

Holy Eucharist

with
The Rite of Profession
of the Community of Mary,
Mother of the Redeemer



Tuesday, 11 September 2018
12:10 pm

Centennial Chapel
Christ Church Cathedral
318 East Fourth Street
Cincinnati, OH 45230

The Right Reverend Thomas E. Breidenthal, Celebrant

The Word of God

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Ave maris stella

Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583-1643)

The People stand

OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,
 you a-lone are the Lord, 7. you a-lone are the Most
 High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the
 glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, of your saving grace you called Mary of Nazareth to be the mother of your only begotten Son: Inspire us by the same grace to follow her example of bearing God to the world. We pray through Jesus Christ her son our Savior. **Amen.**

The People sit

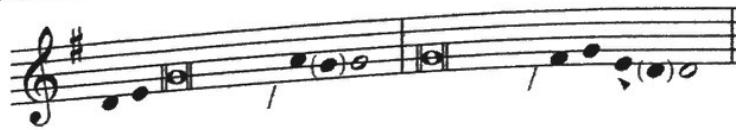
FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:9-13, 19a

Let all the nations gather together, and let the peoples assemble. Who among them declared this, and foretold to us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to justify them, and let them hear and say, "It is true." You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. I, I am the Lord, and besides me there is no savior. I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses, says the Lord. I am God, and also henceforth I am He; there is no one who can deliver from my hand; I work and who can hinder it? I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL: Psalm 34:1-8 (sung responsively)



GOSPEL: Luke 1:42-55

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Elizabeth] exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." (NRSV)

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Right Reverend Thomas E. Breidenthal

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A Deacon calls those to be professed by name, one at a time.
Robert Rhodes, Debra Geller Rhodes, Jason Prati.

They each answer in turn
Present.

The Bishop Visitor, seated with mitre and crozier asks
My sister and brothers, what do you ask of God and God's holy Church?

The novices answer
With the help of God, we have studied the Rule of the Community of Mary, Mother of the Redeemer, and have lived under it for the time of probation. Right Reverend Father in God, we now ask for God's merciful love, for the grace to serve him more perfectly according to the Rule, and to be allowed to dedicate ourselves to God and His Kingdom by making profession in the Community of Mary, Mother of the Redeemer.

The Bishop says
Thanks be to God.

My dear daughter and sons, by water and the Holy Spirit you have already been consecrated to God's service: are you resolved to unite yourselves to God in a special way by the bond of community profession?

They answer

I am.

The Bishop asks

In your desire to follow Christ perfectly, are you resolved to live in chastity for the sake of the kingdom of heaven, to choose a life of simplicity, and to offer the sacrifice of obedience?

They answer

I am.

The Bishop says

May the Lord who has begun this good work bring it to completion.

People Amen.

The Bishop says

Let us pray.

Lord, look upon these your servants who are resolved to dedicate their lives to you by making profession of simplicity, chastity, and obedience in the presence of your Church today. Mercifully grant that their manner of life may bring glory to your name and further your loving plan of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PROFESSION

Those to be professed come, one by one, to the Celebrant and read the formula of profession. Then the formulae of profession are placed on the altar and the sister and brothers return to their places and remain standing.

BLESSING OF THE HABITS

The Bishop says

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, Head of all the Faithful and Redeemer of the human race, sanctify ✠ by your right hand these habits, which are to be worn by your servants in love and devotion to you, our King and Savior, and in honor of Mary, Mother of the Redeemer.

Under your constant guidance let their mystical significance be preserved both in the body and soul of those who are to wear them; and may these servants who are now to be clothed by you, O Christ, happily attain, along with all your saints, the everlasting reward. We ask this of you who lives and reigns with the Father and Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

The Bishop gives the habit to each of the professed with the following words

Take, dear sister and brothers, these blessed garments as reminders of your union with Christ, our King. Call on the holy Virgin Mary, Mother of the Redeemer, that by her prayers, you may keep it spotless, be shielded by her from all adversity, and attain the reward of never ending glory.

The professed each reply

Amen.

22 Search me out, O Góð, and know mý heart; *
try me and know / my réstless thöughts.

23 Look well whether there be any wíckedness íñ me *
and lead me in the way that is e/verlásting. [Ant.]

Antiphon (all)



Search me out, O God, and know my heart; and lead me in the way



that is ev - er - last - ing.

