

BISHOP: May the Lord in his love, keep you close to Him always and may He bring all of us, His priests and people, to eternal life.

**R: Amen.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**R: Lord hear our prayer**

~ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ~

OFFERTORY VERSE

Psalm 118:16-17

The right hand of the Lord is exalted, the right hand of the Lord does valiantly. I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

OFFERTORY HYMN *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

Lord, you give the great commission:  
"Heal the sick and preach the word."  
Lest the church neglect its mission,  
And the gospel go unheard,  
Help us witness to your purpose  
With renewed integrity:

*Refrain* With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us  
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service:  
"In my name baptize and teach."  
That the world may trust your promise,  
Life abundant meant for each,  
Give us all new fervor, draw us  
Closer in community: *Refrain*

Lord, you bless with words assuring:  
"I am with you to the end."  
Faith and hope and love restoring,  
May we serve as you intend  
And, amid the cares that claim us,  
Hold in mind eternity: *Refrain*

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PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

May the power of this offering, O Lord, through Your mercy, cleanse our old nature and lead us to an increase of new life and to salvation. We ask through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

PREFACE OF THE HOLY OILS

Father all powerful and everliving God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

For by Your power, O Lord, You have enriched oil with the power of the Holy Spirit for the sanctification of Your human family. As in ages past, You have anointed Your people to be rulers, prophets and priests, so in this time, by the oil of blessedness, You have ordained us to be a chosen race. You have made us a royal house of service, a holy nation the people of Your salvation. By Your Holy Will this oil will be for us a healing remedy, a source of strength through Christ our Lord.

Therefore we join our voices with the angels and archangels, with all the saints and the entire Church, and lift our hymn of praise to Your glory, repeating unceasingly.

SANCTUS

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BLESSING OF THE OIL OF THE SICK (OIL OF THE INFIRM)

BISHOP: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**R: Who made heaven and earth.**

BISHOP: I bless you, oil of the olive, through the living God, through the true God, through the holy God, Who created you that you may become a spiritual anointing to strengthen the Church of the living God that the Holy Spirit might dwell in you. Through the name of God's most beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, Who shall come to judge the living and the dead and the whole world.

**R: Amen.**

BISHOP: The Lord be with you.

**R: And also with you.**

BISHOP: O Lord, we humbly ask that You send from heaven Your Holy Spirit, the Comforter and our Consoler, into this rich oil of the olive, which in Your kindness You brought forth from the green tree for the refreshment of body and soul. Through Your blessing may this oil become a heavenly healing for everyone who is anointed with it; may it be a spiritual and physical safeguard; and may this oil relieve every pain, every weakness, every ailment of body and soul. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**R: Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

COMMUNION PRAYER

KNEEL

C: Let us pray together:

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit, Your death brought life to the world. By Your holy Body and Blood free me from all my sins and from every evil. Keep me faithful to Your teaching and never let me be parted from You.**

C: I will take the Bread of Heaven and call upon the name of the Lord.

*Celebrant and Congregation together say once:*

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive You, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT TO PRIESTLY SERVICE

BISHOP: My brothers, today we recall the Last Supper event during which our Lord Jesus Christ shared His Body and Blood with His apostles giving His presence to His Church in the Holy Eucharist and commanding us to "Do This In Remembrance of Him". Now, in the presence of God's holy people, are you ready to renew your own dedication and service to Christ as priest of His Holy Church?

PRIESTS: I am.

BISHOP: The duty of a priest is to offer the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass, to bless and guide his people, to proclaim the Word of God and to baptize. You should, with the fear of God, pattern your lives after those of the Apostles and all other saintly men of the Church of God. Therefore, my dear brothers, when you offer the Holy Sacrifice of Mass, remember that you are the representative of Jesus Christ. May your teachings be filled with love, so that they may root out evil and bring people closer to God. May your lives be a shining example and may you stand as witnesses to your faith.

PRIESTS: Amen.

BISHOP: Our Lord at the Last Supper got on his hands and knees to wash the feet of His disciples, to teach them that they are to do as Jesus has done to them – to give their lives in love and service to God and neighbor. Are you committed to be faithful servants and ministers of our Holy Polish National Catholic Church? Are you committed to celebrate the Eucharist and other liturgical services with sincere devotion and reverence? Are you committed to imitate Jesus Christ, the head and shepherd of the Church, by teaching the Christian faith to the faithful entrusted to your care?

PRIESTS: I am committed serve Christ and His Holy Church.

BISHOP: My brothers and sisters, pray for your priests, ask the Lord to bless them to be faithful ministers and servants of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, so that they will be able to lead you to Him, the fountain of your salvation.

