



CLASS OF 2026

Mass of Celebration

MAY 17, 2026
BETHANY HALL
SOUTH ORANGE, NEW JERSEY



I am
with you
always.

Mt 28:20

Program

PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT AND HOMILIST

Monsignor Joseph Reilly, S.T.L., Ph.D.

CONCELEBRANTS

Members of the Seton Hall Priest Community

MUSIC MINISTRY

John D. Nowik, M.M., *University Organist*

Clare Magdalena Nowik, '26, *Cantor*

SOLID BRASS

Douglas D. Haislip, *Trumpet*

Charles F. Bumcrot, Jr. *Trumpet*

Carl Della Peruti, *Trombone*

Hans J. Muhler, *Trombone*

Adrienne Ostrander, *Timpani*

The Ascension of the Lord

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Alleluia, Sing to Jesus



1. Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus!
2. Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans
3. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



1. His the scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le -
2. Are we left in sor - row now; Al - le -
3. Glo - ry be to God on high; Al - le -



1. lu - ia! his the tri - umph, His the vic - to -
2. lu - ia! he is near us, Faith be - lieves, nor
3. lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has won the



1. ry a - lone; Hark! the songs of peace - ful
2. ques - tions how: Though the cloud from sight re -
3. vic - to - ry; Al - le - lu - ia to the



1. Zi - on Thun - der like a might - ty flood;
2. ceived him, When the for - ty days were o'er,
3. Spir - it, Font of love and sanc - ti - ty;



1. Je - sus out of ev - 'ry na - tion
2. Shall our hearts for - get his prom - ise,
3. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



1. Has re - deemed us by his blood.
2. "I am with you ev - er - more?"
3. To the tri - une maj - es - ty.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898. Verses 1-2 from Revelation 5:9.

Verse 3, Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1855.

Tune: HYFRYDOL, 8 7 8 7 D; Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887.

Introductory Rites

PENITENTIAL ACT

GLORIA

Steven R. Janco



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on
earth peace to peo - ple of good will.

Final Time



A - men. A - men.

Verses

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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. Amen.

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COLLECT

Liturgy of the Word

READING I: Acts 1:1-11

As the Apostles were looking on, Jesus was lifted up.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

Paul Inwood



God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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READING II: Ephesians 1:17-13

God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE:

Steven R. Janco



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. ———
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

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GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20

All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

At the words that follow up to and including, and became man, all bow.

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER: (Response) *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Liturgy of the Eucharist

OFFERTORY HYMN: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise



1. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Let the
2. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Like the
3. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Bless - ed



ho - ly an - them rise, And the choirs of heav - en
sun from out the wave, He has ris - en up in
Je - sus, make us rise From the life of this cor -



chant it In the tem - ple of the skies; Let the
tri - umph From the dark - ness of the grave. He's the
rup - tion To the life that nev - er dies. May your



moun - tains skip with glad - ness, And the
splen - dor of the na - tions, He's the
glo - ry be our por - tion, When the



joy - ful val - leys ring With ho - san - nas in the
lamp of end - less day; He's the ver - y Lord of
days of time are past, And the dead shall be a -



high - est To our Sav - ior and our King!
glo - ry Who is ris - en up to - day!
wak - ened By the trum - pet's might - y blast!

Text: Edward Caswall, 1814-1878

Tune: HOLY ANTHEM, 87 87 D; *St. Basil's Hymnal*, 1889.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

SANCTUS

Mass of Creation

Marty Haugen

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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, ho-san-na in the high-est.

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Mass of Creation

Marty Haugen

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -
claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

The musical notation consists of two staves in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is written in a soprano clef. The first staff contains the notes G4, A4, Bb4, C5, D5, E5, D5, C5, Bb4, A4, G4. The second staff contains the notes G4, A4, Bb4, C5, D5, E5, D5, C5, Bb4, A4, G4. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

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GREAT AMEN

Mass of Creation

Marty Haugen

A - men, a - men, a - - - men!
A - men, a - men, a - - - men!

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Communion Rite

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SIGN OF PEACE

AGNUS DEI

Mass of Creation

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Lamb - of

God, you take a - way the sins of the

world: have mer - cy on us.

Last time

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the

world: grant us peace.

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**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.**

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

COMMUNION SONG

Matthew 28:20

Sarah Hart and Curtis Stephan



Be - hold, I am with you _____
al - ways, _____ e - ven to the end
of the age, _____ al - le - lu - ia. _____

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COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING OF THE GRADUATES (Graduates remain standing)



Live your life
in a manner
worthy of the
gospel of
Christ.

Phil 1:27

Concluding Rite

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Alma Mater

Music by Nicola A. Montani
Revised: Walter Cochrssen, 1978
New choral and brass arrangement:
John Nowik, 2000

Lyrics by Charles A. Byrne ('37)

1. To Al - ma Ma - ter all be - loy - al, keep her
2. (When on) life's hard stones you - stum - ble pray to

name in pu - rest Light, ne - ver wa - ver from her
God to be your guide. Think of Se - ton Hall your

pre - cepts guard her ban - ner blue - and - white.
mo - ther then forge on in stead - y - stride.

Oh, sing her praise to high - est skies and be ye faith - ful

in her eyes for she will fos - ter all your dreams her name is - Se - ton

Hall, her name is - Se - ton Hall. 1. 2. When on Hall.

RECESSIONAL: Rigaudon – André Campra

Guidelines for Receiving Communion

Seton Hall University has its foundations and philosophical identity in the Roman Catholic Christian Tradition and doctrines. Many University celebrations incorporate specific liturgical worship services of that tradition, and, although all are invited to join in such prayerful celebrations, the following guidelines for Communion should be observed:

FOR CATHOLICS

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. To be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (Code of Canon Law, canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

FOR OTHER CHRISTIANS

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions that separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 § 4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 § 3).

FOR THOSE NOT RECEIVING COMMUNION

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

FOR NON-CHRISTIANS

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and unity of the human family.

