THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT «LAETARE» MARCH 10,2024



Welcome to the Cathedral of Saint Paul. The order of Mass can be found on page 3 in the Sunday's Word booklets.

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Frescobaldi

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (5:00PM & 8:30AM) Laetare Ierusalem

CF. ISAIAH 66:10-11

Please join in the antiphon below after the cantor introduction and in between psalm verses.



5. Re- joice, O Je-ru-sa-lem, all you who love her.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (11:00AM) Laetare Ierusalem

CF. ISAIAH 66:10-11

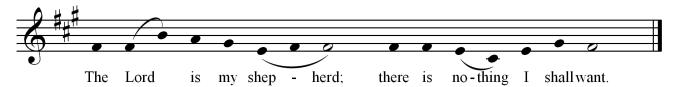
Laetare Ierúsalem: et convéntum fácite, omnes qui dilígitis eam: gaudéte cum lætítia, qui in tristítia fuístis: ut exsultétis, et satiémini ab ubéribus consolationis vestræ. **\nabla* Lætátus sum in his, quæ dicta sunt mihi: in domum Dómini íbimus. / Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast. *\nabla*! I rejoiced when it was said unto me: let us go to the house of the Lord.

KYRIE (5:00PM & 8:30AM) VI Y-ri- e * e- lé- i-son. ij. Chrí ste e- lé- i-son. ij. Ký-ri- e e- lé- i-son. Ký-ri- e * e- lé- i-son.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

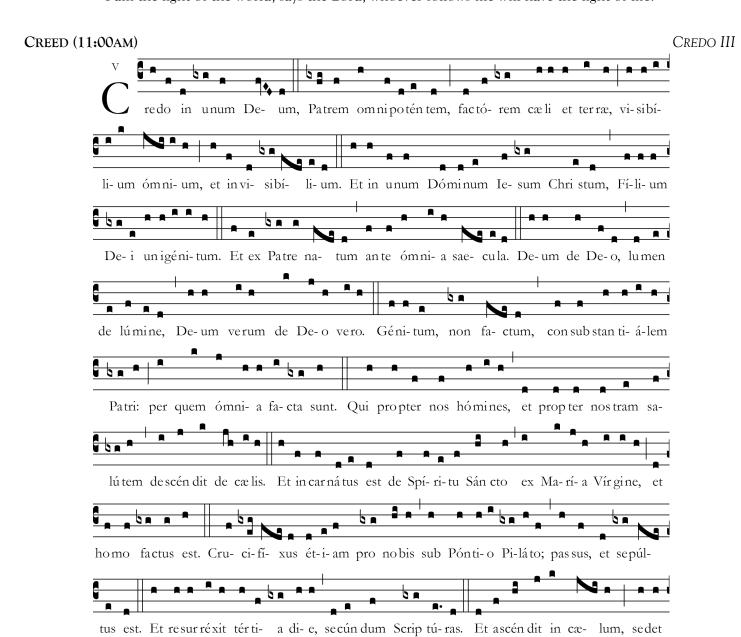
PSALM 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6

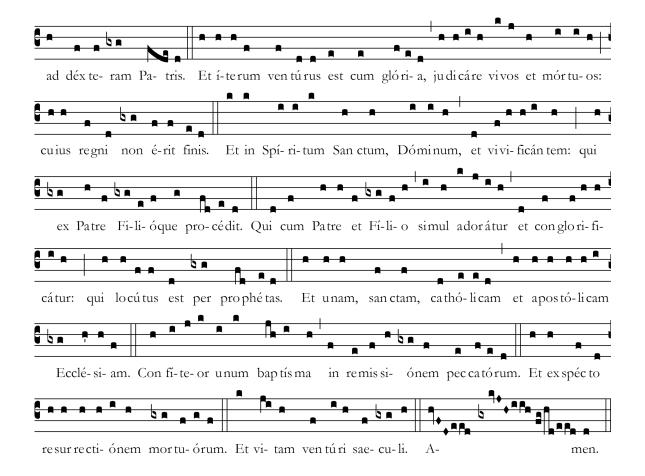


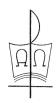
VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL



I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.



