The Parish Church Of Saint Matthew

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Solemn Masses Sung to the *Missa de Angelis*

- **To our visitors:**

Welcome to Saint Matthew's Parish Church.

- **The Mass:**

The Mass is the central act of worship of the Christian Church. Before He died, Jesus commanded His followers to continue the practice of a shared meal with the blessing of bread and a cup of wine in thanksgiving for all God's blessings. After the Resurrection, Christians were aware that in the celebration of the Eucharist (as they called the Mass), Christ's presence was particularly intense, especially in the elements of bread and wine (which Jesus had identified with His Body and Blood) and in the reading of Holy Scripture.

- **This service:**

Following the ancient Christian tradition, inherited from the Jewish practice, much of our Liturgy is sung. Details of the hymn, psalm and other varying texts are printed on the weekly sheet. It is traditional to make the sign of the Cross at places marked (+).

- **Holy Communion:**

All Christians in good standing with their own tradition are invited and welcome to receive Holy Communion at this Mass. If you are not a communicant, but would like to receive a blessing, please come to the Altar rail at the time of Holy Communion, keeping your head lowered as you kneel so that nobody tries to force Communion upon you.

When there is a procession

When the bell rings, all STAND. *The choir sings the* **INTROIT ANTIPHON**.

The priest, president of the assembly, greets the people:

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or

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
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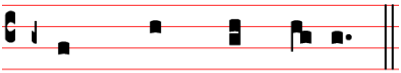
The Lord be with you.



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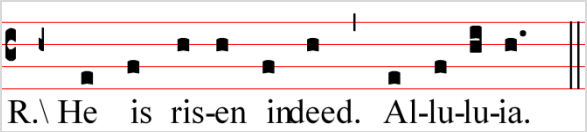

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There follows a prayer for God's forgiveness, to which all answer:

When there is a procession

Let us go forth in peace:

The **PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *begins. Usually, the congregation joins the Procession, following the priest. If there is a Station during the hymn, details are included on the Mass sheet.*

At the end of the Procession, the Mass continues with the **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS,** *an ancient Christian hymn of praise as the priest honours God's presence, marked by the Altar, using incense.*

When there is no procession

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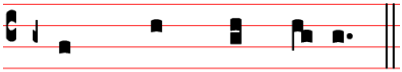

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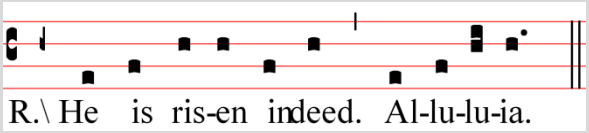

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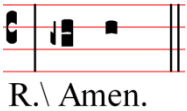

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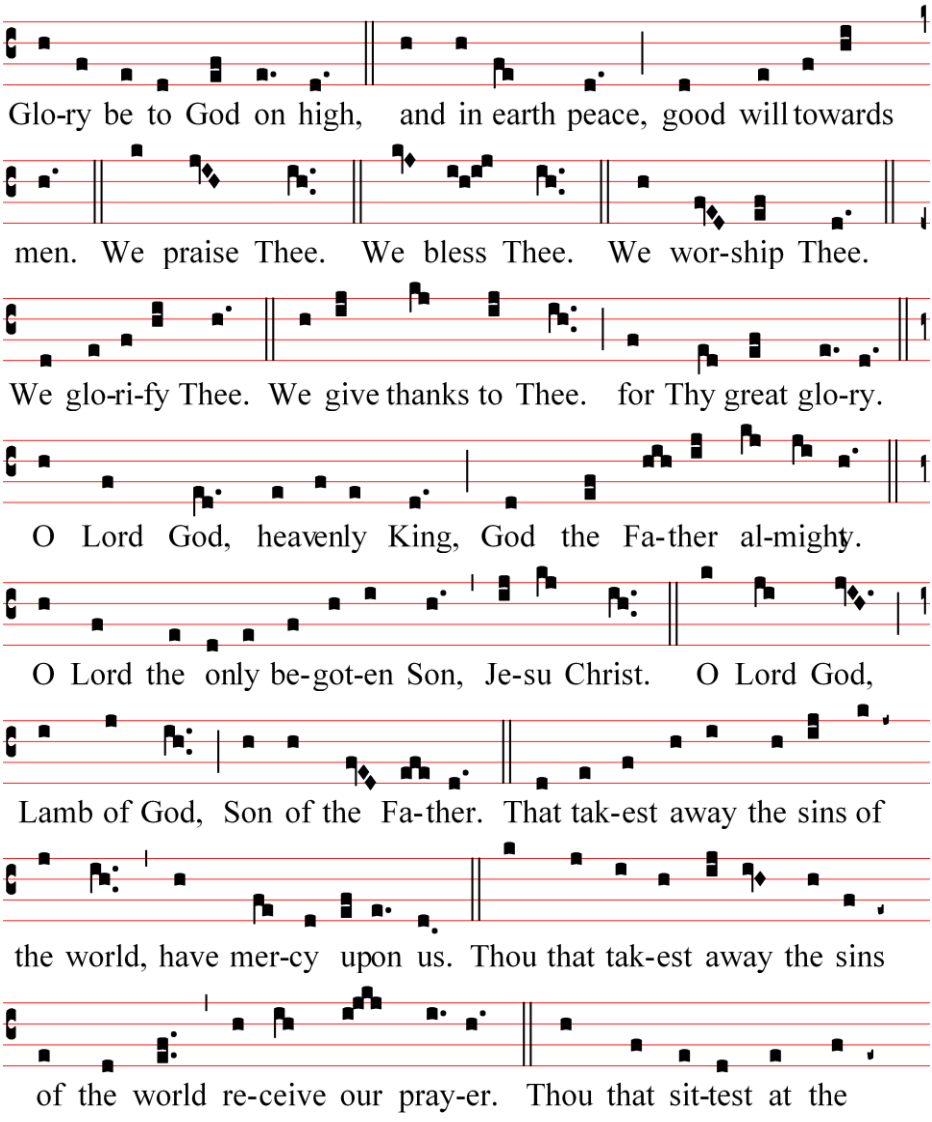

