

5th Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

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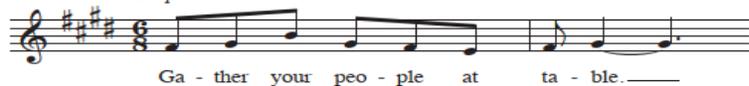
Gathering Song

GATHER YOUR PEOPLE IN LOVE

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Verses

Response 1



Response 2



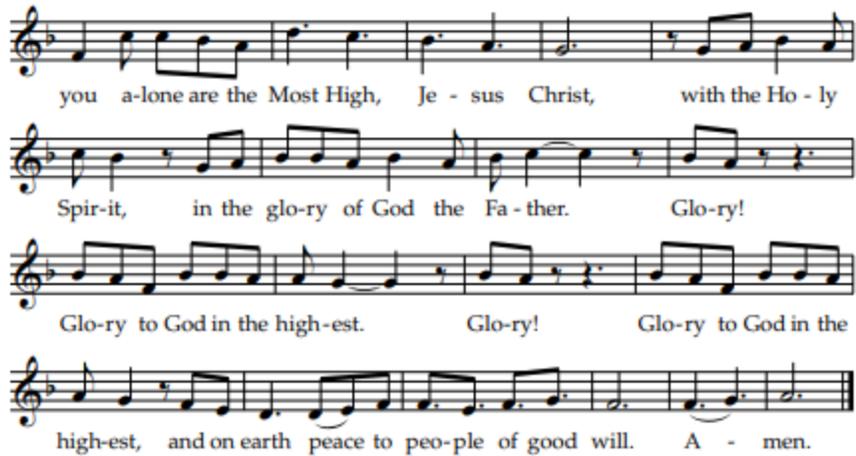
Refrain



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Gloria – from the Mass of Saint Ann

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

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Reading 1

Acts 9:26-31

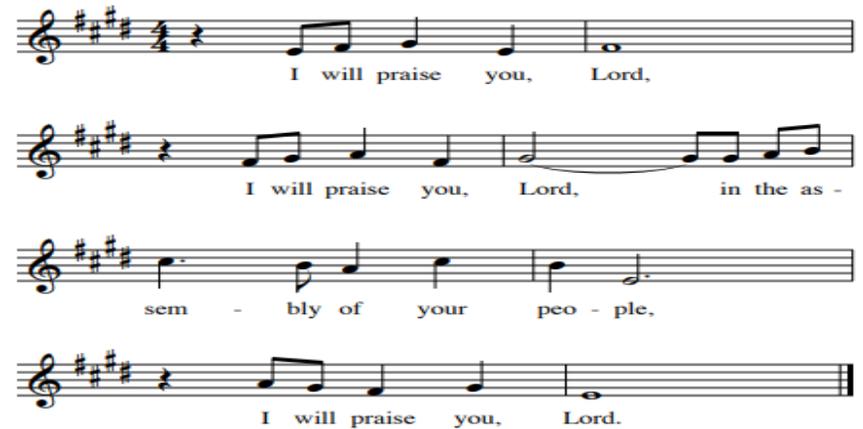
When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus. The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

Psalm Response

I WILL PRAISE YOU, LORD

Psalm 22

Tony Alonso



I will praise you, Lord,
I will praise you, Lord, in the as -
sem - bly of your peo - ple,
I will praise you, Lord.

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Reading 2

1 John 3:18-24

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

Gospel Acclamation

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

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Gospel

John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower.

He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit,
and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.

You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you.

Remain in me, as I remain in you.

Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own
unless it remains on the vine,
so neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit,
because without me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me
will be thrown out like a branch and wither;
people will gather them and throw them into a fire
and they will be burned.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you,
ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you.

By this is my Father glorified,
that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

All solemnly bow at the following words:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,

Please stand upright.

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Preparation of the Gifts

I Will Be the Vine

Refrain

I will be the vine and you will be the branch-es. All

you who live in me will nev - er, nev - er die.

I will be the sign, I will of - fer man-y chanc-es; so

live, oh live in me and you shall have new life.

Verses 1, 2

1. Re - main in me, as I re-main in
2. As the Fa - ther loved me, so have I loved

you. You may ask what you will, ask what you
you. Re - main in my love, re - main in my

will, and you shall re - ceive.
love, and I will give you life. **D.C.**

Verse 3

3. If you are my friends, you will live my com -

mands. There is no great-er love, no great-er

love than to lay down your life for your friends. **D.C.**

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Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and

earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the

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

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The Mystery of Faith

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion

un-til you come a - gain, un-til you come a - gain.

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Amen

A - men, a - men, a - men.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

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Lamb of God

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

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Communion Song

Unless a Grain of Wheat

Refrain

Un - less a grain of wheat shall fall up - on the ground and die, it re - mains but a sin - gle grain with no life.

Verses

1. † If we have died with him then we shall
2. † an - y - one serves me then they must
3. † Make your home in me as I make
4. † If you re - main in me and my word
5. † † Those who love me are loved by my
6. † † Peace I leave with you, my peace I

live with him; if we hold firm, we shall fol - low me; where - ev - er I am, my mine in you; those who re - main in me lives in you; then you will be as my dis - Fa - ther; we shall be with them and give to you; peace which the world can - not

D.C.

reign with him. ser - vants will be. bear much fruit. ci - ples. dwell in them. give is my gift.

Closing Song

This Little Light of Mine



1. This lit - tle light of mine I'm gon - na let it shine,
2. Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon - na let it shine,
3. Je - sus gave it to me, I'm gon - na let it shine,



This lit - tle light of mine I'm gon - na let it shine;
Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon - na let it shine;
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm gon - na let it shine;



This lit - tle light of mine I'm gon - na let it shine,
Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon - na let it shine,
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm gon - na let it shine,



Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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