

# **Celebration of the Eucharist**

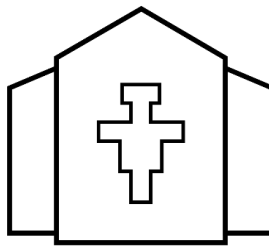
## **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

### **4:30 PM Mass**

After we have asked for and received God's mercy in the Penitential Act, we shift to joyful praise of God in the Gloria. The Gloria begins with the words of the angels announcing the birth of Christ to the shepherds of Bethlehem, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those whom his favor rests." (Luke 2:14)

The Gloria continues using words from Scripture beginning first with praise for the Father. Next The Gloria addresses the foundation of our Church; the Son, his coming, suffering, death, resurrection and ascension. Finally, the Gloria concludes with a summarization of our Trinitarian beliefs, "You alone the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the Glory of God the Father."

During Lent and Advent, the Gloria is omitted from the Sunday Mass due to the penitential nature of these times in the Church.



**S T . F R A N C I S O F A S S I S I**  
**CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### OPNEING HYMN

#### **Lion and the Lamb**

He's coming on the clouds  
Kings and kingdoms will bow down  
Every chain will break  
As broken hearts declare His praise  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

**Our God is a lion  
The Lion of Judah  
He's roaring with power  
And fighting our battles  
Every knee will bow before Him  
Our God is a lamb  
The Lamb that was slain  
For the sins of the world  
His blood breaks the chains  
Every knee will bow  
Before the Lion and the Lamb  
Every knee will bow before Him**

Open up the gates  
Make way before the King of Kings  
The God who comes to save  
Is here to set the captives free  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

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### GREETING

### PENITENTIAL RITE

### GLORIA

**R: Gloria in excelsis Deo, in excelsis Deo and on earth peace to people of goodwill**

We praise You; we bless You

We adore You; we glorify You

We give You thanks for Your great glory

Lord God, heavenly King Oh God, almighty Father. **R:**

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 you. **R:**

For You alone are the Holy One for You alone are the Lord

For You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ

With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen **R:**

## **COLLECT**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **FIRST READING**

**Acts 14: 21 – 27**

After Paul and Barnabas had proclaimed the good news to that city and made a considerable number of disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch. They strengthened the spirits of the disciples and exhorted them to persevere in the faith, saying, “It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God.” They appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, commended them to the Lord in whom they had put their faith. Then they traveled through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. After proclaiming the word at Perga, they went down to Attalia. From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now accomplished. And when they arrived, they called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

The Word of the Lord.

**R: Thanks be to God.**

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Psalm 145: 8-9, 10-11, 12-13**

**R: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.  
The LORD is good to all and  
compassionate toward all his works. **R:**

Let all your works give you thanks, O  
LORD, and let your faithful ones bless  
you. Let them discourse of the glory of  
your kingdom and speak of your might. **R:**

Let them make known your might  
to the children of Adam,  
and the glorious splendor  
of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is a kingdom for  
all ages, and your dominion  
endures through all generations.

**R:**

## **SECOND READING**

**Revelation 21: 1-5a**

Then I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away." The One who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."

The Word of the Lord.

**R: Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION- ALLELUIA**

## **GOSPEL**

**John 13: 31-33a, 34-35**

When Judas had left them, Jesus said,  
"Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and God will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **HOMILY**

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I believe in one God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins, and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.

### **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

## **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS**

#### **OFFERTORY**

During this part of the Mass, we give thanks to God for our many blessings and bring gifts to the Altar. This is also the time of the Mass reserved to make our weekly donation. For your convenience, you can scan the QR code provided here for our new online giving platform, PushPay. Thank you for your generosity.



## Heaven Song

You wrote a letter and You signed Your name  
I read every word of it page by page  
You said that You'd be coming coming for me soon  
Oh my God I'll be ready for You

**I want to run on greener pastures  
I want to dance on higher hills  
I want to drink from sweeter waters  
In the misty morning chill  
And my soul is getting restless  
For the place where I belong  
I can't wait to join the angels and sing my heaven song**

I hear Your voice and I catch my breath  
Well done my child enter in and rest  
As tears of joy roll down my cheek  
It's beautiful beyond my wildest dreams

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**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS**

**THE COMMUNION RITE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**LAMB OF GOD**

**COMMUNION**

## Wherever You Lead

I'm done trusting in what's sinking  
These boats weren't built for me  
I'm done drifting on the water of insecurity  
In the noise and the distractions  
In the storms of arguing  
I hear Your voice calling

**I'm gonna fix my eyes on Jesus**  
**Walking with the One who walks on the sea**  
**Oh, I'm gonna give my life to follow**  
**Speak to me and I'll go wherever You lead**

I'm done worshipping an image  
Of what only looks like me  
Surrounding You with limits of what my eyes can see  
God would You forgive me restore the mystery  
I hear Your voice calling calling

Wherever You go wherever You lead  
That's where I'll go that's where I'll be  
The moment You call the second You speak  
That's when I'll go step out and believe

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**BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

## **Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly**

It all comes down to this  
What You require of me  
Love my neighbor as myself  
And You above all things

**Act justly love mercy**  
**Walk humbly with You God**  
**In all things in all ways**  
**Walk humbly with You God**

It all comes down to this  
To be Your hands and feet  
Good news to all the world  
Oh, the truth will set us free

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## **Campaign Prayer**

We come before you Jesus, grateful for the many blessings you provide for us as individuals and as a family of St. Francis of Assisi. As you instructed your disciples to go and preach the Gospel to all nations, we pray that we may continue to grow in our faith and strengthened by the Sacraments to live out the mission that you gave us (*Matthew 28:16-20*). Heavenly Father, we are grateful for the continued growth in our community and as we fix our hearts and minds toward our future, we ask for your blessing and guidance in our vision for St. Francis for generations to come. May you always continue to give us wisdom, perseverance, clear direction in our discernment and never let us forget the words that you promised your disciples:

**“I am with you always, until the end of the age.”**