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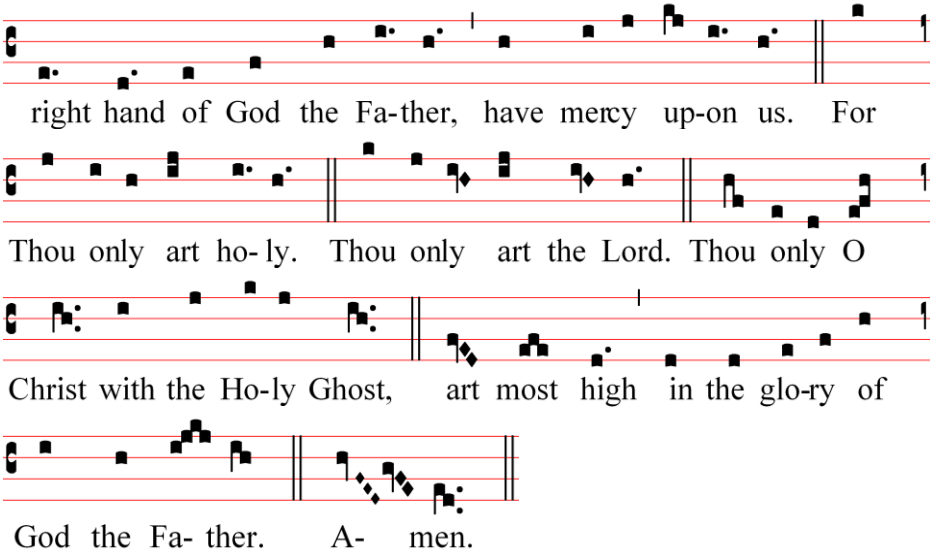
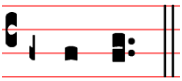


The priest then sings a prayer, which reflects some of the thoughts that we have at this Mass:

Let us pray:

THE COLLECT



We now SIT to listen to readings from the Bible.

THE FIRST READING

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

THE SECOND READING

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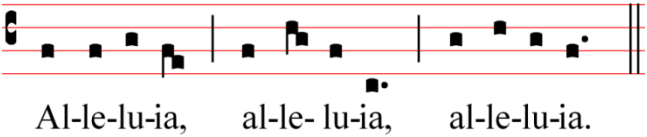
Thanks be to God.

STAND

In Lent:

Sundays in Eastertide:



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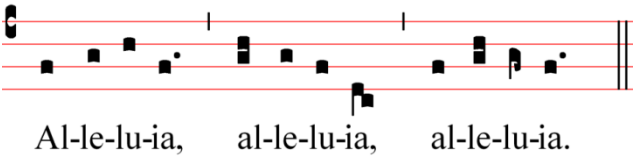

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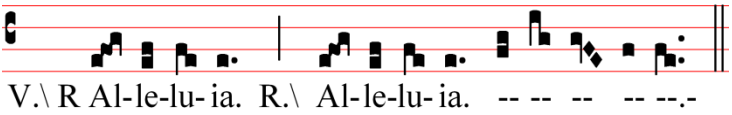

THE GRADUAL VERSE

R.\ Alleluia!

