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Composer Notes

The *Gaelic Mass* was inspired by hearing, in Ireland, the unique, beautiful, and often contemplative way that the Irish people sing at liturgy. The mass may be sung without accompaniment or embellished with the choral harmonies, keyboard, and other instruments.

Two melodic instrument parts are available. A flute or violin playing the top part and oboe or clarinet on the second work well. Other instruments may sound better in your church.

—*Christopher Walker*

GLORY TO GOD

INTRO *Joyfully* (♩. = ca. 63)

G E Am D Bm C D G
mf *cresc.*
 (Kbd)

REFRAIN

G D Em Am D Bm Em Am/C D
f
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est,
 G E Am D Bm D C D G
cresc. *ff* *Fine*
 and on earth peace, and on earth peace, peace to peo - ple of good will.

VERSES: Cantor/Unison Choir or All

G G/F# Am7/E G/D
 1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
 2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Be - got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

C Am6/C Em7 Am6/E
 1. we give you thanks for your great glory,
 2. you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
 3. you alone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,

Cmaj9 G/F# Am7/E Dsus4 Am7 D
a tempo *D.S.*
 1. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, O God, almight - y Fa - ther.
 2. you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. ____
 3. in the glory of God the Father. Amen, a - men. ____

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Note: The assembly may join the cantor or choir singing the verses.
 For festive occasions (such as Christmas, Easter, and Christ the King) add brass and timpani (ed. 30140073).

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ALLELUIA

INTRO Peacefully (♩. = ca. 56)

Capo 1: (D) Eb (Em/D) Fm/Eb (D) Eb (Em) Fm (A) Bb (D) Eb

mp (Kbd)

REFRAIN: 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All

(D) Eb (Em/D) Fm/Eb (D) Eb (Em) Fm (A) Bb (D) Eb (Gmaj7/D) Abmaj7/Eb

mp

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

(D) Eb (Bsus4) C sus4 (F#m/A) Gm/Bb (Em7/G) Fm7/Ab (Em7) Fm7 (D) Eb (Fine)

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

VERSES: Cantor or Choir (General Use)

(D) Eb (G/D) Ab/Eb (D) Eb

mp

1. Your words, O LORD, give joy to my heart, your
 2. My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I
 3. Your words, Lord, are Spir - it and life;

(Gmaj7/D) Abmaj7/Eb (Aadd9/C#) Bbadd9/D (Bm) Cm (Gmaj7) Abmaj7 (F#m7) Gm7

1. teach - ing is light, is light to my eyes. Al - le - lu - ia,
 2. know them, and they fol - low me. Al - le - lu - ia,
 3. you have the words of ev - er - last - ing life. Al - le - lu - ia,

(Em7) Fm7 (F#m7) Gm7 (D) Eb (G/D) Ab/Eb (D) Eb D.S.

1. al - le - lu - ia, your teach - ing is light, is light to my eyes. (Ps 19:9)
 2. al - le - lu - ia, I know them, and they fol - low me. (Jn 10:27)
 3. al - le - lu - ia, you have the words of ev - er - last - ing life. (Jn 6:63c, 68c)

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For additional verses, see the choral octavo "Alleluia Beati" (print ed. 20984; digital ed. 89943). Visit ocp.org.

OPTIONAL: SUNG END OF PREFACE TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest

HOLY

Peacefully, in one (♩ = ca. 126)

mf G C/G G Am/G G C/G G/B *mf*
 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Lord

Am/C G Cadd9 Em Em/D Am/C Em
 God of hosts. Heav - en and earth are full of your

Bm7/E Em Em/D Am/C Am7 G C/G
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

mp G C/G G/B Em Bm Am/C
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

C/G G Am/G D/G
 san - na in the high - est. Ho -

G Cadd9/G Gsus4 G
 san - na in the high - est.

