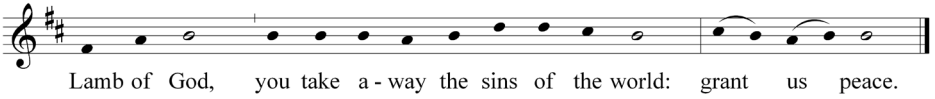
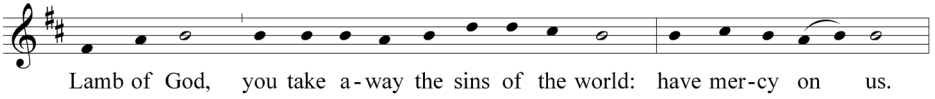
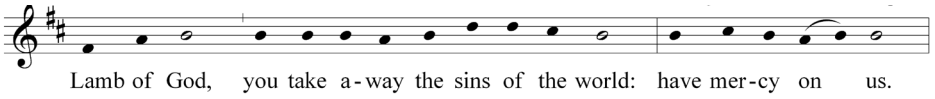


THE LORD'S PRAYER

SIGN OF PEACE



LAMB OF GOD



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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Priest: 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.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION

ANTHEM

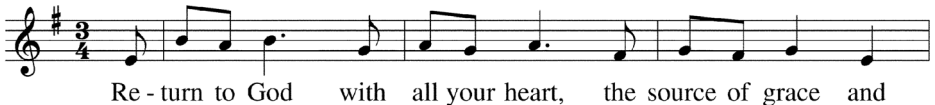
Words, *Eucharistic Hymn attr.*
St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 - 1274)

O Sacrum Convivium

Music, Kim André Arnesen (b. 1980)

HYMN

Return to God



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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

All: Heavenly Father, You have created us for a definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for each of us in this life, and to respond with a generous "Yes." Make my parish, my home and my heart fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations to the priesthood of Jesus Christ. May our young men respond to Your call with courage and zeal. Stir among them a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests. We make our prayer for priestly vocations to You, Father, in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

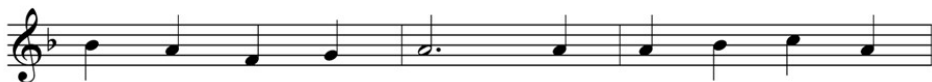
Priest: Mary, Mother of the Church, **All: pray for us.**
Priest: Saint Joseph, Patron of our Archdiocese, **All: pray for us.**
Priest: Blessed Michael McGivney, **All: pray for us.**

RECESSIONAL

From Ashes to the Living Font



1. From ash - es to the liv - ing font your
2. When we re - pent, you run to us, for -
3. From ash - es to the liv - ing font your



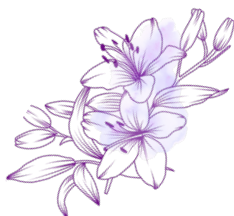
Church must jour - ney, Lord, bap - tized in grace, in
giv - ing arms spread wide; You cel - e - brate when
Church must jour - ney still, through cross and tomb to



grace re - newed by your most ho - ly word.
we re - turn, and come home to your side.
Eas - ter joy, in Spir - it - fire ful - filled.

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Tune: ST. FLAVIAN, CM; John's Day Psalter, 1562; harm. based on the original faux-bourdon setting

POSTLUDE



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Alice Matteson, Cantor; Jacob Dowgewicz, Organist
(11am:) Cathedral Schola Cantorum; Gabriel Löfvall, Music Director