**R: Lord Jesus Christ, hear us and answer our prayers.**

Behold, he is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. All the peoples of the earth will lament him. Yes. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

*This is the Word of the Lord.* **R. Thanks be to God.**

#### THE TRACT

Isaiah 61:1, Luke 4:18

C: Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory. **R: Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.** C: The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. **R: Praise to You lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.**

#### GOSPEL

Luke 4:16-21

Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the Sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

“The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recover of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.”

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”

*This is the gospel of the Lord.* **R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

#### HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT 142 *Holy Spirit, Come Inspire Us*

Holy Spirit, come inspire us.  
Send Your sevenfold gifts upon us.  
As we hear Your word most solemn,  
Teach our hearts to know Your wisdom.  
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Teach our hearts to know Your wisdom.

#### HOMILY

#### COMMUNION HYMN 157 *Dearest Jesus* (1, 2,4)

Dearest Jesus, we would praise Thee, sacred Host of Heav'n divine.  
Savior, we would sing Thy glory in these gifts of bread and wine.  
Thou our Master and our God, Lord and Savior of the world.  
In this Sacrament Most Holy, we would worship Thee in glory.

Through this Sacrifice Most Holy of Thy Body and Thy Blood,  
May our sinful souls find mercy in this presence of our God.  
Lord and Savior, hear our prayer. Keep us ever in Thy care.  
In this Sacrament Most Holy, we would worship Thee in glory.

Christ, Thou art the road and portal to eternal life above.  
Grant Thy mercies til life's ending; guide us with abiding love.  
Here on earth we honor Thee, and in heav'n eternally.  
In this Sacrament Most Holy, we would worship Thee in glory.

#### POST-COMMUNION SOLO *How Beautiful Are the Feet*

G. F. Handel

How beautiful are the feet of them that preach us the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

*Dr. Barbara Nowicki, Soprano*

#### THE BLESSING OF THE BALSAM

BISHOP: The Lord be with you.

**R. And also with you.**

BISHOP: Almighty and eternal God, You commanded Your servants to mingle herbs together to prepare the sacred oil of anointing and consecration. We ask You to pour forth the fullness of consecration upon this balsam, derived from growing things, and impart to it the grace of the Holy Spirit. May it be for us the joy of faith. May this powerful anointing oil stand for the essence of the priesthood, so that all who are regenerated through Holy Baptism and are anointed by this balm, may attain sanctification of body and soul. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

BISHOP: We implore God the Holy Trinity: the Father, His Son, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit to bless and sanctify these oils, derived from various kinds of trees. May they in their mingling become one, so that those who will be anointed with this oil may rejoice in entering the fellowship of the kingdom of heaven. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with God the Father, in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

#### THE BLESSING OF HOLY CHRISM

BISHOP: The Lord be with you.

**R. And also with you.**

BISHOP: Therefore, I bless you, O creature of oil, through God the Father Almighty, Who made heaven and earth and all things therein, that you may become for all who are to be anointed with you an instrument for their adoption as children of God through the Holy Spirit. In the name of God the Father Almighty, and of Jesus Christ, His Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns in unity with the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

BISHOP: The Lord be with you.

**R. And also with you.**

BISHOP: Lift up your hearts.

**R. We lift them up to the Lord.**

BISHOP: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God,

**R. It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

BISHOP: Father, all powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give You thanks through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. You commanded the earth to bring forth olive trees that their fruit might be useful for Holy Chrism. We ask You to sanctify this oil and grant it the power of the Holy Spirit by Your Son, Jesus, the Christ, from Whose name that of the Holy Chrism is derived. Grant that they, who are washed in the spiritual bath of baptism and anointed by this Chrism, may be regenerated in water and the Holy Spirit; and that for them it may become an anointing to salvation, making them partakers of everlasting life. Through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **R. Amen.**

#### ~ LITURGY OF THE WORD ~

##### FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 61:1-3, 6, 8-9

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; He has sent me to bring good news to the afflicted, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God; to comfort all who mourn; to place on those who mourn in Zion a diadem instead of ashes, to give them oil of gladness instead of mourning, a glorious mantle instead of a faint spirit. You yourselves shall be named priests of the LORD, ministers of our God shall you be called. I will give them their recompense faithfully, a lasting covenant I will make with them. Their descendants shall be renowned among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; All who see them shall acknowledge them as a race the LORD has blessed.

*This is the Word of the Lord.* **R. Thanks be to God.**

##### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 89:21-22, 25 & 27

Elfman, based on ADORO TE DEVOTE

For ev - er I will sing the good-ness of the Lord.

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

"I have found David, my servant; with my holy oil I have anointed him. That my hand may always be with him; and that my arm may make him strong."

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

"My faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him; and through my name shall his horn be exalted.

He shall say of me, 'You are my father, my God, the Rock, my savior!'"

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

##### SECOND LESSON

Revelation 1:5-8

Grace to you and peace from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his Blood, who has made us into a Kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Sunlight Makes the Olive Fruitful*

Sunlight makes the olive fruitful; from the fruit the oil is pressed;  
Savior of the generations, now we bring it to be blessed.

