



Holy Apostles  
*College & Seminary*

# Baccalaureate Mass

Saturday  
May 6, 2023  
10:00 am

VERY REVEREND PETER S. KUCER, MSA, STD

*President-Rector of Holy Apostles, Main Celebrant, and Homilist*

## Servers

Br. Michael Mary, K.H.E., Acolyte

Br. Daniel Valente, M.S.A., Lector

Br. Hien Nguyen, S.D.D., Cross Bearer

Hap Van Nguyen & Chau Van Bui, Candle Bearers

Hap Xuan Cao, Thurifer

Cuong Van Nguyen & Tuan Anh Nguyen, Sacristans

## Vietnamese Schola

Sr. Trang Duong, O.P.

Br. Truong Lai, I.C.M.

Sr. Lien Nguyen, O.P.

Br. Trinh Do, C.S.F.

Sr. Tien Nguyen, O.P.

Br. Huyen Nguyen

Sr. Khen Vu

Br. Son Nguyen

Sr. Hien Dang, S.E.J.

Thau Duong

Sr. Hien Le, S.E.J.

Thuc Tran

Sr. Y Hoang, S.J.P.

Br. Minh Nguyen, C.S.F.

Sr. Hoa N. Nguyen, S.J.P.

Br. Loi Tran, C.S.F.

Sr. Quynh Dong, O.P.

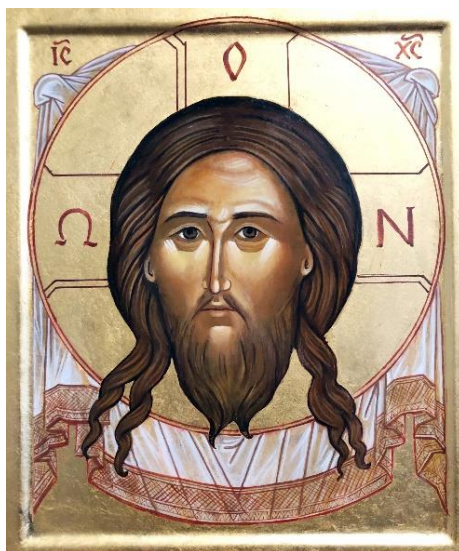
Huan Tran

Sr. Christianna Hamman, F.S.E., Organist

Mrs. Aura Liz Arntsen, Cantor



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we request that you turn off or mute your cell phones.*



## **Organ Prelude**

*Variations on Hyfrydol* (Russel Schultz-Widma)

## Entrance Hymn

*Praise My Soul the King of Heaven* (John Goss)

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;  
praise him still the same for ever, slow to chide and swift to bless:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.



## First Reading

### *Acts 13:44-52*

On the following sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and with violent abuse contradicted what Paul said. Both Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, “It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first, but since you reject it and condemn yourselves as unworthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth.” The Gentiles were delighted when they heard this and glorified the word of the Lord. All who were destined for eternal life came to believe, and the word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region. The Jews, however, incited the women of prominence who were worshipers and the leading men of the city, stirred up a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in protest against them and went to Iconium. The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Response: All the ends of the earth have seen  
the saving power of God.*

Sing to the LORD  
a new song,  
for he has done  
wondrous deeds;  
His right hand has won  
victory for him,  
his holy arm.

The LORD has made his  
salvation known:  
in the sight of the nations he  
has revealed his justice.  
He has remembered his  
kindness and his faithfulness  
toward the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth  
have seen  
the salvation  
by our God.  
Sing joyfully to the LORD,  
all you lands;  
break into song; sing praise.

## **Alleluia, alleluia.**

If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples,  
and you will know the truth, says the Lord.

## **Alleluia, alleluia.**

### **Gospel**

#### ***John 14:7-14***

Jesus said to his disciples: “If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to Jesus, “Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father. And whatever you ask in my name, I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything of me in my name, I will do it.”

**Homily** by Very Rev. Peter S. Kucer, M.S.A., S.T.D.



## Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts

*Thuong Tien Len Ba Ngoi* “Respectfully Offer to the Holy Trinity.”

(Nguyen Quang Hung, translation by Rev. Danh Nguyen, M.S.A.)

### *Refrain:*

Respectfully offer to the Holy Trinity this pure bread and wine. Humbly dedicate our entire lives to the Blessed Trinity with reverence. We present to the Sacred Trinity this beautiful sacrifice like morning dew spreading over the fields, like fragrant incense rising to the sacred, mystical altar. Please accept our offering and grant us your peace and grace.



