Gaelic Mass
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Gaelic Mass – Keyboard/Vocal Edition
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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)

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to

G D Em Am D Bm C D G

God in the high-est, and on earth peace, and on earth

Em Am/C D G E Am

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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).
GLORY TO GOD, cont. (2)

peace, peace to people of good will.

VERSEs: Cantor/Unison Choir or All

1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

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, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

1. Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father,
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.

Fine
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ALLELUIA

INTRO Peacefully (♩ = ca. 56)

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


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For additional verses, see the choral octavo “Alleluia Beati” (print ed. 20984; digital ed. 89943). Visit ocp.org.
VERSES: Cantor or Choir (General Use)

1. Your words, O Lord, give joy to my heart, your teaching is light, is light to my eyes.
2. My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.
3. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life.

1. Alleluia, alleluia, your teaching is light.
2. Alleluia, alleluia, I follow me.
3. Alleluia, alleluia, your lasting life.

D.S.
OPTIONAL: SUNG END OF PREFACE TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

1. EP II And so, with the Angels and all the Saints we declare
2. EP IV With them we, too, confess your name in ex- u- l- tation, giving voice to ev-
3. OT I, II And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Pow- ers of heaven, we sing the hymn of
4. OT IV And so, with the company of An- gels and Saints, we sing the hymn
5. EP var. IV And so, with all the Angels and Saints, we exalt and bless your name and sing the hymn of

1. your glo- ry, as with one voice we ac- claim:
2. ery crea- ture under heav- en, as we ac- claim:
3. your glo- ry, as with- out end we ac- claim:
4. of your praise, as with- out end we ac- claim:
5. your glo- ry, as with- out end we ac- claim:

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

Peacefully, in one (♩ = ca. 126)

Melody

\[
\begin{align*}
&G & C/G & G & Am/G & G & C/G \\
&\quad &\text{Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,}
\end{align*}
\]

Keyboard

\[
\begin{align*}
&G/B & Am/C & G & C\text{add9}, Em & Em/D & Am/C & Em & G/B & Am/C \quad G & C/G \\
&\text{Lord God of hosts,} & \text{Heaven and earth are full of your} & \\
&\text{Heaven and earth are full of your} & \text{Heaven and earth are full of your} & \\
&\text{glo-ry.} & \text{Ho-san-na,} & \text{ho-san-na} & \text{in the highest.}
\end{align*}
\]

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Note: Sing in a gentle one-in-a-bar feeling.
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 Body, which will be given 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 chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in memory of me.

He shows the chalice to the people, genuflects in adoration, and then says or intones: “The mystery of faith.”
WE PROCLAIM YOUR DEATH

The mystery of faith.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection.

until you come again, until you come again.

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When We Eat This Bread

(\# = ca. 112)

G

A/G

D 7

The mystery of faith.

G/B

D/C

C

D sus4

D

G

Am7

Bm

Am/C

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

Em

Am/C

D sus4

D

Am/G

D 7/G

G

(optional repeat)

claim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

(optional repeat)

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SAVE US, SAVIOR

\( \text{\textit{G}} \)\n\( \text{\textit{C/G}} \)\n\( \text{\textit{G/B}} \)\n\( \text{\textit{D7/A}} \)

\( \text{\textit{ Priest \}} \)
\( \text{\textit{G}} \)
\( \text{\textit{C/G}} \)
\( \text{\textit{G/B}} \)
\( \text{\textit{Bm/D}} \)
\( \text{\textit{Em}} \)
\( \text{\textit{Em/D}} \)
\( \text{\textit{Am/C}} \)
\( \text{\textit{Bm}} \)
\( \text{\textit{Cadd9}} \)
\( \text{\textit{G/B}} \)
\( \text{\textit{Am}} \)

\( \text{\textit{The mystery of faith.}} \)
\( \text{\textit{Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and}} \)
\( \text{\textit{Resurrection you have set us}} \)

PREVIEW

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SAVE US, SAVIOR, cont. (2)

D sus4          D          G/B       Am7          G

free,          you     have set us free.

(optional repeat)

(optional repeat)
DOXOLOGY AND AMEN

Priest

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty

Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all

glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.

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LAMB OF GOD

INTRO Peacefully (\( \dot{\frac{\text{b}}{\text{e}}} = \text{ca. 120} \))

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.