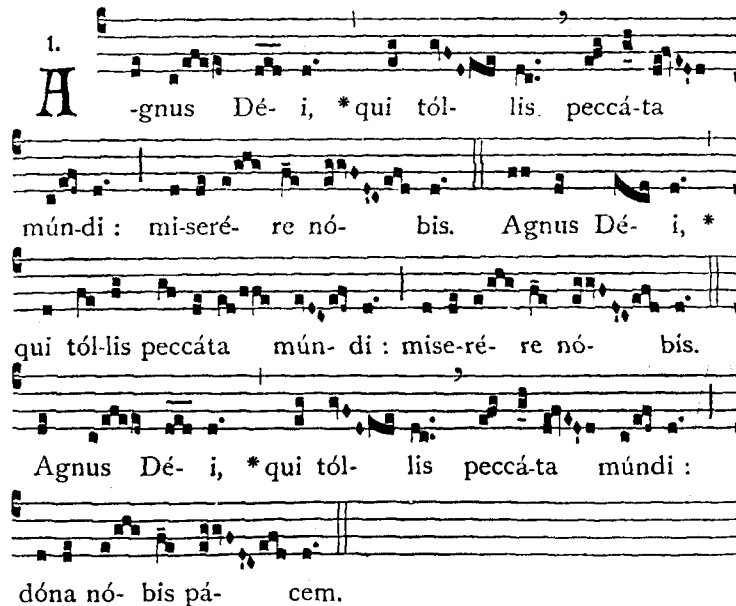


EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I - Roman Canon -see Mass book page 13
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K COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Sing to the Lord, who ascends above the*
 Psallite Domino, qui ascendit super *highest heavens towards the East,*
 caelos caelorum ad Orientem, alleluia. *alleluia.*

Communion Motet "O Rex Glorïae"
 by Luca Marenzio (1533/4 –1599)

*O King of Glory, Lord of hosts, who hast this day mounted in triumph above all the
 heavens, leave us not orphans; but send unto us the Promise of the Father, the Spirit of
 truth. Alleluia.*

L POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Almighty, eternal God, who dost allow us to*
 Omnipotens sempiterne Deus, qui in *share in the gifts of heaven whilst we are*
 terra constitutos divina tractare concedis, *still on earth; Grant, we pray Thee that the*
 præsta, quæsumus, ut illuc tendat christianæ *affection of our devotion in Christ may rise*
 devotionis affectus, quo tecum est nostra *up to heaven where our humanity is*
 substantia. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. *glorified with Thee. Through Christ our*
 Amen. *Lord. Amen.*

VESPERS AND BENEDICTION
WILL BE SUNG HERE TONIGHT AT 7.30 P.M.
YOU ARE WELCOME TO TAKE THIS SHEET HOME
PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE THE MASS BOOK

THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD'S ASCENSION



The Ascension of Our Lord to the right side of His Father in heaven, is the climax of His earthly existence. After His resurrection He said to Mary Magdalene, 'I have not yet ascended to My Father.' Now the time has come for the glory that is His right as Lord of all creation, and conqueror of sin and death, to be given to Him. Of course, Our Lord has never ceased to be God, but throughout His earthly life His divinity has been hidden beneath His visible human nature. Now that human nature, too, is taken up into heaven to share in divine glory for all eternity. Hence the prayer of the Collect, that 'where the glory of the Head has gone before, the hope of the Body (that is, the Church) may be called to join Him.' We also take to mind the words of the angels in today's Introit, that He will return one day to the earth even as the Apostles have watched Him go, that is, "in glory, to judge the living and the dead", as we say in the Creed.

