



PROVIDENCE COLLEGE
COMMENCEMENT MASS

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025
PETERSON RECREATION CENTER
FOUR O'CLOCK

Reverend Kenneth R. Sicard, O.P. '78, '82G, President of Providence College
Principal Celebrant and Homilist

VIGIL MASS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE PROVIDENCE COLLEGE ALMA MATER

From *Finlandia*,
by Jean Sibelius

Mother of Truth, we proudly pledge to thee
Undying love and steadfast loyalty,
From thee we learned the wondrous work of God,
His goodness, grace, and holy power:
Clear hast thou shown what pathways must be trod;
All fearless now we brave life's hour!

Though failure frown, though kindly fortune smile,
Firm our advance, naught can us e'er beguile,
To honor bound, to love and virtue sworn,
Lift we our voice in full acclaim,
Our lives shall thee with noble deeds adorn;
Hail Providence! We praise thy name!

ENTRANCE HYMN

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All on earth with angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens; and earth, reply: Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious king, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788. Tune: LLANFAIR, 77 77 with alleluias.

GLORIA

From *"Mass of Wisdom"*
Steven Janco

FIRST READING

Acts 14:21-27
Dennis O'Brien '25

After Paul and Barnabas had proclaimed the good news to that city and made a considerable number of disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch. They strengthened the spirits of the disciples and exhorted them to persevere in the faith, saying, "It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." They appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, commended them to the Lord in whom they had put their faith. Then they traveled through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. After proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia. From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now accomplished. And when they arrived, they called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13

Antiphon:

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

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SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-5a
Elizabeth Varous '25

Then I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away."

The One who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."

ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Chant mode vi, harm Gilbert Donohue.

GOSPEL

John 13:31-33a, 34-35

When Judas had left them, Jesus said,
“Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him.
If God is glorified in him,
God will also glorify him in himself,
and God will glorify him at once.
My children, I will be with you only a little while longer.
I give you a new commandment: love one another.
As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.
This is how all will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another.”

HOMILY

THE 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

Magdalena Smyth '25

At the end of each intercession, all respond:

Lord, hear our prayer.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“A Clare Benediction”

John Rutter

May the Lord show his mercy upon you; may the light of his presence
be your guide: May he guard you and uphold you; may his spirit be
ever by your side. When you sleep, may his angels watch over you;
when you wake, may he fill you with his grace: May you love him and
serve him all your days, then in heaven may you see his face.

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EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

From *“Mass of Wisdom”*

Steven Janco

A Note On Reception of Holy Communion:

In this liturgy, we encounter Christ in Scripture and in the
Eucharist—his unique sacrifice and true presence, in which
bread and wine become his Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.
Baptized Catholics who are properly disposed are invited to receive
Communion at the designated stations. Those who are not Catholic,
or who are Catholic but prefer not to receive communion, may come
forward with arms crossed to receive a blessing. This blessing is a
sign of God’s grace and our community’s prayer for you, reminding
us that we are all together held in God’s love.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

“I am the true vine”

Antiphon:

I am the true vine, and you are the branches. He who abides in me
and I in him, he it is who bears much fruit.

Text: John 15:9. Music: Gilbert Donohue

COMMUNION MOTET

“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit’s tether,
For when humbly in Thy name,
Two or three are met together
Thou are in the midst of them;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now Thy garment’s hem.

As the faithful used to gather
In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father
Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit Thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living.
Make as sacraments of Thee,
That by caring, helping, giving
We may true disciples be.
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve Thee faithfully.

Music by Harold Friedell (1905-1958).

COMMUNION MOTET

“Ave Verum Corpus”

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Ave, verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine: vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine:	Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary: You who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for the sake of man.
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Cuius latus perforatum fluxit aqua et sanguine: esto nobis praegustatum, in mortis examine.	From whose pierced side flowed water and blood: Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death.
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Text: Trad. 8th c. Music by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

THE SERVICE OF INVESTITURE

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Emily R. Wishart ’25

All graduates join in donning their caps and gowns.

BLESSING OF THOSE ENTERING MILITARY SERVICE, RELIGIOUS LIFE, AND LONG-TERM SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Alleluia, Sing to Jesus”

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood.”

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us; faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o’er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise: “I am with you evermore”?

Alleluia! Bread of angels, here on earth, our food, our stay!
Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth’s redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Text: Revelation 5:9; William C. Dix, 1837-1898. Tune: HYFRYDOL, 87 87 D;
Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

MUSIC

Members of Providence College Campus Ministry Music Ensembles
Joseph Mazzucca ’25, psalmist
Gilbert Donohue, M.Mus., Director of Liturgical Music

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