



Nativity Catholic Church

Celebration of the Eucharist

26th Anniversary of Operation Starfish

Sixth Sunday of Easter

5pm, May 4, 2024

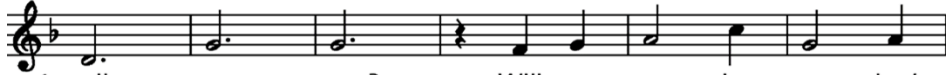
Prelude

The Summons

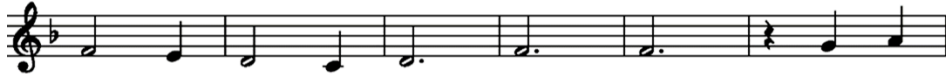
Bell



1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but
3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but
4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but



1. call your name? Will you go where you don't
2. call your name? Will you care for cruel and
3. call your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
4. call your name? Will you quell the fear in -
5. call my name. Let me turn and fol - low



1. know And nev - er be the same? Will you
2. kind And nev - er be the same? Will you
3. free And nev - er be the same? Will you
4. side And nev - er be the same? Will you
5. you And nev - er be the same. In your



1. let my love be shown, Will you let my
2. risk the hos - tile stare Should your life at -
3. kiss the lep - er clean, And do such as
4. use the faith you've found To re - shape the
5. com - pa - ny I'll go Where your love and



1. name be known, Will you let my life be
2. tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
3. this un - seen, And ad - mit to what I
4. world a - round, Through my sight and touch and
5. foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



1. grown In you and you in me?
2. pray'r In you and you in me?
3. mean In you and you in me?
4. sound In you and you in me?
5. grow In you and you in me.

Introductory Rites

Processional Hymn

O God beyond All Praising

THAXTED



1. O God be-yond all prais - ing, We wor - ship you to - day
2. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, Ac - cept the love we bring,



1. And sing the love a - maz - ing That songs can - not re - pay;
2. That we who know your fa - vor May serve you as our King;



1. For we can on - ly won - der At ev - 'ry gift you send,
2. And wheth - er our to - mor - rows Be filled with good or ill,



1. At bless - ings with - out num - ber And mer - cies with - out end:
2. We'll tri - umph through our sor - rows And rise to bless you still:



1. We lift our hearts be - fore you And wait up - on your word,
2. To mar - vel at your beau - ty And glo - ry in your ways,



1. We hon - or and a - dore you, Our great and might - y Lord.
2. And make a joy - ful du - ty Our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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Penitential Rite

Gloria

Collect

Mass of Christ the Savior

Schutte

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage. Peter, however, raised him up, saying, "Get up. I myself am also a human being."

Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him."

While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter responded, "Can anyone withhold the water for

baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?" He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4



R. The Lord has re-vealed to the na-tions his sav - ing pow'r.

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Second Reading

1 John 4:7-10

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:23



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

Music: Chant, Mode II; *Airs sur les hymnes sacrez, odes et noëls*, 1623.

Whoever loves Me will keep My word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

Gospel

John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

Homily

Profession of Faith

Universal Prayer

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✠ Liturgy of the Eucharist ✠

Preparation of the Gifts

God Has Chosen Me

Farrell



Verses

1. God has cho - sen me, God has cho - sen me to bring good news
2. God has cho - sen me, God has cho - sen me to set a - light
3. God is call - ing me, God is call - ing me in all whose cry



1. to the poor. God has cho - sen me, God has cho - sen me to
2. a new fire. God has cho - sen me, God has cho - sen me to
3. is un - heard. God is call - ing me, God is call - ing me to



1. bring _ new sight to those search - ing for light: God has
2. bring _ to birth a new king - dom on earth: God has
3. raise up the voice with no pow - er or choice: God is

Refrain



1. cho - sen me, cho - sen me: And to tell the world
2. cho - sen me, cho - sen me:
3. call - ing me, call - ing me:



that God's king - dom is near, to re - move op - pres - sion and



break down fear, yes, God's time is near, God's time is near,



God's time is near, God's time is near.

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Prayer over the Offerings

The Eucharistic Prayer

Holy

We Proclaim Your Death

Amen

Mass of Christ the Savior

Mass of Christ the Savior

Mass of Christ the Savior

Schutte

Schutte

Schutte

Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

The Sign of Peace

The Breaking of the Bread

Lamb of God

Mass of Christ the Savior

Schutte

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Music during the Communion Procession

Give Thanks

Smith

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart. Give thanks to the
Ho-ly One. Give thanks be-cause He's giv-en Je-sus Christ, His
Son. Give Son. And now let the weak say, "I am
strong," let the poor say, "I am rich," be-cause of what the Lord has
done for us. And us. Give thanks.

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"We are God's People"

1 Peter 2:10

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Meditation

Send Us Your Spirit

Schutte

1. Send us your spir-it, O Lord. Eve-ning en-folds us and
2. Hold us with mer-cy, O Lord. Sor-row has spo-ken, has
3. Teach us your wis-dom, O Lord. Shad-ows have cloud-ed, have
4. Send us good sum-mer, O Lord. Win-ters have chilled us, and
holds us too near. Wake the morn-ing light. Make our liv-ing
2. bro-ken our hearts. Clothe us in your care. Be the life we
3. crowd-ed our sight. Give us hearts that see. Set our lov-ing
4. stilled us too long. Give us love's own fire. Be our true de-
1. bright. Shine on our dark-ness, O Lord.
2. bear. Feed us and fill us, O Lord.
3. free. Hear us and help us, O Lord.
4. sire. Send us your spir-it, O Lord.

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Prayer After Communion

✠ Concluding Rites ✠

Final Blessing and Dismissal

Recessional Hymn

Awesome God

Mullins

Our God is an awe-some God, He reigns from
heav'n a-bove with wis-dom pow'r and love, our God is an awe-some God.

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This weekend, we commemorate the tenth anniversary of [Father Richard Martin](#), who returned to God in 2014 after serving as Nativity's pastor for 17 years. Fr. Martin began Operation Starfish, working with Food For The Poor to develop "Nativity Villages" with housing, clean water, sanitation, schools, clinics, and small businesses throughout Haiti. Fr. Bob Cilinski expanded Operation Starfish to Jamaica and Honduras and brought more young adults into this ministry.

Today, Operation Starfish has:

- Over 1,500 homes in Haiti
- [13 Nativity Villages](#) in Haiti, with a 14th in planning
- 4 fishing villages in Haiti
- 3 fresh water fish farms in Haiti
- 4 medical scholarships in Jamaica, 1 in Haiti
- 4 greenhouses in the Dominican Republic
- 2 clinics in Haiti, 1 in Honduras
- Fish 4 Hope to spur small business
- [Stella Marina](#) to make childbirth safer

We invite you to invest in Father Martin's vision of bringing families out of poverty, one person at a time, by participating in the Operation Starfish second collection in-person or by simply clicking [online giving](#). If you need help, call the church office at 703-455-2400 or email abenson@nativityburke.org.

