

Mass of Christian Burial

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SIGN OF THE CROSS

All make the Sign of the Cross as the presider begins.

PRESIDER: In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

GREETING

PRESIDER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**

BLESSING WITH HOLY WATER

PROCESSIONAL SONG: Come to Me

Michael Joncas

Come to me, come to me, come when you are wea - ry;
come to me, come to me, and I will give you rest.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING I: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

Response at the conclusion of the reading:

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 91: On Eagle's Wings

Michael Joncas



And he will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine_ like the
sun, and hold you in_ the palm of his hand.

READING II: Colossians 3:12-17

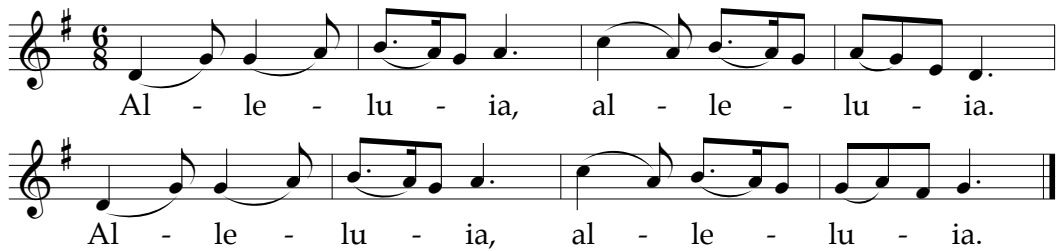
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Celtic Alleluia

Fintan O'Carroll
adapt. by Christopher Walker



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

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Dialogue at the beginning of the gospel:

PRESIDER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**

PRESIDER: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

PEOPLE: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Luke 24:28-35

Response at the conclusion of the gospel:

PRESIDER: The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

INTERCESSIONS

Response to each intercession:

READER: We pray to the Lord:

PEOPLE: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR: Here I Am Lord

Dan Schutte

Verses



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the



1. peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin
2. peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them.
3. poor and lame. I will set a feast for them.



1. my hand will save. I who made the
2. They turn a - way. I will break their
3. My hand will save. Fin - est bread I



1. stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
2. hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
3. will pro - vide. till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



1. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?__
2. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?__
3. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?__

Refrain



Here I am, Lord.____ Is it I, Lord?____ I have heard you



call-ing in the night.____ I will go, Lord,____ if you



lead me.____ I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.____

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

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

PEOPLE: **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

PRESIDER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**

PRESIDER: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS: Mass of Creation

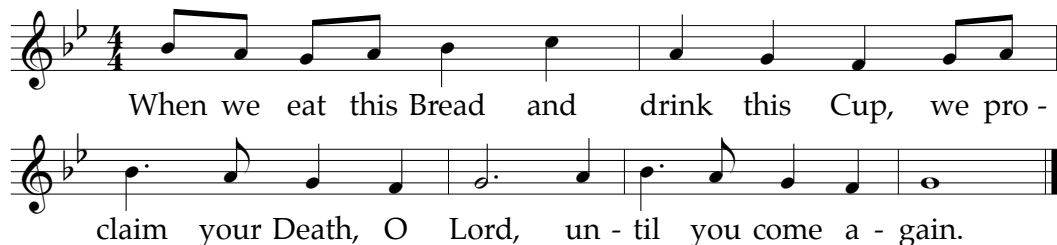
Marty Haugen

Sanctus

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 in the high-est. — Ho-san-na in the high - est.

All **bow** reverently with the presider as he bows.

Memorial Acclamation



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -
claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

Amen



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

COMMUNION RITE

SIGN OF PEACE

PRESIDER: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to his Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

PRESIDER: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**

PRESIDER: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All offer one another a sign that expresses peace, communion, and charity.

Lamb of God

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

To repeat:

Last time:

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PRESIDER: 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.

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

COMMUNION PROCESSIONAL: Eat This Bread

Taize



Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun-gry.



Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

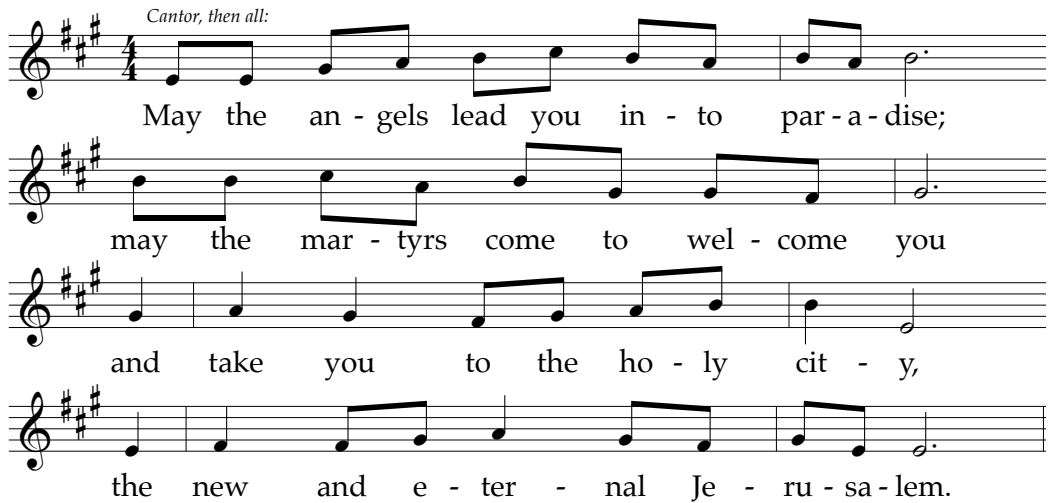
Response at the conclusion of the prayer:

PRESIDER: We ask this through Christ our Lord. **PEOPLE: Amen.**

FINAL FAREWELL AND COMMENDATION

SONG OF FAREWELL: May the Angels

Cantor, then all:



May the an - gels lead you in - to par - a - dise;
may the mar - tyrs come to wel - come you
and take you to the ho - ly cit - y,
the new and e - ter - nal Je - ru - sa - lem.

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

Response at the conclusion of the prayer:

PRISIDER: We ask this through Christ our Lord.

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

PRISIDER: In peace, let us take our brother to his place of rest.

RECESSIONAL: Precious Lord



1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
2. When my way grows— drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
3. When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws—



stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. — Through the
near, When my life is — al - most — gone, — Hear my
near, And the day is — past and — gone, — At the



storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light, —
cry, hear my call, Hold my hand lest I fall, —
riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my hand. —



Take my hand — pre - cious Lord, lead me home. —
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