A INTROIT
 Viri Galilaei, quid admiramini aspicientes *Men of Galilee, why are you gazing in as-*
 in caelum? alleluia: quemadmodum *tonishment at the sky? alleluia; just as you*
 vidistis eum ascendentem in caelum, ita veniet, *have seen Him ascend into heaven, so, in*
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Ps. Omnes gentes *like manner, shall He return, alleluia, alle-*
 plaudite manibus: jubilate Deo in voce exulta- *luia, alleluia. Ps. All nations clap your*
 tionis. *hands; shout to God with a voice of joy.*

Introductory rite—see Mass book page 3.
Kyrie & Gloria: Missa Brevis in D major" (KV192)
by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

B COLLECT *Almighty God, make our hearts leap for*
 Fac nos, omnipotens Deus, sanctis exsul- *holy joy in thanksgiving; for Thy Son's*
 tare gaudiis, et pia gratiarum actione *Ascension is our triumph; and as He, our*
 lætari, quia Christi Filii tui ascensio est nostra *Head, has gone before us in glory, we,*
 provectio, et quo processit gloria capitis, eo spes *His members are called in hope to follow*
 vocatur et corporis. Per Dominum nostrum Je- *Him. Through our Lord Jesus Christ...for*
 sum Christum...sæcula sæculorum. Amen. *ever and ever. Amen.*

C First Reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles.
 In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day He gave his instructions to the apostles He had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days He had continued to appear to them and tell them about the Kingdom of God. When He had been at table with them, He had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. "It is," He had said, "what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit." Now having met together, they asked Him, "Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied,

“It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by His own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.” As He said this He was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took Him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, “Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen Him go there.” Verbum Domini. **R. Deo gratias.**

D ALLELUIA PSALM *Alleluia. God has gone up amidst shouts of joy, the Lord to the sound of the trumpet. Alleluia.*
Ascendit Deus in jubilatione, et Dominus in voce tubæ.

E Second Reading if from St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians
May the God of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of Him. May He enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope His call holds for you, what rich glories He has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that He has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when He used it to raise Him from the dead and to make Him sit at His right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under His feet, and made Him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills the whole creation. Verbum Domini. **R. Deo gratias.**

F GOSPEL ALLELUIA *Alleluia. The Lord is in Sinai, in the holy place, ascending on high, He has led captivity captive. Alleluia.*
Dominus in Sina in sancto, ascendens in altum, captivam duxit captivitatem.

G GOSPEL. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.
At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city, until you are clothed with power from on high." Then He led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up His hands He blessed them. While He blessed them, He parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. And they returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God. Verbum Domini. **R. Laus, tibi Christe.**

CREDO III— see page 27 or 28
At the end of the Bidding Prayers we sing this Easter Antiphon to Our Lady.

O Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia. For He whom thou wast made worthy to bear, alleluia, has risen as He said, alleluia. Pray for us to God, alleluia.



Offertory Motet “Ascendit Deus” by Peter Phillips (1561-1628)

“Alleluia God has gone up with shouts of joy, the Lord to the sound of the trumpet, Alleluia”

H PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS *O Lord, we who humbly offer Thee this Sacrificium, Domine, pro Filii tui supplices venerabili nunc ascensione deferimus: præsta, quæsumus, ut his commerciiis sacrosanctis ad cælestia consurgamus. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen*
fice in celebration of Thy Son's wonderful Ascension, pray Thee, that by this holy exchange of gifts, we may rise with Him to heavenly life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

J PREFACE
Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutare, nos tibi semper et ubique gratias agere: Domine, sancte Pater, omnipotens æterne Deus: per Christum Dominum nostrum.
It is truly meet and right and incumbent upon us for our salvation that we should always and everywhere give thanks to Thee, O Lord, holy Father almighty everlasting God, through Christ Our Lord.

Qui post resurrectionem suam, omnibus discipulis suis manifestus apparuit, et ipsis cernentibus est elevatus in cælum, ut nos divinitatis suæ tribueret esse participes.
Who, after His resurrection, showed Himself openly to all His disciples and in their sight ascended into heaven that He might grant us to be partakers of His divinity.

Quapropter, profusis Paschalibus gaudiis, totus in orbe terrarum mundus exultat. Sed et supernæ virtutes atque angelicæ potestates hymnum gloriæ tuæ concinunt, sine fine dicentes:
Wherefore, out of abounding Paschal joy, the whole world breaks into praise, and the heavenly spirits and angelic powers likewise sing the praise of Thy glory, saying evermore:

Sanctus is from Mass II Kyrie fons bonitatis

