



Holy Apostles  
*College & Seminary*

*Baccalaureate  
Mass*

*Saturday, April 25, 2026 | 10:30 am  
Queen of Apostles Chapel*

# MINISTERS AND SERVERS

## MAIN CELEBRANT

**The Very Reverend Peter S. Kucer, MSA, STD**  
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Thanh Pham & Mai Nguyen

*Organist & Cantor*

Mrs. Emma Belske

Student Choir Directed by Br. Truong Lai, ICM

*Out of respect for the Holy Mass,  
we request that you turn off or mute your cell phones.*

## ORGAN PRELUDE

*Variations on Hyfrydol*  
(Russell Schultz-Widma)

## ENTRANCE PROCESSION

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

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.

## GREETING

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

*All:* Amen.

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* And with your spirit.

## PENITENTIAL ACT

*Priest:* Brothers and Sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers, and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

*And, striking their breast, they say:*

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

*Then they continue:*

therefore, I ask blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

*The absolution by the priest follows:*

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,  
and bring us  
to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Kyrie, eleison.

R. Kyrie, eleison.

V. Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Christe, eleison.

R. Christe, eleison.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Kyrie, eleison.

R. Kyrie, eleison.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glória in excélsis Deo

et in terra pax homínibus bonæ voluntátis.

Laudámus te,

benedícimus te,

adorámus te,

glorificámus te,

grátias ágimus tibi propter magnam glóriam tuam,

Dómine Deus, Rex cæléstis,

Deus Pater omnípotens.

Dómine Fili Unigénite, Iesu Christe,

Dómine Deus, Agnus Dei, Fílius Patris,

qui tollis peccáta mundi, miserére nobis;

qui tollis peccáta mundi, súscipe deprecationem nostram.

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserére nobis.

Quóniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dóminus, tu solus Altíssimus,

Iesu Christe, cum Sancto Spíritu: in glória Dei Patris.

Amen.

## COLLECT



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

*1 Peter 5:5b-14*

Beloved: Clothe yourselves with humility  
in your dealings with one another, for:  
God opposes the proud  
but bestows favor on the humble.  
So humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God,  
that he may exalt you in due time.  
Cast all your worries upon him because he cares for you.  
Be sober and vigilant.  
Your opponent the Devil is prowling around like a roaring lion  
looking for someone to devour.  
Resist him, steadfast in faith,  
knowing that your brothers and sisters throughout the world  
undergo the same sufferings.  
The God of all grace  
who called you to his eternal glory through Christ Jesus  
will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you  
after you have suffered a little.  
To him be dominion forever. Amen.  
I write you this briefly through Silvanus,  
whom I consider a faithful brother,  
exhorting you and testifying that this is the true grace of God.  
Remain firm in it.  
The chosen one at Babylon sends you greeting, as does Mark,  
my son.  
Greet one another with a loving kiss.  
Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**R.** Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17*

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

The favors of the LORD I will sing forever;  
through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness.  
For you have said, "My kindness is established forever";  
in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

The heavens proclaim your wonders, O LORD,  
and your faithfulness, in the assembly of the holy ones.  
For who in the skies can rank with the LORD?  
Who is like the LORD among the sons of God?

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

Blessed the people who know the joyful shout;  
in the light of your countenance, O LORD, they walk.  
At your name they rejoice all the day,  
and through your justice they are exalted.

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

## ALLELUIA

*1 Cor 1:23a-24b*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

We proclaim Christ crucified;  
he is the power of God and the wisdom of God.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## GOSPEL

Mark 16:15-20

Jesus appeared to the Eleven and said to them:  
“Go into the whole world  
and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.  
Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved;  
whoever does not believe will be condemned.  
These signs will accompany those who believe:  
in my name they will drive out demons,  
they will speak new languages.  
They will pick up serpents with their hands,  
and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them.  
They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”  
Then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them,  
was taken up into heaven  
and took his seat at the right hand of God.  
But they went forth and preached everywhere,  
while the Lord worked with them  
and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

*R.* Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## HOMILY

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## UNIVERSAL PRAYER

# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## PRESENTATION AND PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

*Holy Apostles Schola with Student Organist*

*Thần Lương Trời Ban (Bread For The World)*

*Refrain:*

Bread for the world: a world of hunger.

Wine for all peoples: people who thirst.

May we who eat be bread for others.

May we who drink pour out our love.

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life, broken to  
reach and heal the wounds of human pain.  
Where we divide your people, you are waiting there on  
bended knee to wash our feet with endless care.

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the wine of peace, poured into  
hearts once broken and where dryness sleeps.  
Where we are tired and weary, you are waiting there to  
be the way which beckons us beyond despair.

Lord Jesus Christ, you call us to your feast, at which the  
rich and pow' rful have become the least.  
Where we survive on others in our human greed, you  
walk among us begging for your ev'ry need.

# INVITATION TO PRAYER

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

*R.* 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.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

### PREFACE DIALOGUE

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

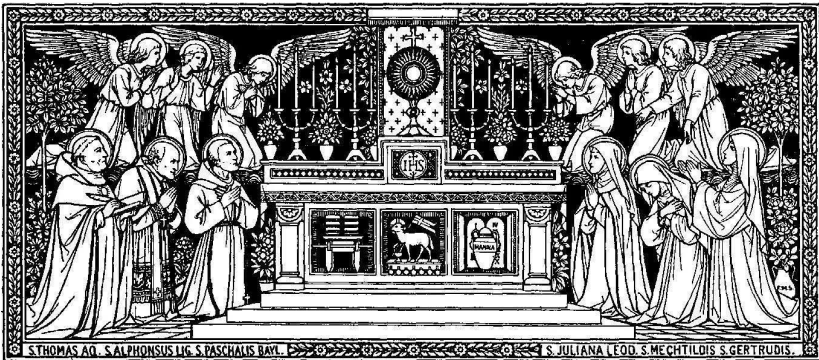
*R.* And with your spirit.

*Priest:* Lift up your hearts.

*R.* We lift them up to the Lord.

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to Lord our God.

*R.* It is right and just.



## COMMUNION HYMNS

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

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.

Oh, see up on the altar placed  
The victim of divinest love!  
Let all the earth below adore  
And join the choirs of heav'n above.  
Sweet Sacrament, we thee adore;  
Oh, make us love thee more and more.  
Oh, make us love thee more and more.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

### *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:*

Jesus, 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 HYMN

### *Be Thou My Vision* (Dallan Forgaill)

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)

# 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.



*Immediately following Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be removed from the Queen of Apostles 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.*

*You also are invited for a light luncheon.*



*Thank you for joining us to worship Our Lord on this meaningful day as we celebrate the achievements of our students.*

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