

SACRED HEART, TAMPA
Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
5:30 PM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE
17 May 2026

INTRODUCTORY RITES

No Opening Song: All, please turn and face the rear of the Church for the “Reception of the Child” to be baptized.

During the procession:

Glory to God: Mass of a Joyful Heart

(Angrisano)

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth,
peace to people of good will!**

We praise you, we bless you,
We adore you, we glorify you,
We give you thanks
for your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God almighty Father.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth,
peace to people of good will!**

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 us.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth,
peace to people of good will!**

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth,
peace to people of good will!
A-A-AMEN!**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with

the Holy Spirit.” When they had gathered together they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white

garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 47

**God mounts his throne to shouts of joy;
a blare of trumpets for the Lord!**

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Second Reading: Eph 1:17-23

Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might: which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name

that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Greeting: Everybody Sing Alleluia
(Melendez)

Everybody sing alleluia!

Everybody praise His name!

Everybody sing alleluia!

Praise His name today!

Verse 1:

I was walking in the dark
And could not see the light.
Jesus came into my life,
And made everything alright!

Refrain:

Everybody sing alleluia!
Everybody praise His name!
Everybody sing alleluia!
Praise His name today!

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Gospel:

Mt 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee,
to the mountain to which Jesus had
ordered them. When they saw him,
they worshiped, but they doubted.

Then Jesus approached and said to them, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

No Repeat of the refrain after the

Gospel Outside Ordinary Time.

Please be seated.

Homily

RITE OF BAPTISM

Procession to the font: O Come To The Altar – *(Elevation Worship)*

Chorus:

O come to, the altar,
The Father's arms are open wide!
Forgiveness, was bought with,
The precious blood of Jesus Christ!

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Profession of Faith:

PRESIDER: Please stand. And so, I
now ask all of you here present:
Do you renounce Satan?

ALL: *I do.*

PRESIDER: And all his works?

ALL: *I do.*

PRESIDER: And all his empty show?

ALL: *I do.*

PRESIDER: Do you believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth?

ALL: *I do.*

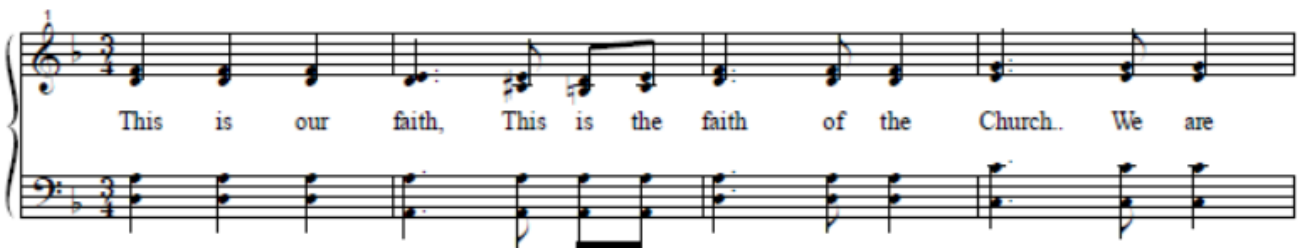
PRESIDER: Do you believe in Jesus
Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who
was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered
death and was buried, rose again
from the dead, and is seated at the
right hand of the Father?

ALL: *I do.*

PRESIDER: Do you 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?

ALL: *I do.*

After this Profession of Faith, the Cantor sings the acclamation and all repeat:



BAPTISMAL ACCLAMATION:



You have put on Christ, al - le - lu-ia! Bap-tised in Christ, al - le - lu-ia!

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Welcoming of the newly baptized:

Refrain:

Everybody sing alleluia!

Everybody praise His name!

Everybody sing alleluia!

Praise His name today!

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Universal Prayer

**Response: “Risen Lord, hear our
prayer.”**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts & Altar: Rise Up
(Lazarus) (Cain)

V.1 In the dark and all alone
Growing comfortable
Are you too scared to move
And walk out of this tomb
Buried underneath
the lies that you believed
Safe and sound stuck in the ground
Too lost to be found

Pre-Chorus:

You're just asleep
And it's time to leave

Chorus:

Come on and ***rise up!***

Take a breath ***you're alive now!***

Can't you hear the

voice of Jesus calling us

out from the grave like Lazarus!

