

# THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

FOR THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL AND SAINT ROSE ACADEMY

MAY 2, 2026

Welcome to the Cathedral of Saint Paul. The order of Mass can be found on page 3 in the Sunday's Word booklets found in the pew racks. Please follow this order of worship for today's music. Arrangements have been made for a professional photographer to take pictures of the children as they receive First Holy Communion. We hope to maintain the sacredness of the Mass by minimizing any distractions. Therefore, in order to preserve the reverence of the Holy Mass, please refrain from photography or video recording during the Mass.

### ENTRANCE HYMN

AT THE LAMB'S HIGH FEAST

SALZBURG



1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our vic - to - rious King.
2. Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
3. Might - y vic - tim from the sky, Hell's fierce powers be - neath you lie;
4. East - er tri - umph, East - er joy, This a - lone can sin de - stroy;



Who has washed us in the tide Flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;  
Is - rael's hosts tri - umph - ant go Through the wave that drowns the foe.  
You have con - quered in the fight, You have brought us life and light:  
From sin's power, Lord, set us free New - born souls in you to be.



Praise we him, whose love di - vine Gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;  
Now no more can death ap - pall, Now no more the grave en - thrall;  
Fa - ther, who the crown shall give, Sa - vior, by whose death we live,



Gives his Bod - y for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.  
With sin - cer - i - ty and love Eat we man - na from a - bove.  
You have o - pened par - a - dise, And in you your saints shall rise.  
Spir - it, guide through all our days, Three in One, your name we praise.

III  
**K** Yri-e \* elé-ison. *bis* Chrí ste elé-ison. *bis* Kýri-e elé-ison. Kýri-e elé-ison.

## GLORIA

## MASS VIII

V  
**G** Ló-ri- a in excélsis Dé- o. Et in térra pax homí-nibus bónae vo-lun tá- tis.

Lau dá- mus te. Benedí- cimus te. A do- rá- mus te. Glo- ri- fi- cá- mus te. Grá- ti- as á- gi-  
 mus tí- bi prop- ter mágnam gló- ri- am tú- am. Dómine Dé- us, Rex caelés- tis, Dé- us Pá-  
 ter omní- po- tens. Dómine Fí- li uni- géni- te Jé- su Chrí- ste. Dómine Dé- us, Agnus  
 Dé- i, Fí- li- us Pá- tris. Qui tóllis pec- cá- ta mún- di, mi- se- ré- re nó- bis. Qui tóllis  
 pec- cá- ta mún- di, súscipe depre- ca- ti- ónem nós- tram. Qui sédes ad délix- te- ram Pá- tris,  
 mi- se- ré- re nó- bis. Quó- ni- am tu só- lus sán- ctus. Tu só- lus Dómi- nus. Tu só- lus Al- tís-  
 simus, Jé- su Chrí- ste. Cum Sán- cto Spí- ri- tu, in gló- ri- a Dé- i Pá- tris. A-  
 men.

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

Today's Mass readings are reproduced below.

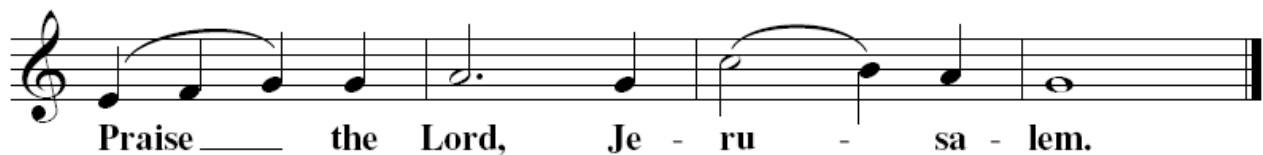
## FIRST READING

DEUTERONOMY 8:2-3, 14B-16A

Moses said to the people: "Remember how for forty years now the LORD, your God, has directed all your journeying in the desert, so as to test you by affliction and find out whether or not it was your intention to keep his commandments. He therefore let you be afflicted with hunger, and then fed you with manna, a food unknown to you and your fathers, in order to show you that not by bread alone does one live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the LORD. "Do not forget the LORD, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery; who guided you through the vast and terrible desert with its seraph serpents and scorpions, its parched and waterless ground; who brought forth water for you from the flinty rock and fed you in the desert with manna, a food unknown to your fathers."

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20



## SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

Brothers and sisters: I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.



## ALLELUIA



I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

GOSPEL

JOHN 6:51-58

Jesus said to the Jewish crowds: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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OFFERTORY

IMMACULATE MARY

LOURDES HYMN



1. Im - mac - u - late Mar - y, your prais - es we sing;  
 2. Pre - des - tined for Christ by e - ter - nal de - cree,  
 3. To you by an an - gel, the Lord God made known  
 4. Most blest of all wom - en, you heard and be - lieved,  
 5. The an - gels re - joiced when you brought forth God's Son;



You reign now in splen - dor with Je - sus our King.  
 God willed you both vir - gin and moth - er to be.  
 The grace of the Spir - it, the gift of the Son.  
 Most blest in the fruit of your womb then con - ceived.  
 Your joy is the joy of all a - ges to come.