The Gospel Book is carried into the body of the church to read part of the account of Jesus' life. As the procession moves into the nave, we turn to face the Book. Incense is used to honour the presence of Christ in the words of the Gospel.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

THE GOSPEL READING

This is the Gospel of the Lord

SIT

THE SERMON

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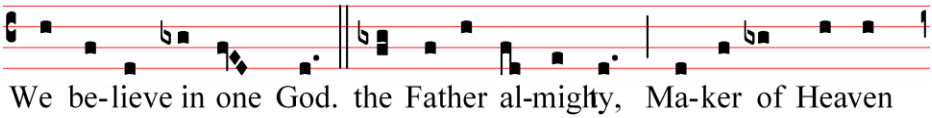
On some days, the Creed follows:

Priest: *All:*



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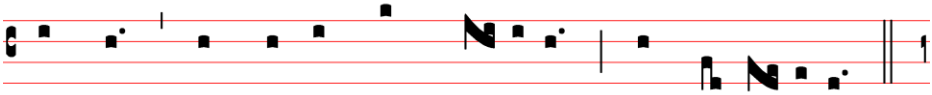

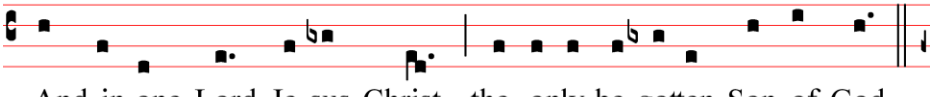

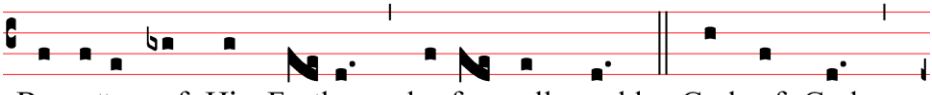

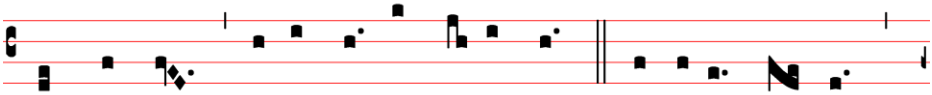

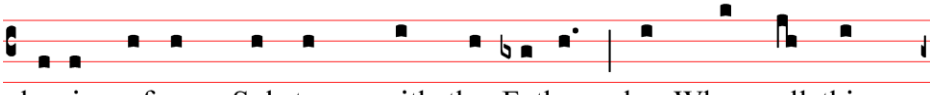

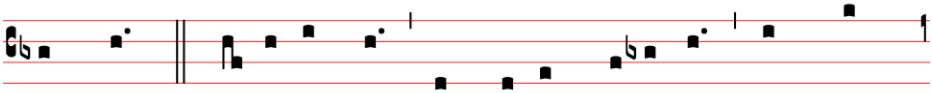

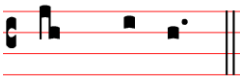

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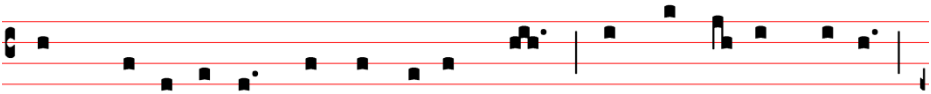

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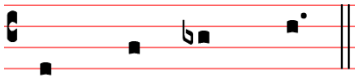

and was made man.