Then the newly professed wearing the religious habit come to the Celebrant one by one. He gives the book of the Rule to each of them saying

Receive the Rule of this Community. By keeping it faithfully, may you arrive at the perfection of love.

The professed each reply
Amen.

Then the Bishop says

So that you may be reminded daily that you have taken on a new way of life, receive the following names of saints by which you shall be called. May you always be conscious of the virtues of these saints, may they lead you to the day of your solemn profession and guide you to your heavenly goal.

Debbi, you shall be known as Sister Debra Susannah Mary.

Jason, you shall be known as Father Jason Dominic.

Rob, you shall be known as Father Robert Antony.

The Bishop says

O Lord, holy Father, send forth your Holy Spirit on these your servants and grant that the grace of Baptism which they desire to be strengthened by new bonds may produce in them its full effect, so that they may render due worship to your majesty and spread with apostolic zeal the Kingdom of Christ. We ask this through Christ our Lord and Redeemer.

People Amen.

Each returns to her or his place and continues standing.

The People stand

THE PRAYERS

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the God who gives each of us the grace of our vocation saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the holy Church of God, that adorned by the virtues of her children she may shine ever more brightly for Christ her Bridegroom, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Thomas our Bishop Visitor, for the Order of the Holy Cross, for all religious and other Christian communities, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all in authority, and for all oppressed peoples everywhere, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For reasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, the underemployed, the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the newly professed, that their way of life may be a sign of the coming Kingdom, that the law of love shine in their lives, that they may increase in the holiness to which baptism has called them, that their chastity may show the fruitfulness of the Church, their simplicity of life serve those in need, their obedience lead the rebellious to accept the gentle rule of Christ, and that, like the first disciples, they may be one in heart and mind, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all Christ's faithful people, that the whole Church may be the light of the world and God's Kingdom in the midst of Empire by holy living and hidden prayer, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of the Glorious and ever-blessed virgin Mary, Mother of the Redeemer, Joseph her most chaste spouse, Antony, Athanasius, Benedict, Dominic, James Otis Sargent Huntington, Peter Maurin, Dorothy Day, Thomas Merton, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

Lord, have mercy.

Silence

The Bishop offers this concluding collect

Lord God, hear the prayers of your people. In your goodness you called these your servants to follow Christ according to a particular way of life. Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Redeemer, pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them so that they may fulfill in their whole lives the promise they have made today. We ask this through Christ the Redeemer. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Communion

HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY

1 Sing we of the bless - ed Mo - ther who re - ceived the an - gel's
2 Sing we, too, of Ma - ry's sor - rows, of the sword that pierced her
3 Sing a - gain the joys of Ma - ry when she saw the ris - en
4 Sing the chief - est joy of Ma - ry when on earth her work was

word, and o - be - dient to the sum - mons bore in
through, when be - neath the cross of Je - sus she his
Lord, and in prayer with Christ's a - pos - tles, wait - ed
done, and the Lord of all cre - a - tion brought her

love the in - fant Lord; sing we of the joys of
 weight of suf - fering knew, looked up - on her Son and
 on his prom - ised word; from on high the blaz - ing
 to his heaven - ly home; where, raised high with saints and

Ma - ry at whose breast the child was fed who is
 Sa - vior reign - ing from the aw - ful tree, saw the
 glo - ry of the Spi - rit's pres - ence came, heaven - ly
 an - gels, in Je - ru - sa - lem a - bove, she be -

Son of God e - ter - nal and the ev - er - last - ing Bread.
 price of our re - demp - tion paid to set the sin - ner free.
 breath of God's own be - ing, man - i - fest in wind and flame.
 holds her son and Sa - vior reign - ing as the Lord of love.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer B