A - ve, A - ve, A - ve, Ma - ri - a.



A - ve, A - ve, Ma - ri - a.

**S**anc tus, \* Sanc tus, Sanc tus Dóminus De-us Sába-oth. Pleni sunt cæ-li et  
 terra gló-ri- a tu- a. Hosán na in excélsis. Benedíc tus qui venit in nómine Dómini.  
 Hosán na in excélsis.

MYSTERIUM FIDEI

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur- rec - tion un-til you come a-gain.

AMEN

*After the Doxology, the people respond "Amen" according to the formula below:*

for ev - er and ev-er. R. A-men.

AGNUS DEI

**A**-gnus De- i, \* qui tollis peccá-ta mun di: mi-serére no- bis. Agnus De- i, \*  
 qui tollis peccá-ta mun di: mi-serére no- bis. Agnus De- i, \* qui tollis peccá-ta mun-  
 di: dona nobis pa- cem.

*This year, several families requested that their children be able to kneel at the moment of receiving their First Holy Communion. To facilitate their request, we have provided kneelers, since the Cathedral does not have a communion rail. The children will go to communion first, followed by those in the congregation who are properly disposed according to the guidelines printed above. Anyone who wishes to receive kneeling may do so; anyone who cannot kneel or does not prefer that posture is free to stand, as always.*

## HOLY COMMUNION

We invite all Catholics who are properly disposed (i.e., in the state of grace and having fasted for one hour before communion) to come forward in the usual way to receive Holy Communion.

All others, including our non-Catholic guests, may remain in their pews and join us in prayer. Alternatively, to participate in the communion procession and receive a blessing, come forward in the line and cross your arms over your chest as you approach the minister. Thank you.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Qui manducat*

JOHN 6:57

VI

W

Ho-ev-er eats my flesh and drinks my blood re-mains  
in me and I in him, says the Lord.

COMMUNION

ADORO TE DEVOTE

God-head here in hid-ing, whom I do a-dore, Masked by these bare sha-dows,  
See-ing, touch-ing, tast-ing are in Thee de-ceived: How says trus-ty hear-ing?  
On the Cross Thy God-head made no sign to men, Here Thy ve-ry man-hood  
I am not like Tho-mas, wounds I can-not see, But can plain-ly call Thee  
O Thou, our re-mind-er of Christ cru-ci-fied, Liv-ing Bread, the life of  
Bring the ten-der tale true of the Pel-i-can; Bathe me, Je-su Lord, in  
Je-su, whom I look at shroud-ed here be-low, I be-seech Thee send me

shape and no-thing more, See, Lord, at Thy ser-vice low lies here a heart  
That shall be be-lieved; What God's Son has told me, take for truth I do;  
steals from hu-man ken: Both are my con-fes-sion, both are my be-lief,  
Lord and God as he; Let me to a deep-er faith dai-ly near-er move,  
us for whom He died, Lend this life to me then: feed and feast my mind,  
what Thy bo-som ran: Blood where-of a sin-ple drop has power to win  
what I thirst for so, Some day to gaze on Thee face to face in light

Lost, all lost in won-der at the God Thou art.  
Truth Him-self speaks tru-ly or there's no-thing true.  
And I pray the prayer of the dy-ing thief.  
Dai-ly make me hard-er hope and dear-er love.  
There be Thou the sweet-ness man was meant to find.  
All the world for-give-ness of its world of sin.  
And be blest for-ev-er with Thy glo-ry's sight.

ITE MISSA EST

4. 

**I** -te, missa est. R̄ De-o grá-ti-as.  
*Go, you are sent. Thanks be to God.*

COMMUNION

JESUS, MY LORD, MY GOD, MY ALL

SWEET SACRAMENT



1. Je - sus, my Lord, my God, my All,  
2. Had I but Mar - y's sin - less heart,  
3. O! see up - on the al - tar placed



How can I love thee as I ought?  
To love thee with, my dear - est King;  
The vic - tim of di - vin - est love!



And how re - vere this won - drous gift,  
O! with what bursts of fer - vent praise,  
Let all the earth be - low a - dore,



So far sur - pass - ing hope or thought?  
Thy good - ness, Je - sus would I sing.  
And join the choirs of heav'n a - bove.



Sweet Sac - ra - ment, we thee a - dore! O make us love thee



more and more! O make us love thee more and more.

Before the final blessing, the celebrant will invite the First Communicants to come up for the blessing. Immediately following the blessing, he and the other ministers of the altar will pose for a picture with the children. This will be taken by the official photographer—no one else should come forward to photograph at this time. Then the closing hymn will begin as the children will return to their pews.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THOSE WHO RECEIVE THEIR  
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION TODAY!

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LANE HUTCHINSON

ESTHER ALVAREZ

DELAINEY LEE

ANASTASIA AYERS

CHARLES LETTS

KAROLINE BARBERA

SAMUEL LINCOLN

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