STAND

And was cru-ci- fied also for us under Pontius Pi-late; He

suf-fered and was bu-ried. And the third day He rose a-gain,

according to the Scrip-tures. And ascended into Hea-ven; and

sit-teth on the right hand of the Fa-ther. And He shall come

a-gain in glo-ry to judge both the quick and the dead, Whose

Kingdom shall have no end. And we be-lieve in the Ho-ly Ghost,

the Lord the Gi-ver of life: Who pro-ceedeth from the Father and

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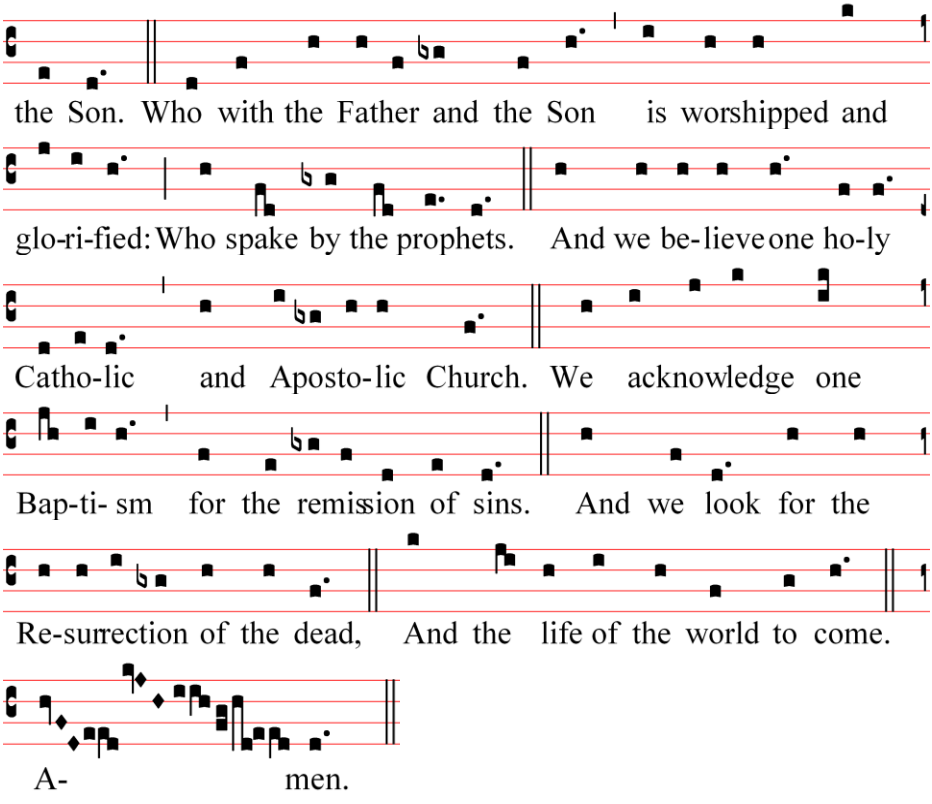
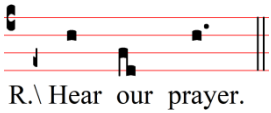

the Son. Who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and
glo-ri-fied: Who spake by the prophets. And we be-lieve one ho-ly
Catho-lic and Aposto-lic Church. We acknowledge one
Bap-ti- sm for the remission of sins. And we look for the
Re-surrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come.
A- men.

The priest invites the congregation to offer intercessions to God our Father:

THE INTERCESSIONS

In Advent and Lent:

Response to the intercessions:
Lord, in Your mercy.
Hear our prayer.



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Lord, hear us.
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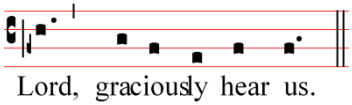
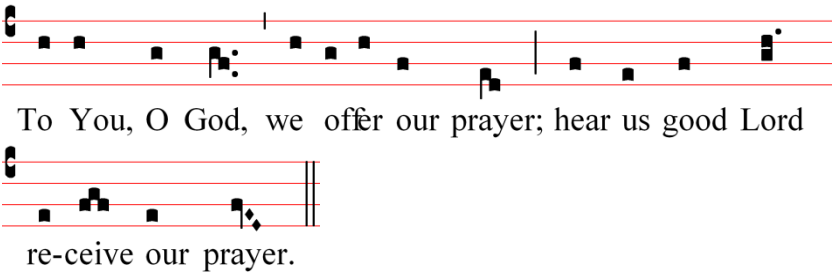


At the end:
... through Jesus Christ our Lord:



The priest introduces the sharing of Christ's peace to seal the prayer and worship, that we have just offered, in the peace that Christ came to bring to the world:

In Eastertide:

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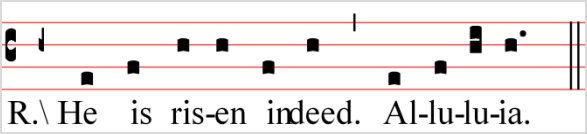
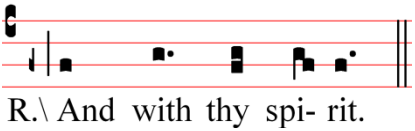
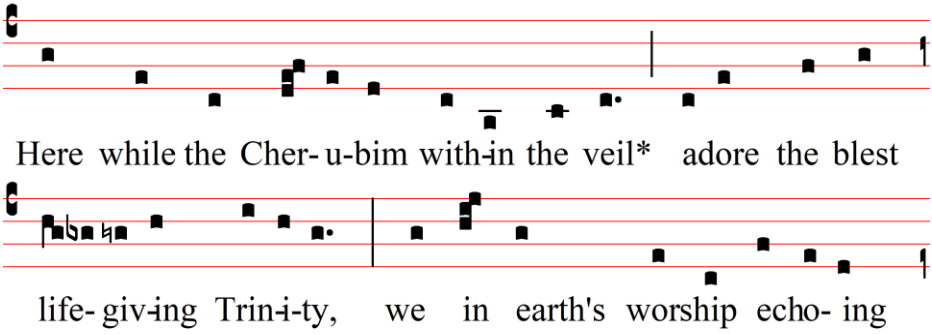


... The Peace of the Lord be always with you.



