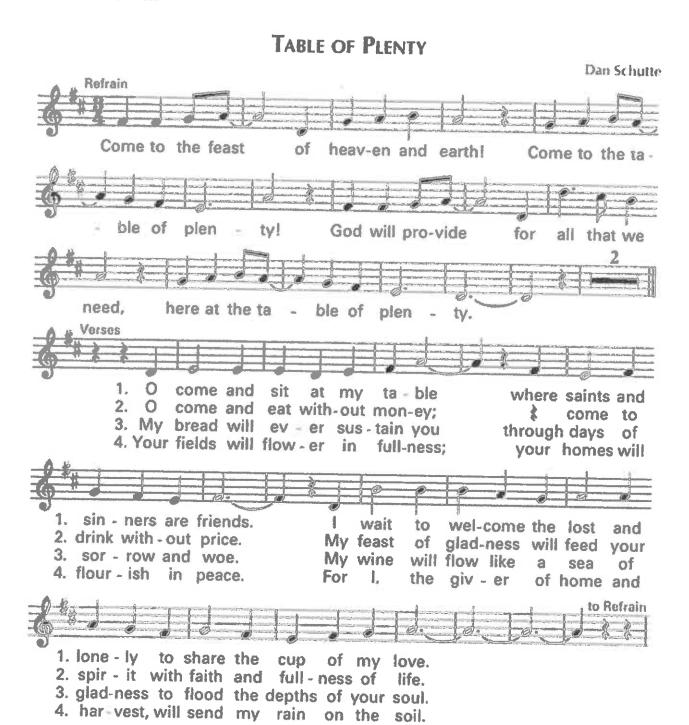
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Celebration of First Communion



Celebrated on Sunday, May 2, 2021

Processional



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Opening Remarks and Welcome



First Reading

ACTS 9-27-31

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.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God!

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people..

I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the LORD.

The lowly shall eat their fill;

they who seek the LORD shall praise him:

"May your hearts live forever!"

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

All the ends of the earth

shall remember and turn to the LORD;

all the families of the nations

shall bow down before him.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people..

To him alone shall bow down

all who sleep in the earth;

before him shall bend

all who go down into the dust.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

And to him my soul shall live;

my descendants shall serve him.

Let the coming generation be told of the LORD

that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born

the justice he has shown.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

A reading from the first Letter of St. John

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,

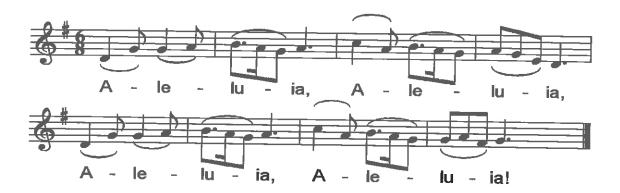
and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia



Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

<u>Jn 15:1-8</u>

The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

R. Glory to you, O Lord

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



Homily

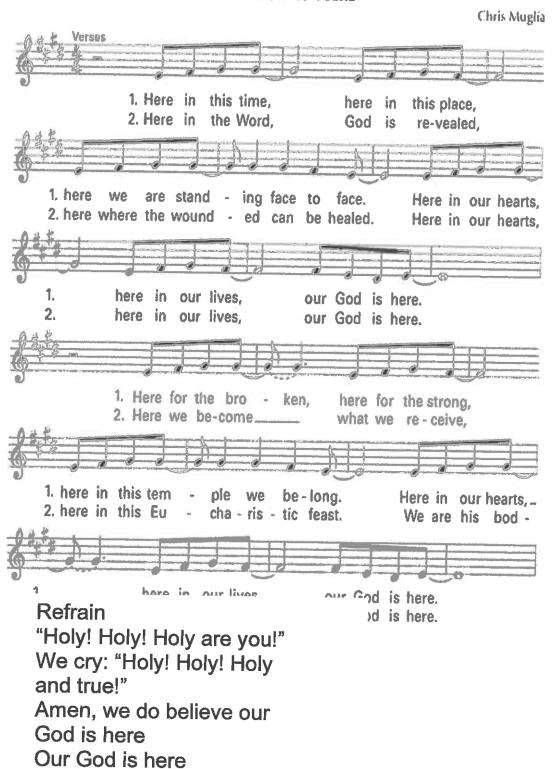
Universal Prayer

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Preparation and Presentation of the Gifts



OUR GOD IS HERE



Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, Holy, Holy

Mystery of Faith

Great Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

Mass of Creation

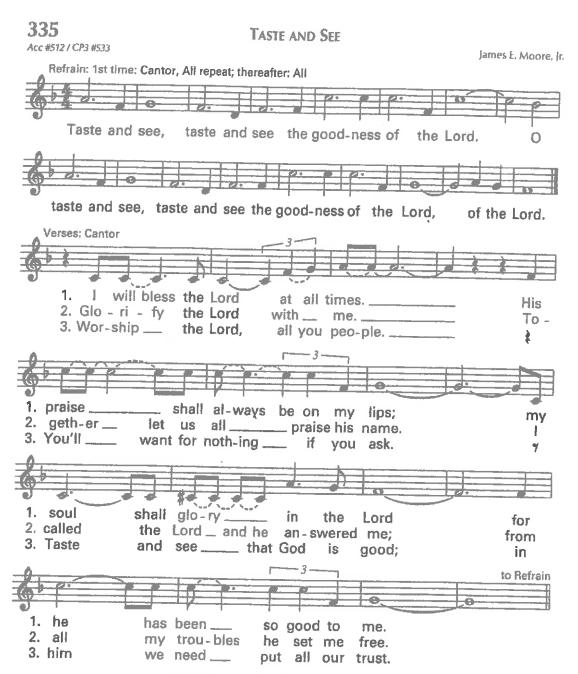
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COMMUNION SONG



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CLOSING PRAYER AND REMARKS

CLOSING SONG

I WILL CHOOSE CHRIST



- 1. How many times
 must he call my name
 and show to me that he is God?
 And as a servant he calls to me,
 "You must serve too."
- Christ, my teacher and healer, teach my heart and heal my soul. And as I walk this road with you, teach me to love.
- 3. As I look upon your cross, so too must I die with you. And with the death of my own desires, I'll rise with you.

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