You're ***brand new!***

The power of death ***couldn't hold you!***

Can't you hear the

voice of Jesus calling us

out of the grave like Lazarus!

Rise up, rise up, rise up

out from the grave like Lazarus!

V.2 When he said your name
The thing that filled your veins
Was more than blood
It's the kind of love that washes sin away
Now the door is open wide
And the stone's been rolled aside
The old is gone the light has come so,...

Chorus:

Come on and ***rise up!***
Take a breath ***you're alive now!***
Can't you hear the
voice of Jesus calling us
out from the grave like Lazarus!
You're ***brand new!***
The power of death ***couldn't hold you!***
Can't you hear the
voice of Jesus calling us
out of the grave like Lazarus!

***Rise up, rise up, rise up
Out from the grave like Lazarus!***

Bridge:

He's calling us to walk out of the dark
He's giving us new resurrected hearts
***He's calling us to walk out of the dark
He's giving us new resurrected hearts
(2x then Chorus)***

Chorus:

Come on and ***rise up!***
Take a breath ***you're alive now!***
Can't you hear the
***voice of Jesus calling us
Out from the grave like Lazarus!***

You're ***brand new!***
The power of death ***couldn't hold you!***
Can't you hear the
voice of Jesus calling us
out of the grave like Lazarus!
Rise up, rise up, rise up
Out from the grave like Lazarus!

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Eucharistic Acclamations:

Mass of a Joyful Heart (Angrisano)

Holy, Holy – Save Us Savior – Amen

COMMUNION RITE

Our Father

Lamb of God: Mass of a Joyful Heart

(Angrisano)

Communion Song 1 Redeemed

(Cewart | Weaver)

V.1 Seems like

all I could see was the struggle

Haunted by ghosts that lived in my past

Bound up in shackles of all my failures

Wond'ring how long is this gonna last

Then You

look at this pris'ner and say to me

Son stop fighting a fight

that's already been won

Chorus:

I am redeemed!
You set me free!
So I'll shake off these heavy chains
And wipe away ev'ry stain
Now ('Cause) I'm not who I used to be
(I am redeemed)

V.2 All my
life I have been called unworthy
Named by the voice
of my shame and regret
But when I hear You whisper
child lift up your head
I remember O God
You're not done with me yet (***chorus***)

Chorus:

I am redeemed!
You set me free!
So I'll shake off these heavy chains
And wipe away ev'ry stain
Now ('Cause) I'm not who I used to be
(I am redeemed)

Ending:

O God I'm not who I used to be
Jesus I'm not who I used to be
I am redeemed
Thank God redeemed

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Communion Song 2:
The Commission (Cain)

V.1 See my hands, look at my feet
It's okay if it's hard to believe
I have faith, you will do greater things
It's my time to go, but before I leave

Chorus:

Go tell the world about me
I was dead but now I live
I've gotta go now for a little while
But goodbye is not the end

V.2 Don't forget,
the things that I taught you
I conquered death, and I hold the keys
Where I go, you will go too someday
There's much to do,
here before you leave

Chorus:

Go tell the world about me
I was dead but now I live
I've gotta go now for a little while
But goodbye is not the,...

Bridge:

End of the journey, the end of the road
My spirit is with you, wherever you go
You have a purpose, and I have a plan
I'll make you this promise
I'll come back again, but until then,...

Chorus:

Go tell the world about me
I was dead but now I live
I've gotta go now for a little while
But goodbye is not the end,
goodbye is not the end!

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CONCLUDING RITE

DISMISSAL

***PRIEST:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord in the people around you!*

***ALL:** Thanks be to God.*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Sending Forth Song : I Send You Out **(Angotti/Tate)**

V.1 I baptize you,
in the name of the Father
I baptize you, in the name of the Son
I baptize you, with the Holy Spirit
Go out and spread Good News!

Chorus:

I send you out, on a mission of love
I send you out, on a mission of love
I send you out, on a mission of love
And know that I am with you always
Until the end of the world!

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