The choir sings the **OFFERTORIUM**, *then, as the bread and wine (tokens of our offering to God of all we have and all we are) we sing:*



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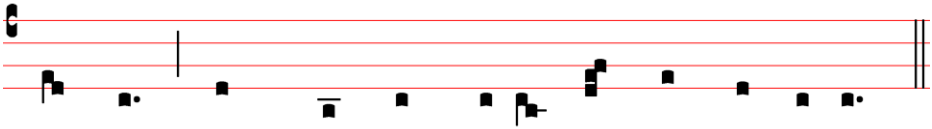

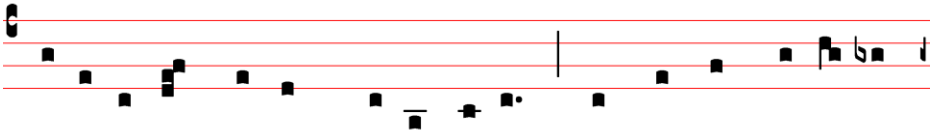

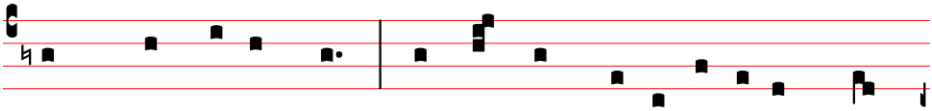

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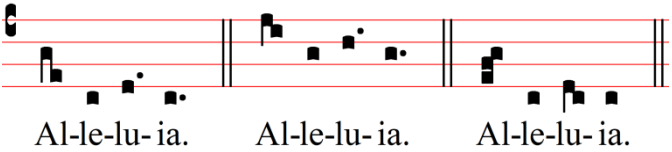
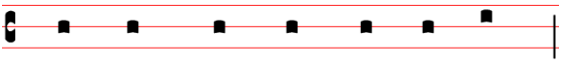


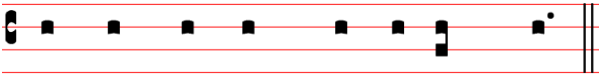
The Altar will then be prepared for the Mass itself and bread and wine placed upon it. Incense is used again, denoting our reverence for the place where, as the Church has taught from earliest times, Christ will become present in the bread and wine over which we give thanks. Then, in turn and by groups, the people in the Church will also be censed because we are, by our Baptism, included in the priestly activity of Christ. During this all sing:

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, the power
and the glory and the victory and the majesty.
All that is in Heaven and earth is Thine:

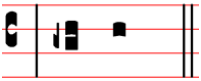


R.\ All things come of Thee, O Lord,



and of Thine own do we give Thee.

THE PRAYER OVER THE BREAD AND WINE

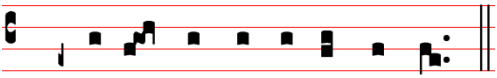


R.\ Amen.

The priest begins the **GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**:

The Lord be with you.

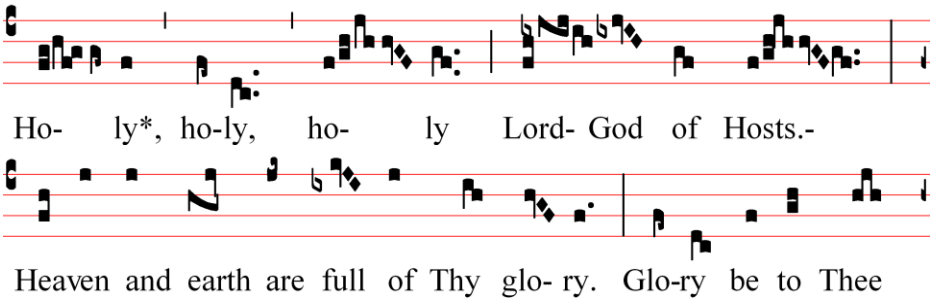
Lift up your hearts.



Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

The priest continues the **Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**, *recalling the mighty acts of God. The prayer continues as far as ...*

... and singing:



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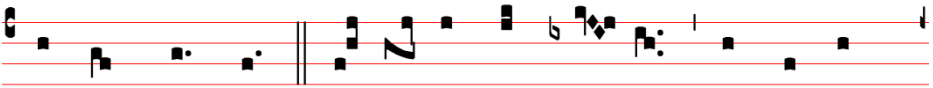
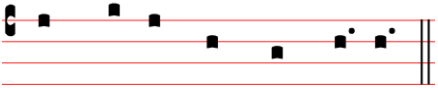


KNEEL

The priest then continues the prayer. As he repeats the words spoken by Jesus at the Last Supper, we acknowledge the presence of Christ in the sacramental bread and wine. A bell rings three times as the consecrated bread is held up for everyone to see; a few moments later, the bell rings three times again as the chalice of consecrated wine is held up. The priest then continues the prayer until:

... we proclaim His Death and Resurrection until He comes in glory:

Advent and Christmastide:



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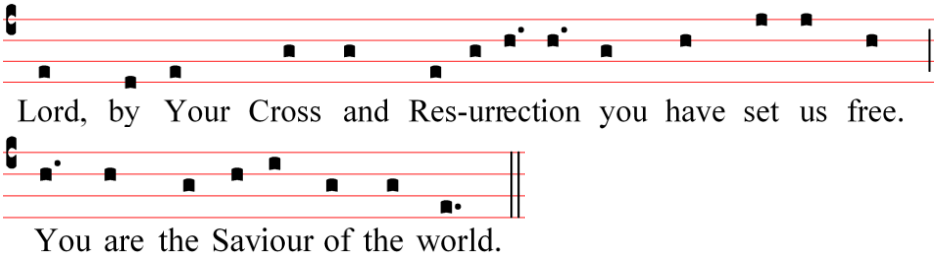

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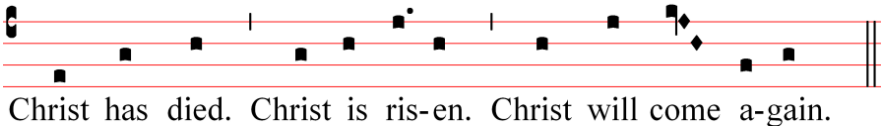
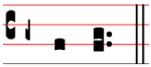


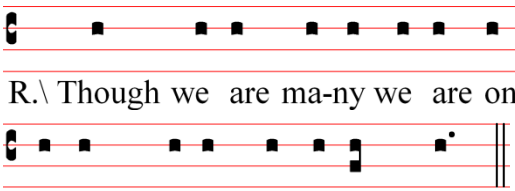
The priest then continues to the end of the prayer, the bread and wine are lifted up, offering them to the purposes of God; the people associate themselves with the prayer:

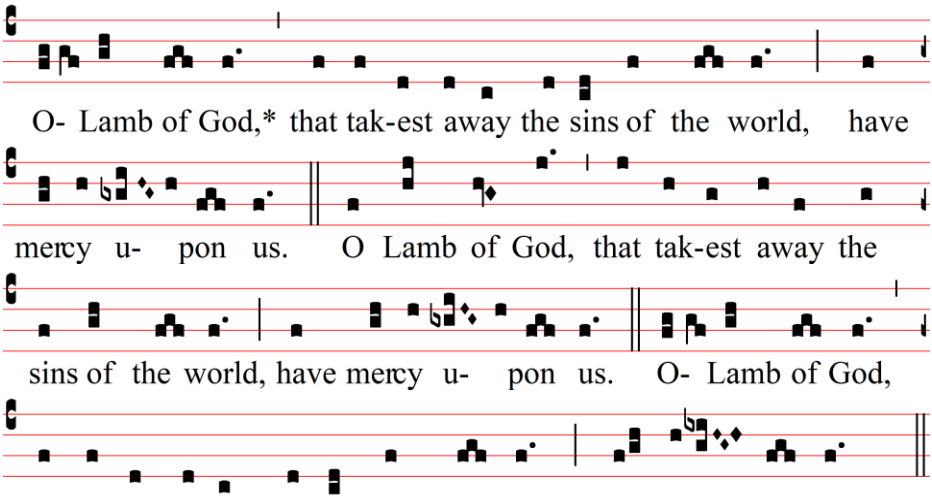
... almighty Father, for ever and ever.



The priest introduces the Our Father:

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

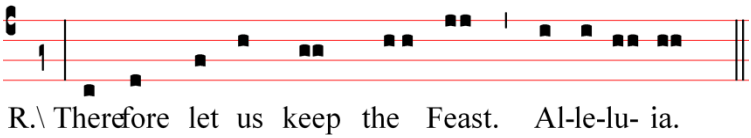




The priest and those with him hold up the consecrated bread and wine and show it to the congregation and invite them to receive Holy Communion:

In Eastertide:

Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:



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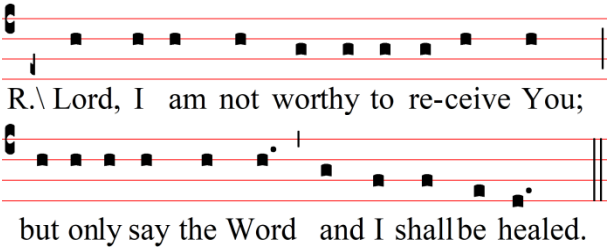
Behold the Lamb of God; behold Him Who takes away the sins of the world; blessed are they who are called to His Supper.



Whilst the Sacred Ministers receive Holy Communion, the choir sings the **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**.

A bell rings and Holy Communion follows. If you are a communicant, in good standing with your own tradition, you are invited to receive Communion at our Altar. Otherwise, you are welcome to come to the rail to receive a blessing (in which case, please keep your head lowered as the priest approaches).

The Host (the consecrated bread) is offered with the words **The Body of Christ** *and the Chalice with the words* **The Blood of Christ***: the response to both is* **Amen**.