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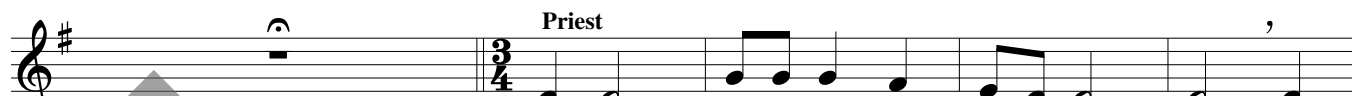
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Note: Sing in a gentle one-in-a-bar feeling.

INSTITUTION NARRATIVE

(♩ = ca. 116)

Priest



The priest says or intones the words of the Eucharistic prayer ending with the words "...gave it to his disciples, saying:"

Take this, all of you, and eat of it, _____ for



this is my Bod - y, which will be giv - en up for you.



He shows the consecrated host to the people, genuflects in adoration, and continues the Eucharistic prayer, ending with the words "...gave [the chalice] to his disciples, saying:"

Take this, all of you, and drink from it, _____



_____ for this is the chal - ice of my Blood, _____ the Blood of the



new and e - ter - nal cov - e - nant, which will be poured out for



you and for man - y for the for - give - ness of sins. _____



Do _____ this _____ in mem - o - ry _____ of me.

He shows the chalice to the people, genuflects in adoration, and then says or intones: "The mystery of faith."

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Note: The keyboard may give a quiet pitch to give the priest his first note.

WE PROCLAIM YOUR DEATH

(♩ = ca. 92)

N.C. Priest

The mys - ter - y of faith.

G C/G Dsus4 D

mp (Kbd)

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your Res - ur -

G C/G Bm Am/C Em Am7

rec - tion un - til you come a - gain, un -

C/D D Am *mf* Bm/D Am/D G(no3) *f* Am/C C/E

til you come a - gain.

G/B C G Am/C G/B Am7 Gsus2 G (optional repeat)

mp

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WHEN WE EAT THIS BREAD

(♩ = ca. 112)

N.C. Priest

G A/G D7

mp (Kbd)

The mys - ter - y of faith.

G/B *mp* D/C C Dsus4 D G Am7 Bm Am/C *mf*

When we eat this Bread _____ and drink _____ this Cup, _____ we pro-

Em Am/C Dsus4 D Am/G D7/G G (optional repeat)

claim your Death, O Lord, _____ un - til you come a - gain.

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SAVE US, SAVIOR

(♩ = ca. 126)

N.C. Priest

G C/G G/B D7/A

mp (Kbd)

The mys-ter - y of faith.

G *mp* C/G G/B Bm/D Em

Save _____ us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your Cross and

Em/D Am/C Bm Cadd9 *mf* G/B Am

Res - ur - rec - tion _____ you _____ have set us

Dsus4 D G/B Am7 G (optional repeat)

free, _____ you _____ have set us free. _____

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DOXOLOGY AND AMEN

(♩ = ca. 104)
mp
 Priest

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, al-might - y

Fa - ther, in the u - ni - ty of the Ho - ly Spir - it, all

mf glo - ry and hon - or is yours, for ev - er and ev - er. *rit.*

(♩ = ca. 92)
mp
 (Kbd)

G C/G Bm D All G C/G Bm D7/A G Em7 A/E

A - men, a -

Bm/D C D/C G/B C/E G/B C Gsus2 G

rall. e dim.

men, a - men, a - men.

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*This two-bar introduction may be omitted if the Doxology is sung.

LAMB OF GOD

INTRO *Peacefully* (♩ = ca. 120)

(Kbd)

G C Bm Cmaj7 C

p

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

Em Bm/D C Dsus4 D

world, have mer - cy on us.

G Em Bm G7 *cresc.* Cmaj7 Am6/C

mp

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

G/B Em Am9 D7/A Am Dsus4 D *rall. e dim.*

world, grant us peace,

C D/C C Gsus2 G

grant us peace.

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