Unite us all in the love of God. Unify us in your affection so that we love one another. Like this single loaf made from thousands of wheat grains. Like this pure wine made from thousands of ripe, fragrant grapes.

May God’s love flood the world. May the Holy Spirit’s source of life support and help us with grace. Trust in the Lord, whose love erases hatred and resentment. Rejoice with those who celebrate and mourn with those who cry.

Praise the Father, Creator of the world. Praise the Son, Redeemer, and Savior of souls. Praise the Holy Spirit, who constantly sanctifies and purifies, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

On the sacred night, the Word became flesh. On this joyful night, the Lord came to dwell among us. Together, we humbly offer songs and fragrant incense. United, we respectfully present our offerings to the Divine Child, our Redeemer.

May our love be steadfast in God. May the world’s life receive His help and grace. May our love for one another never fade, as we build our family together. May our life in exile be supported and uplifted by Him always.

## Communion Hymn

*Jesus, My Lord, My God, and My All*  
(Frederick Faber & Nicole Montani)

Jesus, my Lord, my God, my All,  
How can I love thee as I ought?  
And how revere this wondrous gift,  
So far surpassing hope or thought?  
Sweet Sacrament, we Thee adore;  
Oh, make us love thee more and more.  
Oh, make us love thee more and more.

Had I but Mary's sinless heart  
To love Thee with, my dearest King,  
Oh, with what bursts of fervent praise  
Thy goodness, Jesus, would I sing.  
Sweet Sacrament, we Thee adore;  
Oh, make us love Thee more and more.  
Oh, make us love Thee more and more.

Thy Body, Soul, and Godhead, all!  
O mystery of love divine!  
I cannot compass all I have,  
For all thou hast and art are mine.  
Sweet Sacrament, we thee adore;  
Oh, make us love thee more and more.  
Oh, make us love thee more and more.



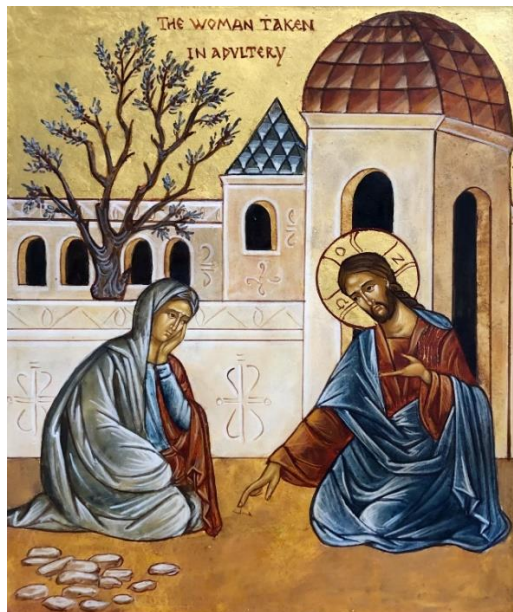
## Communion Hymn

*Ave Verum Corpus* (Edward Elgar)

*Ave verum corpus natum ex Maria Virgine,  
vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine,  
cujus latus perforatum vero fluxit et sanguine,  
esto nobis praegustatum mortis in examine.  
O clemens, O pie, O dulcis Jesu, Fili Mariae.*

*English translation:*

Jesu, Word of God Incarnate, of the virgin Mary born,  
On the cross thy sacred body for us men with nails was torn  
Cleanse us, by thy blood and water Streaming from thy pierced side;  
Feed us with thy body broken, Now in death's agony!  
O Jesu, hear us Son of Mary.



## **Recessional and Closing Hymn**

*Be Thou My Vision* (translation by Mary E. Byrne)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;  
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord.  
Born of thy love, thy child may I be,  
Thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.

Be thou my buckler, my sword for the fight.  
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r.  
Raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise;  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always.  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
Ruler of heaven, my treasure thou art.

## **Organ Postlude**

Organ variation on *Be Thou My Vision* (Noel Jones)

We hope you enjoy the Mass setting of *A Community Mass* by Richard Proulx.

# **GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION**

## **For Catholics**

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

## **For our fellow Christians**

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (Jn 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan Bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844.4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844.3).

## **For those not receiving Holy Communion**

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

## **For non-Christians**

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

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as we celebrate the achievements of our students.*



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*Immediately following Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be removed  
from the Chapel Tabernacle and reposed in another Chapel on campus  
in preparation of the Commencement Exercises.*

*When you leave the Chapel after Mass, please take all your  
belongings with you as the reserved seating sections will be modified.  
Light refreshments will be available in the Chapel Basement at that time.*