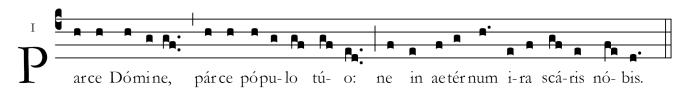




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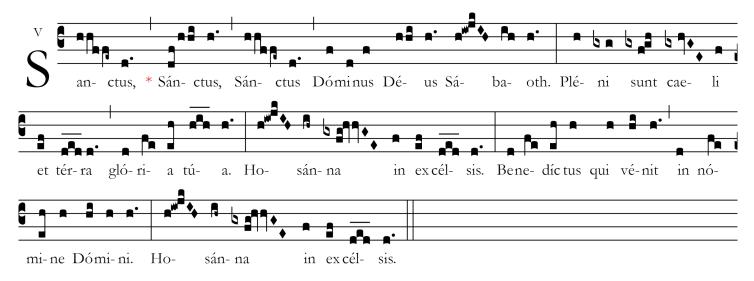
Spare Your people, spare Your people, Lord: do not be angry with us forever.

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON (11:00AM) Laudate Dominum

PSALM 135:3-6

Laudáte Dóminum, quia benígnus est: psállite nómini eius, quóniam suávis est: ómnia, quaecúmque vóluit, fecit in caelo et in terra. / Praise the Lord, for He is good: Sing a psalm to His name, for He is delightful: The Lord does whatever He wills, in heaven and on earth.





SANCTUS & AGNUS DEI (11:00AM)

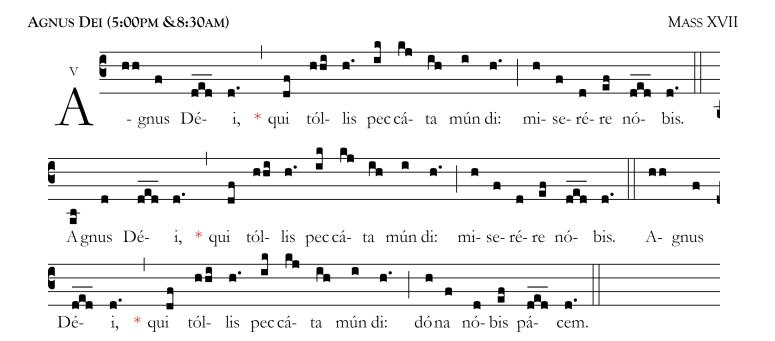
MISSA «AETERNA MUNDI CHRISTI» (PALESTRINA)

Mysterium Fidei



We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion un-til you come a-gain.





HOLY COMMUNION

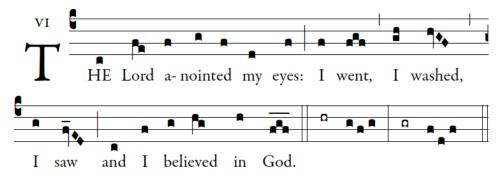
We invite all Catholics who are properly disposed (i.e., in the state of grace and having fasted for one hour before communion) to come forward in the usual way to receive Holy Communion.

All others, including our non-Catholic guests, may remain in their pews and join us in prayer. Alternatively, to participate in the communion procession and receive a blessing, come forward in the line and cross your arms over your chest as you approach the minister. Thank you.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (ALL MASSES) Dominus linivit oculus

CF. JOHN 9:11,36

Please join in the refrain below after the cantor introduction and between each verse of Psalm 27.

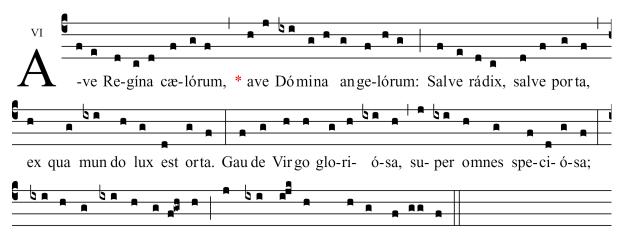




POSTCOMMUNION (5:00PM & 8:30AM)

AVE REGINA CAELORUM

SIMPLE TONE



Va-le, o valde decó-ra. et pro no-bis Chri stum exó-ra.

POSTCOMMUNION (11:00AM)

AVE REGINA CAELORUM À 5

ALONSO LOBO

Hail, Queen of Heaven; Hail, Lady of the Angels; Hail, the root; Hail the gate; From which the Light dawned upon the world. Rejoice, O glorious Virgin, Lovely above all; Fare thee well, O most beautiful: And pray for us to Christ.

PLEASE RESPECT OUR CUSTOM OF STAYING THROUGH THE CONCLUSION OF THE CLOSING HYMN. THIS IS OUR CORPORATE ACT OF THANKSGIVING AFTER MASS. THANK YOU!



