

Consecration to a Life of Virginity for Women Living in the World

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conferred by

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The Cathedral Basilica of Saint Peter in Chains
In the City and Archdiocese of Cincinnati

Welcome to the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Peter in Chains

Et Petrus Quidem Servabatur in Carcere Vincetus Catenis
translates *And Peter was kept in prison, bound in chains.* Acts 12:5

Out of respect for the solemn nature of the Church's liturgy and those gathered in prayer and worship, kindly turn off all mobile telephones and electronic devices while in the cathedral.

Guidelines for the Reception of Holy 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. **Those not receiving Holy Communion are asked to remain in the pews.**

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.

Introductory Rites

Prelude Music

Verset des Psaumes 2 & 3


Marcel Dupré

Processional Hymn

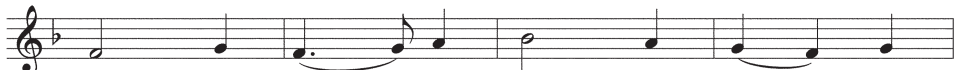
• STAND



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling,
2. Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er,
3. Fin - ish then your new cre - a - tion,




Joy of heav'n to earth come down!
Let us all your life re - ceive;
Pure and spot - less, gra - cious Lord,




Fix in us your hum - ble dwell - ing,
Sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er,
Let us see your great sal - va - tion



All your faith - ful mer - cies crown.
Nev - er more your tem - ples leave.
Per - fect - ly in you re - stored.



Je - sus, source of all com - pas - sion,
Lord, we would be al - ways bless - ing,
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



Love un - bound - ed, love all pure;
Serve you as your hosts a - bove,
Till in heav'n we take our place,



Vis - it us with your sal - va - tion,
Pray, and praise you with - out ceas - ing,
Till we sing be - fore the al - might - y



Let your love in us en - dure.
Glo - ry in your pre - cious love.
Lost in won - der, love and praise.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.
Tune: HYFRYDOL, 8 7 8 7 D; Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

Sign of the Cross and Greeting

Penitential Act

Glory to God

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good
will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we
glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,
Lord God, heav'n-ly King, O God, al - might-y Fa - ther.

Choir alone

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

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For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

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Collect



Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Hosea 2:16, 21-22

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-1



The bride - groom is here; let us go out to meet Christ the Lord.

Listen, O daughter; pay heed and give ear:
forget your own people and your father's house.
So will the king desire your beauty.
He is your lord, pay homage to him.

They are escorted amid gladness and joy;
they pass within the palace of the king.
Sons will be yours to succeed your fathers;
you will make them rulers over all the earth.

The daughter of the king is clothed with splendor;
her robes are threaded with gold.
In fine clothing she is led to the king;
behind her are her maiden companions, brought
to you.

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Second Reading

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17

Gospel Acclamation



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



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

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Gospel Reading

John 17:20-26

Rite of Consecration

Calling of the Candidate

*The ministers move to the center of the sanctuary.
The candidate lights her lamp while the choir sings the antiphon
"Be wise: make ready your lamps.
Behold the Bridegroom comes; go out to meet him."*

Archbishop: Come, listen to me, my child; I will teach you reverence for the Lord.

Candidate: Now with all my heart I follow you, I reverence you and seek your presence.
Lord, fulfill my hope: show me your loving kindness, the greatness of your
mercy.

Homily

Examination

Archbishop: Are you resolved to persevere to the end of your days in the holy state of virginity and in the service of God and his Church?

Candidate: I am.

Archbishop: Are you so resolved to follow Christ in the spirit of the Gospel that your whole life may be a faithful witness to God's love and a convincing sign of the Kingdom of Heaven?

Candidate: I am.

Archbishop: Are you resolved to accept solemn consecration as a bride of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

Candidate: I am.

All present: **Thanks be to God.**

Invitation to Prayer

Litany of Supplication

please kneel

Cantor: Lord, have mer - cy. *Assembly:* Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Assembly:

Holy	Ma - ry,	pray	for	us.
Holy Mother of	God,	pray	for	us.
Most honored of all	vir - gins,	pray	for	us.
<i>(additional names of saints are added)</i>		pray	for	us.
All holy men and women,	Saints of God	pray	for	us.

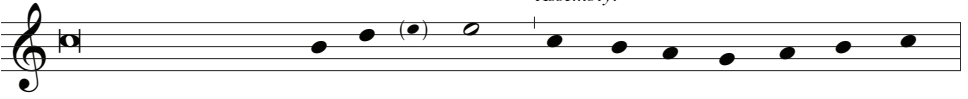
Assembly:

Lord,	be	mer - ci - ful,	Lord,	de - liv - er	us	we	pray.
From	all	e - vil,	Lord,	de - liv - er	us,	we	pray.
From	ev - 'ry	sin,	Lord,	de - liv - er	us,	we	pray.
From	ev - er - last - ing	death,	Lord,	de - liv - er	us,	we	pray.