Towards the end of the administration of Holy Communion we sing the **COMMUNION HYMN**.

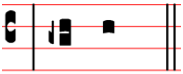
At the end of Holy Communion, the choir sings the ministers consume what is left of the consecrated bread and wine and clean the vessels. As they return to the Altar the choir sings the **POSTCOMMUNION ANTIPHON**.

The priest then sings the final prayer of the Mass:

Let us pray:

STAND

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER



R.\ Amen.

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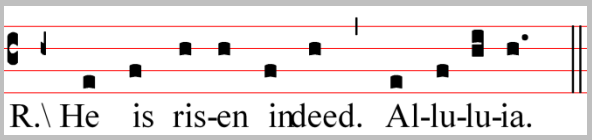
THE NOTICES

STAND

In Eastertide:

V.\ Alleluia! Christ is risen!



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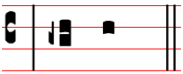


R.\ Amen.

In Lent:

The Mass is ended. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In Eastertide:

The Mass is ended. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!

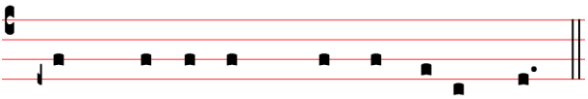
Otherwise:

The Mass is ended. Go in the peace of Christ.

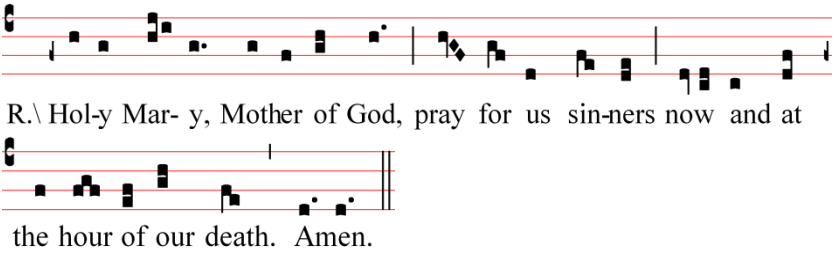
One of the **ANTHEMS TO OUR LADY** *on the following pages is sung, then the* **FINAL LYMN**.

On Sundays outside Eastertide:

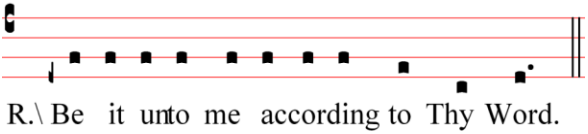
The angel of the Lord brought the tidings to Mary:



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.



Behold the Handmaid of the Lord:



Hail Mary &c

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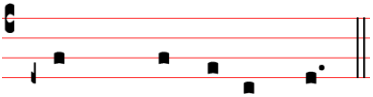
The Word was made flesh:



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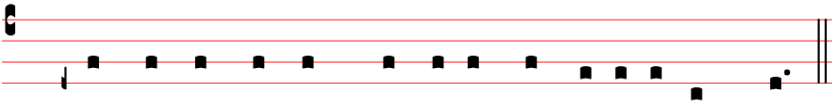
STAND

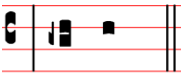
Hail Mary &c

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God:



Let us pray:

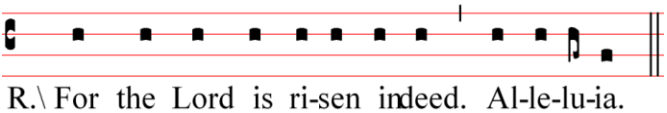
THE COLLECT OF THE ANGELUS



On Sundays in Eastertide:

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven. Alleluia!
He whom Thou wast meet to bear. Alleluia!
As He promised hath arisen. Alleluia!
Pour for us to God thy prayer. Alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alelluia!



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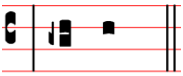
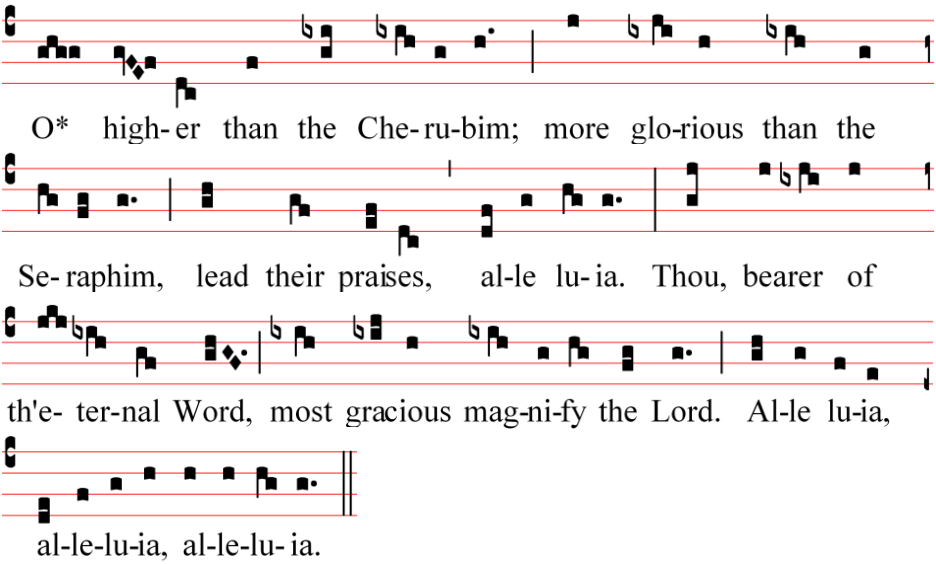
Let us pray:

THE COLLECT OF THE REGINA COELI



R.\ Amen.

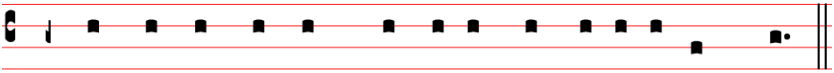


Or it is sung to a metrical tune:

O higher than the Cherubim, / More glorious than the Seraphim,
Lead their praises, alleluia! / Thou bearer of the eternal Word,
Most gracious magnify the Lord. / Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia!

In Eastertide the Collect &c for the Regina Coeli follows; otherwise see over the page:

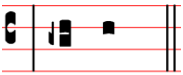
Pray for us, O holy Mother of God:



R.\ That we may be made worthy of the promis-es of Christ.

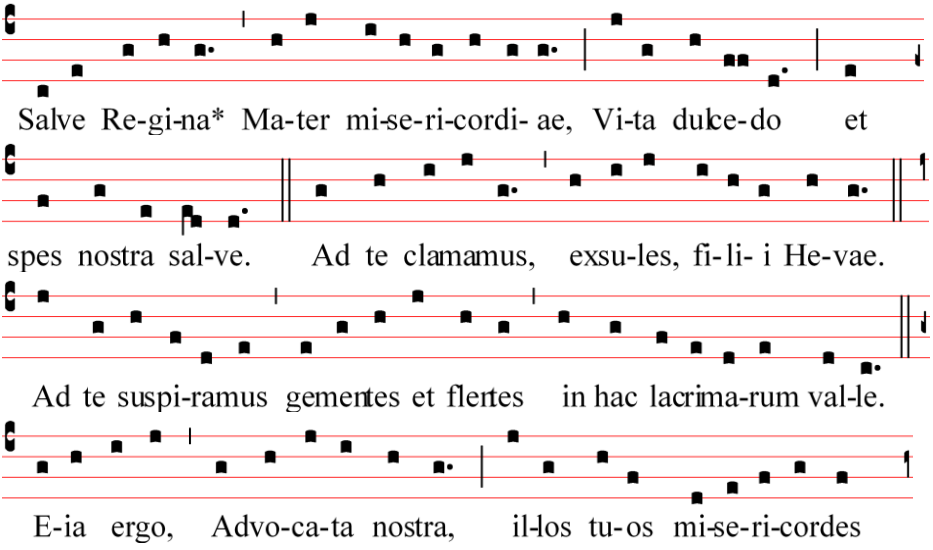
Let us pray:

THE COLLECT OF THE ANGELUS



R.\ Amen.

In Lent and at more sombre moments:



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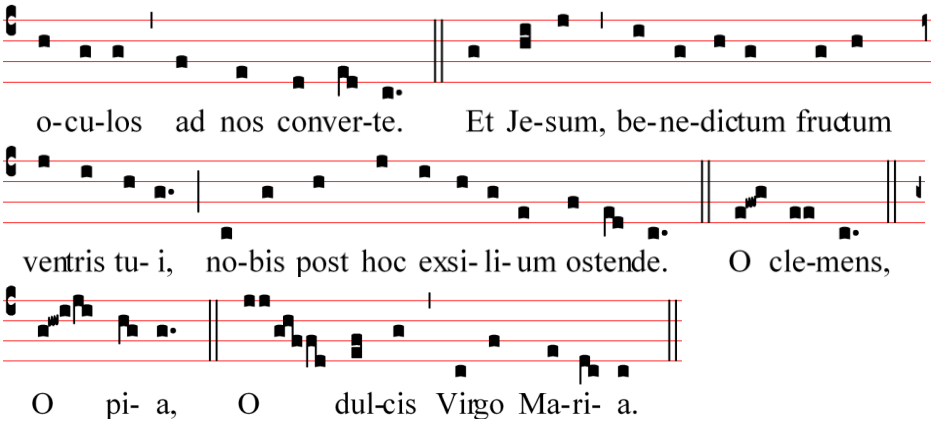
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