THE GLORY OF THESE FORTY DAYS ERHALT UNS, HERR 1. The of days We these for - ty ry lone 2. A and fast ing Mo - ses saw The 3. So Dan his mys - tic iel trained sight, De 4. Then grant, O God, that we Re may, too, cel - e - brate with songs of praise; For Christ, through whom all lov - ing God who gave the law; And to Ε liv - ered from the li - ons' might; And John, the Bride-groom's turn in fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength-en Him - self and has prayed. things were made, has fast - ed

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OUR NEXT CONCERT ISN'T A CONCERT...BUT A DEVOTION!

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH CATHEDRAL CHOIR! THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024 AT 5:30PM

ALL CONCERTS ARE FREE TO THE PUBLIC; ALL ARE WELCOME!

THIS IS AN IDEAL OPPORTUNITY TO BRING A VISITOR TO THE CATHEDRAL, OR TO INTRODUCE SOMEONE TO OUR CATHOLIC FAITH! AS ALWAYS, A FISH FRY COURTESY OF OUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOLLOWS STATIONS OF THE CROSS. COME JOIN US!

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

This weekend, we celebrate the liturgy for Laetare Sunday, so named for the text of the entrance antiphon of the day: "Rejoice, O Jerusalem!" The introit text shows us the inner, joyful meaning of this day, and casts the entire Lenten season within the redemptive mission of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Musically, this foresees a respite from the Lenten strictures of no instrumental music in the Sacred Liturgy, and so we hear organ voluntaries before and after Mass as usual. The music presented today has links to the Renaissance and early Baroque tradition with an especial link to St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. The prelude and voluntary after Mass are toccatas by Girolamo Frescobaldi, the most famous organist of St. Peter's Basilica. Surely one of the first composers to achieve acclaim chiefly through his music for keyboard instruments, Frescobaldi had a large output of pieces based on vocal counterpoint. "Toccata" means "to touch", and so Toccatas were his way of showing virtuosity. His music has great imagination, but nonetheless owes a great deal to his predecessors, including Giovanni da Palestrina. The music, at times, is somewhat hard for us to comprehend, but one must think of the vast space of St. Peter's Basilica, where the acoustic melds these pieces into something altogether different than they appear on the score. There are exotic chromatic harmonies, as well as long, virtuosic phrases in one hand or another. Organists always say, "The room is the best stop [sound]", and Frescobaldi's music shows that he was truly exploring the magnificent (and then still-new) room that is St. Peter's. The most famous Renaissance polyphonist, Giovanni da Palestrina is the supreme model of "Roman polyphony". His music possesses brilliant architecture: arch forms develop and subside in each voice, lines unfold—all in the service of the text. The Mass presented at 11am today is based on an Ambrosian hymn for feasts of Apostles and martyrs; it "parodies" (or quotes) the tune of the hymn in all four parts of the Mass. These are deployed in various ways typical of the composer, including a double canon in the Agnus Dei II movement, which also features a quotation of the chant hymn in parallel motion in three voices. The Sanctus, typical of Palestrina, seems to make time stop—encouraging us to discard worldly cares during the Sunday liturgy. It foreshadows the heavenly reality that awaits us if we persevere! The postcommunion at 11am is a polyphonic setting of the Marian antiphon for Lent (sung in the simple tone setting at the non-choral Masses) by Alonso Lobo, a Spanish composer who is a contemporary of Victoria. His music is of equal quality of his Spanish contemporary, but of rather different character. While Victoria ably uses homophony for expression, Lobo seems more the master of polyphony. The voices frequently pivot around just one vocal part in an extraordinarily elegant way. The entire piece is composed as a canon (exact imitation) between the two soprano parts; this is an homage to fellow Spaniard Francisco Guerrero's motet Ave virgo sanctissima, which uses this canon as well. This is a triumph of music architecture, and echoes the (Catholic) culture of the time, in which coherence and beauty were prioritized. The canon is the kernel of truth; the beauty of its deployment shows forth the faith (and ability) of Lobo.



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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASSES

SATURDAY 5:00PM (ANTICIPATED), SUNDAY 7:15, 8:30, & 11:00AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY-FRIDAY, 12:10PM

CONFESSIONS

Monday-Friday, 11:30am-12:00pm; Saturday, 3:00-4:30pm or by appointment



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