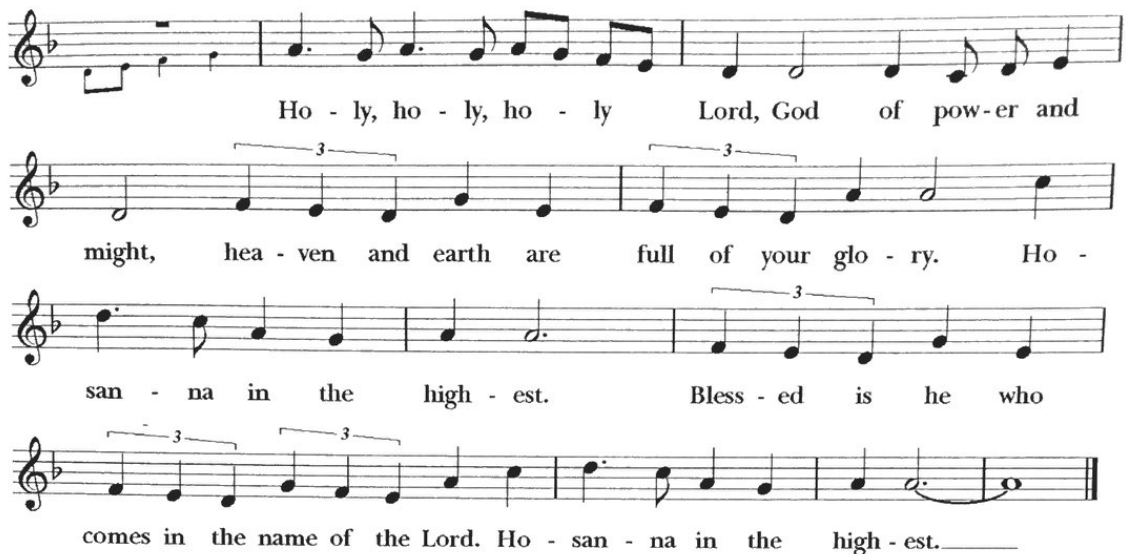
Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

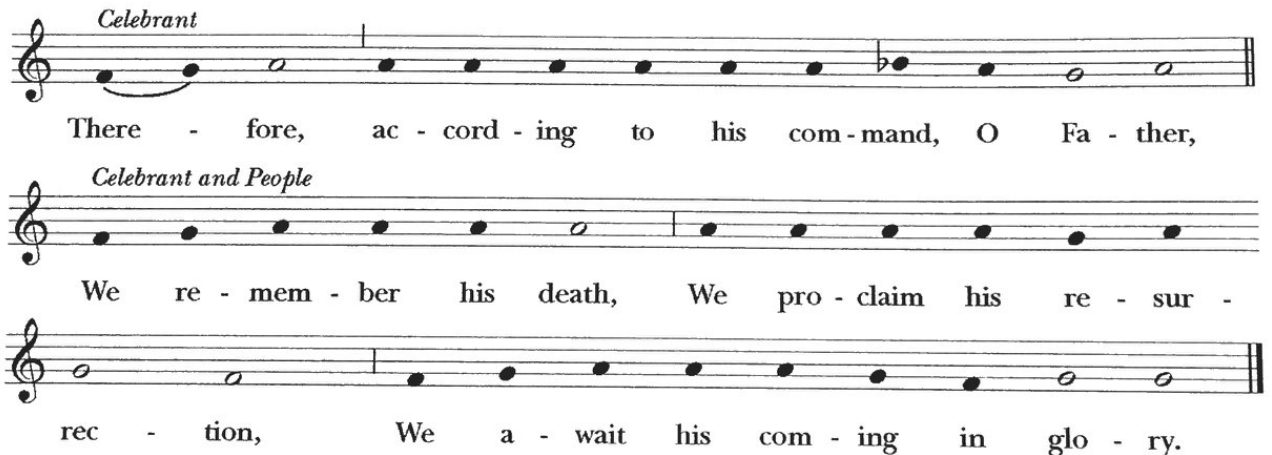
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant calls us to give thanks and praise to God, joining our voices with heaven. We respond,



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant recalls God's saving purpose for humanity and blesses the bread and wine.



Celebrant
There - fore, ac - cord - ing to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,
Celebrant and People
We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -
rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

The Celebrant invokes the Holy Spirit on our gifts and on ourselves.

...By him, and with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



Celebrant *People*
A-men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on
earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin
against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE COMMUNION

The People stand

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son
our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body
and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and
serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The people respond Amen.

HYMN



1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!
 2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!
 3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!
 4 Tell out, my soul, the glo-ries of his word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
 Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
 Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.



ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
 his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord



in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - jice.
 his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
 to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

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THE DISMISSAL

The People respond Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Ave maris stella

Girolamo Cavazzoni (c. 1525 - after 1577)