Assembly:

By your	In - car - na - tion,	Lord,	de - liv - er	us,	we	pray.
By your death and	Res - ur - rec - tion,	Lord,	de - liv - er	us,	we	pray.
By the outpouring of the	Ho - ly Spir - it,	Lord,	de - liv - er	us,	we	pray.

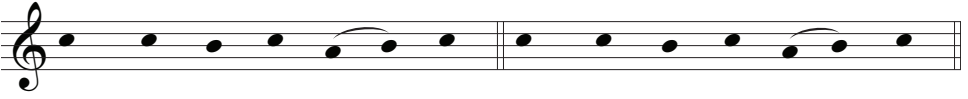
Assembly:



Be merciful to us sin - ners, Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.
Give to your servant... of the Church, Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.
(additional petitions are added) Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.
Bless this handmaid... to your service, Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.



Christ, hear us. Christ, hear us.



Christ, gra - cious - ly hear us. Christ, gra - cious - ly hear us.

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Archbishop: Lord, hear the prayers of your Church. Look with favor on your handmaid whom you have called in your love. Set her on the way of eternal salvation; may she seek only what is pleasing to you, and fulfill it with watchful care. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Deacon: Let us stand.

Renewal of Intention

Candidate: Father, receive my resolution to follow Christ in a life of perfect chastity which, with God’s help, I here profess before you and God’s holy people.

Prayer of Consecration

Archbishop: Loving Father... We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Presentation of the Insignia of Consecration

Archbishop: Dearest daughter, receive the veil and the ring that are the insignia of your consecration. Keep unstained your fidelity to your Bridegroom, and never forget that you are bound to the service of Christ and of his Body, the Church.

Ashley: Amen.

Presentation of the Liturgy of the Hours

Archbishop: Receive the book of the liturgy of the hours, the prayer of the Church; may the praise of our heavenly Father be always on your lips; pray without ceasing for the salvation of the world.

Ashley: Amen.

Ashley sings: I am espoused to him whom the angels serve; sun and moon stand in wonder at his glory.



Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Ubi Caritas

Ola Gjelo

Where there is charity and love, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Let us revere and love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another.

Let us cease all quarrels and strife.
And let Christ dwell in the midst of us.

May we also see, along with the blessed,
the glory of your face, O Christ.
And let there be immeasurable joy
both now and for evermore. Amen.

Likewise, therefore, when we come together
let us be united as one; let us be careful, lest we
be divided in intention.

Sanctus

A Community Mass

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of hosts.
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Mystery of Faith

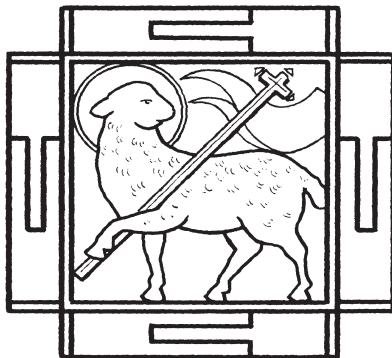
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -
claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

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Amen



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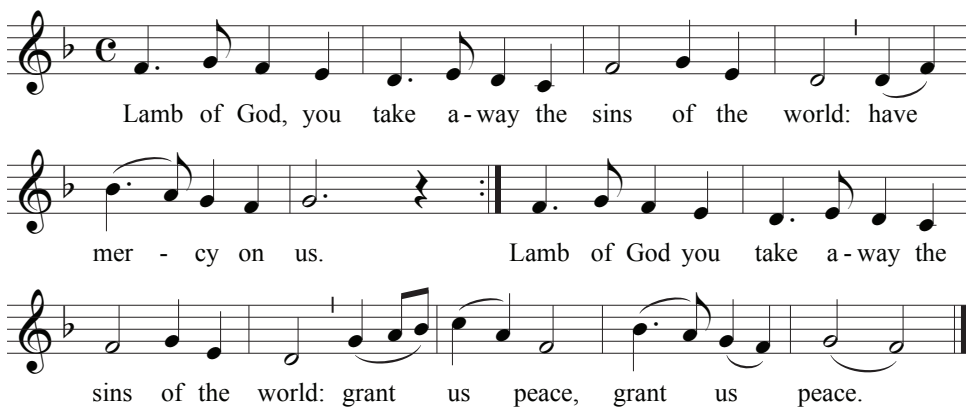


Communion Rite

Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Litany for the Breaking of the Bread



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Communion Proper

Beata viscera

Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary, which bore the Son of the Eternal Father.