*Refrain:* O Redeemer, hear our singing as we praise you with one voice.

May all people, men and women, through this Chrism be made new,  
That the wound to their first glory may be healed, O Lord, by You. *Refrain*

When our minds are cleansed by water, let our sins be put to flight;  
When our foreheads are anointed, may we share Your Spirit's might. *Refrain*

May we keep this feast forever, as a holy day of days;  
May our hearts grow never weary as we sing its fitting praise. *Refrain*

INTROIT

Exodus 30:25 Psalm 88:2

C: You shall make the oil of anointing and say to the sons of Israel: As sacred anointing oil this shall belong to me throughout your generations. **R. The favors of the Lord I will sing forever; through all generations I shall proclaim Your faithfulness.** C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. **R. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

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GLORIA

OPENING PRAYER

Lord God, You make use of the ministry of priests for regenerating Your people. Make us persevere in serving Your will that in our day by the gift of Your grace the people consecrated to You may increase in merit and number. We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

B. May this mixture become for all who are anointed with it the means for forgiveness and a safeguard for salvation. **R. Amen.**

THE BLESSING OF THE OIL OF THE CATECHUMENS

BISHOP: I bless you, creature of oil, in the name of God the Father Almighty, and in the name of Jesus Christ and of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, may you become for those who will be anointed with you an instrument of their adoption, body and soul, and for the remission of all their sins, so that they may be prepared to receive every spiritual grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who is to come to judge the living and the dead and the whole world. **R. Amen.**

BISHOP: The Lord be with you.  
**R. And also with you.**

BISHOP: O God, Who strengthens souls by the power of Your Holy Spirit, we humbly ask You to send down Your holy blessing upon this oil, so that those who come to the bath of blessed regeneration may by Your anointing be cleansed both in body and in soul. For all who are coming to the faith and are about to be cleansed by the work of the Holy Spirit may this anointing lead to salvation by spiritual rebirth in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who is coming to judge the living and the dead and the whole world. **R. Amen.**

COMMUNION VERSE

Matthew 26:42

The Lord is the strength of His people, He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God Almighty, You have given us fresh strength in these sacramental gifts. Renew in us the image of Christ's goodness, that we may leave the things of the past, turn to the new, and grow in the holiness of spirit. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

SOLEMN EPISCOPAL BLESSING (please kneel)

DISMISSAL

C: Let us bless the Lord! **R: Thanks be to God.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN *Lift High the Cross*

*Refrain* Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. *Refrain*

All newborn servants of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him Who died. *Refrain*

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious Tree,  
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. *Refrain*

So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

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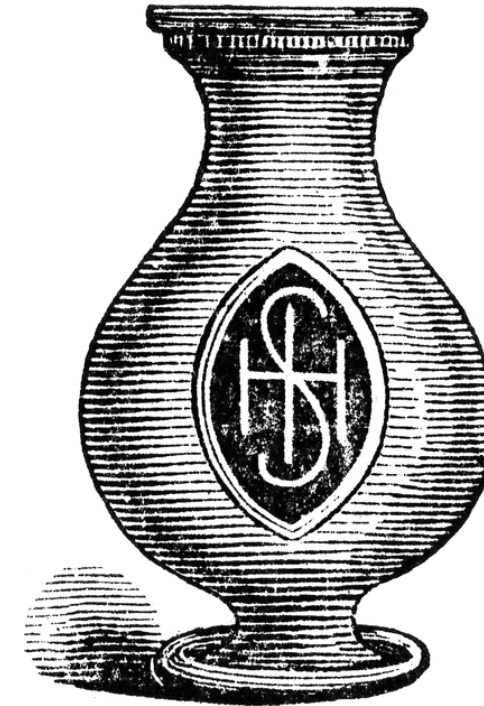
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## THE MASS OF HOLY CHRISM



The Right Reverend Bernard J. Nowicki, DD, celebrant  
2025

**FROM PAGE 5**

BISHOP: My brothers, today we recall the Last Supper event during which our Lord Jesus Christ shared His Body and Blood with His apostles giving His presence to His Church in the Holy Eucharist and commanding us to “Do This In Remembrance of Him”. Now, in the presence of ~~your bishop and~~ God’s holy people, are you ready to renew your own dedication and service to Christ as priest of His Holy Church?

**FROM PAGE 6**

BISHOP: Pray also for me, that despite my own unworthiness, I may faithfully fulfill the episcopal office of apostle which Jesus Christ has entrusted to me. Pray that I may become more like our High Priest and Good Shepherd, the teacher and servant of all, and so be a genuine sign of Christ’s loving presence among you.

**R: Lord Jesus Christ, hear us and answer our prayers.**