



PROVIDENCE COLLEGE
COMMENCEMENT MASS

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026
PETERSON RECREATION CENTER
FOUR O'CLOCK

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Principal Celebrant and Homilist

VIGIL MASS FOR THE SEVENTH 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"*
By Steven Janco

FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 1:12-14
Nathan Michael Faria '26

After Jesus had been taken up to heaven
the apostles returned to Jerusalem
from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem,
a sabbath day's journey away.
When they entered the city
they went to the upper room
where they were staying,
Peter and John and James and Andrew,
Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew,
James son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and
Judas son of James.
All these devoted themselves
with one accord to prayer, together with some women,
and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 27:1, 4, 7-8

Antiphon:

I believe that I shall see the good things of the lord,
in the land of the living.

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SECOND READING

1 Peter 4:13-16
Kathryn Lynn Ditrano '26

Beloved: Rejoice to the extent that you share
in the sufferings of Christ, so that when his glory
is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly.
If you are insulted for the name of Christ,
blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory
and of God rests upon you.
But let no one among you be made
to suffer as a murderer, a thief,
an evildoer, or as an intriguer.
But whoever is made to suffer as a Christian
should not be ashamed but glorify God because of the name.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord.
I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Chant mode vi, harm Gilbert Donohue.

GOSPEL

John 17:1-11a

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said,
“Father, the hour has come.
Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you,
just as you gave him authority over all people,
so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him.
Now this is eternal life,
that they should know you, the only true God,
and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ.
I glorified you on earth
by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do.
Now glorify me, Father, with you,
with the glory that I had with you before the world began.
“I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world.
They belonged to you, and you gave them to me,
and they have kept your word.
Now they know that everything you gave me is from you,
because the words you gave to me I have given to them,
and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you,
and they have believed that you sent me.
I pray for them.
I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me,
because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours
and everything of yours is mine,
and I have been glorified in them.
And now I will no longer be in the world,
but they are in the world, while I am coming to you.”

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

Adam John Aguiar '26

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 *“Siena Chant Mass”*

By Reverend Michael Dominic O'Connor, O.P.

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

“Father, I pray”

Antiphon:

Father, I pray that they may be one, as we also are one. Alleluia.

Text: John 17:22, Ps 122. 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

“Sicut cervus”

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes Like the deer longs for flowing water
Ita desiderat anima me ad te Deus. So longs my soul for you, O God.

Text: Psalm 42:1-2 Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

THE SERVICE OF INVESTITURE

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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
Gilbert Donohue, M.Mus., Director of Liturgical Music

ALTAR SERVER

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IN MEMORIAM

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