Communion Motet

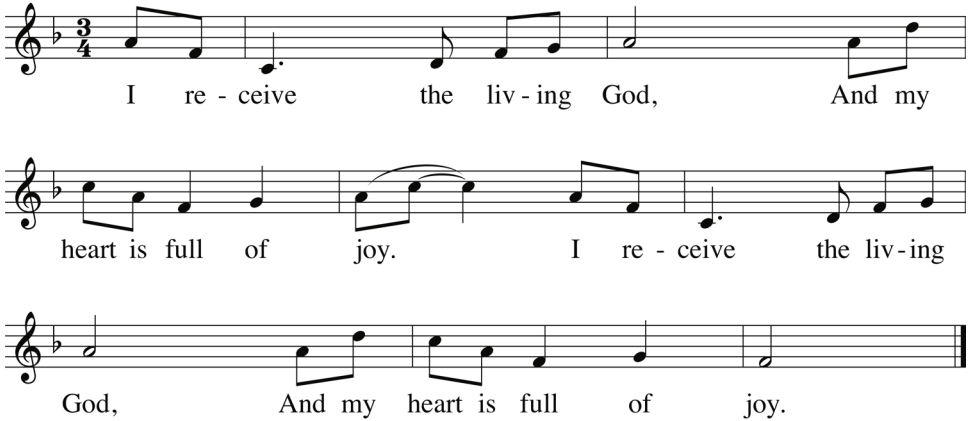
Veni Sponsa Christi
G. P. da Palestrina

Come, you who are betrothed to Christ, accept the crown which the Lord has prepared for you since before time.

Communion Hymn


I Receive the Living God

Refrain

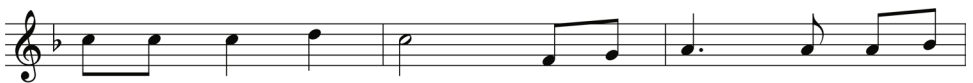


I re - ceive the liv - ing God, And my
heart is full of joy. I re - ceive the liv - ing
God, And my heart is full of joy.

Verses



1. Je - sus says: I am the Bread Sent to
2. Je - sus says: I am the Vine, Far from
3. Je - sus says: I am the Way, And my
4. Je - sus says: I am the Truth. If you
5. Je - sus says: I am the Life, Raised in
6. Je - sus says: I am the Day, Shin - ing



you from God Most High. Take and eat, and you will
whom no life can grow. If you join your - self to
path is straight and true. Fol - low me to where I
fol - low close to me, You will know me in your
tri - umph from the dead. As one Bod - y now re -
bright - ly through your night. Wel - come me, and you will



live; You need nev - er fear to die.
me, A rich har - vest you will know.
lead; There my Fa - ther waits for you.
heart, And my word will make you free.
main, Mem - bers joined to me, the Head.
walk By the Spir - it's guid - ing light.

D.C.

7. Jesus says: I am the Love
Which can bind you close to me.
Those who know this gift I bring
Will find true community.

8. Jesus says: I am the Peace
Which the world cannot bestow.
Learn to love and live in me,
And in you my Reign will grow.

9. Jesus says: I am the Lamb,
And my death set sinners free.
Those who drink the cup I drink
Must take up this work with me.

Concluding Rites

Solemn Blessing & Dismissal

Recessional Hymn



1. Christ our Light, we sing your glo - ry: All our
2. Word of God, we sing the won - der Of the
3. Cast your fire, O Christ, up - on us; As a
4. Christ, the world's light, take us with you Where death's
5. Ho - ly God, we bow be - fore you, Three - fold



hearts a - fire with praise; Fill our lives with love un -
truth you came to tell: Death is con - quered, life has
bea - con let us stand Ra - diant with your pres - ence
dark - ness still holds sway; Let us call out "day has
Myst - 'ry, three - fold Love, Ev - er pres - ent here a -



fail - ing Set our faith and hope a - blaze. Ga - ther
tri - umphed, In our hearts love comes to dwell. Kin - dle
al - ways, Light of life for all the land. Let us
bro - ken" To all hearts grown cold and gray. Flame of
mong us, Ev - er sung in heav'n a - bove. Let your



us from ev - 'ry cor - ner Let all
joy in all who know you; Drive out
wel - come all the seek - ers, All who
glo - ry, go be - fore us, Lead us
reign take hold a - mong us; Let your



shad - ows fade and flee As your good news shines a -
sad - ness, ban - ish fear; Make of us your liv - ing
wan - der, all who grieve; All who thirst and all who
through the nar - row gate To the land that you have
name be all our song; Let us join your saints and



mong us, Bright with hope for all to see.
mes - sage For all those who long to hear.
hun - ger For the gos - pel we be - lieve.
prom - ised Where your ho - ly ones a - wait.
an - gels In the home where we be - long.

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Music

The Cathedral Basilica Choir
Matthew J. Geerlings,
Cathedral Music Director
Blake Callahan, *Organist*

All are invited to a reception after today's liturgy in the undercroft.
Hosted by the Serra Club

Prayer for Vocations

Almighty Father, You have created us for some definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous "Yes." Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations. May our young people respond to Your call with courage and zeal. Stir among our men a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests. Bless us with consecrated religious and those called to a chaste single life, permanent deacons, and faithful husbands and wives, who are a sign of Christ's love for His Church. We commend our prayer for vocations to You, Father, through the intercession of Mary our Mother, in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. Amen.