



The Church of Saint Peter

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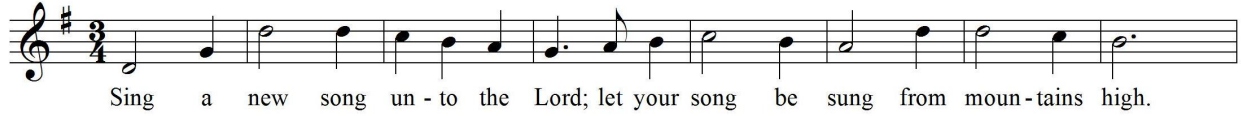
Fifth Sunday of Easter Celebration of First Holy Communion

Gathering Hymn

Sing a New Song

Dan Schutte

Refrain:



Sing a new song un - to the Lord; let your song be sung from moun - tains high.



Sing a new song un - to the Lord, sing - ing al - le - lu - ia.

God's own people dance for joy. O come before the Lord. And play for him on glad tambourines, and let your trumpet sound. **R/.**

Rise, O children, from your sleep; your Savior now has come. He has turned your sorrow to joy and filled your soul with song. **R/.**

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Greeting

Priest: The Lord be with you. *People:* **And with your spirit.**

GLORIA

Philip Spaeth



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. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord



God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you



take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on



us. 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 Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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Collect (Opening Prayer)

Reading I

Acts 6:1-7



Lord, let your mer-cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

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Reading II

1 Peter 2:4-9

ALLELUIA

Philip Spaeth



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

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Gospel Reading

John 14:1-12

Deacon or Priest: The Lord be with you. *People:* **And with your spirit.**

Deacon or Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John. *People:* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Homily

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth,
 and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
**[All bow] who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,**
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died and was buried;
 he descended into hell;
 on the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
 from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

Preparation of the Gifts

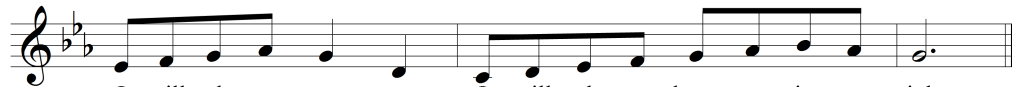
Center of My Life

Paul Inwood

Refrain:



O Lord, you are the cen-ter of my life: I will al-ways praise you,



I will al-ways serve you, I will al-ways keep you in my sight.

Keep me safe, O God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord, "You are my God.
 My happiness lies in you alone; my happiness lies in you alone." **R/.**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart.
 I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R/.**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even in safety shall my body rest.
 For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. **R/.**

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence,
 At your right hand, at your right hand happiness for ever. **R/.**

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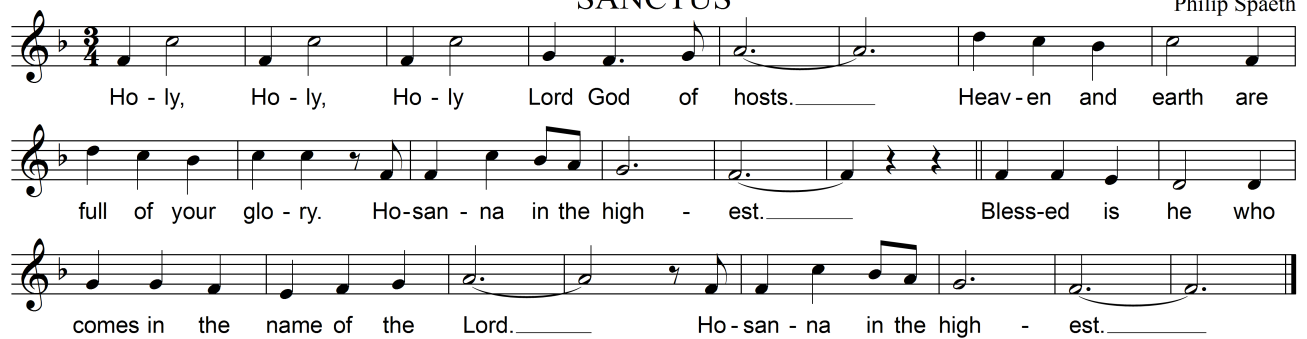
Invitation to Prayer

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
 for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

V. The Lord be with you. **R. And with your spirit.**
V. Lift up your hearts. **R. We lift them up to the Lord.**
V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **R. It is right and just.**

SANCTUS Philip Spaeth



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav - en 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.

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THE MYSTERY OF FAITH - C Philip Spaeth



Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your Cross and
Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

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AMEN Philip Spaeth



A - men, a - men, a - - - men.

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The Lord's Prayer


**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

Priest: Deliver us, Lord... our Savior, Jesus Christ.

People: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

The Sign of Peace *Priest:* The peace of the Lord be with you always. *People:* And with your spirit.

LAMB OF GOD Philip Spaeth



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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Invitation to Communion *Priest:* Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Communion Hymn

The Body of the Lord

Philip Spaeth

Refrain

That which we re-ceive, We are called to be: Blest and con-sec-rat-ed As
food for all the world. Help us to be-lieve As we cry, "A -
men!" Sent forth from your al-tar The Bod-y of the Lord.

Verses

1. We gath-er to-geth-er, to grow in com-mun-ion,
2. We of-fer our lives, Lord, as your life is of-fered.
3. One Bod-y in Je-sus, one formed of the man-y,
4. Sent forth to the out-cast, sent forth to the sin-ner,
to turn from the dark-ness and step in-to the light.
Though we may be bro-ken, our life is one with yours.
one life free-ly giv-en, a sac-ri-fice of love.
you bid us de-liv-er Good News to all the world.

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Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Priest: The Lord be with you. *People:* **And with your spirit.**

Dismissal

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn

To Whom, Lord, Shall We Go?

Text: Herman Stuempfle, Jr.

Music: FESTAL SONG

1. To whom, Lord, shall we go? Can hun-g'ring hearts be fed And
2. To whom, Lord, shall we go? Though far—from you we stray Will
3. To whom, Lord, shall we go? Can an-y voice be heard That
4. To whom, Lord, shall we go? When dark-est is the night, Where
5. O Christ, we come to you, God's own be-lov-ed Son. Though
sat-is-fied, ex-cept by you, The true—and liv-ing Bread?
search-ing find a path more sure Than you, the Truth, the Way?
speaks a prom-ise more se-secure Than yours, your-self the Word?
can we turn to see the dawn Ex-cept to you, the Light?
we should search till time shall end, There is no oth-er one.

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