



## HYMN

*Sung by All, standing as able.*

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let  
 2 God is Love; and love en - folds us, all the world in  
 3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him  
 one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,  
 hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the  
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man  
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and

earth's foun - da - tion, God who spread the Heavens a - bove, God who  
 hearts are break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we  
 hell shall nev - er o'er us fin - al tri - umph gain; God is

breathes through all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.  
 find that self - same ach - ing deep with in the heart - of God.  
 Love, so Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant prays the collect, and the People respond, "Amen." The People are seated.*

**A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**

(8:26–40)

*After the reading is said:*

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 22:24–30**

*Sung by the Choir.*

*Deus, Deus meus*

My praise is of him in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the presence  
of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:

“May your heart live for ever!”

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the Lord;

he rules over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth

bow down in worship;

all who go down to the dust fall before him.

My soul shall live for him;

my descendants shall serve him;

they shall be known as the Lord’s for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn

the saving deeds that he has done.

Chant: Robert W. Lehman (b. 1960)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

Daniel Ficarri (b.1996)

**A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL OF JOHN**

(15:1-8)

*Assisting Priest* The ✠ Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**J**ESUS said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

1Ես եմ ճշմարիտ որթատունկը, և Հայրս մշակն է: ՉԱնիկա կը կտրէ վրաս հաստատուած բոլոր այն ճիւղերը որոնք պտուղ չեն տար, իսկ բոլոր անոնք որոնք պտուղ կու տան՝ յօտելով կը մաքրէ, որպէսզի աւելի պտղաբեր ըլլան: ՅԴուք արդէն իսկ մաքրուած էք այն խօսքին համար՝ որ ձեզի խօսեցայ: Գինծի միացած մնացէք և ես ձեզի միացած պիտի մնամ: Ինչպէս որ ճիւղը ինք առանձին պտուղ չի տար՝ եթէ որթատունկին միացած չըլլայ, նոյնպէս ալ դուք չէք կրնար պտուղ տալ՝ եթէ ինծի միացած չըլլաք:

5Ես եմ որթատունկը և դուք՝ ճիւղերը: Ով որ ինծի միացած է և ես անոր՝ անիկա առատ պտուղ պիտի տայ, որովհետև առանց ինծի դուք ոչինչ կրնաք ընել: 6Ով որ ինծի միացած չի մնար՝ կտրուելով դուրս կը նետուի և կը չորնայ, նման այն ճիւղերուն՝ որ կը հաւաքեն և կրակը նետելով կ'այրեն: 7Եթէ ինծի միացած մնաք և խօսքերս ձեր մէջ մնան, խնդրեցէք Աստուծմէ՝ ինչ որ ուզէք և պիտի տայ ձեզի: 8Իմ Հայրս կը փառաւորուի՝ երբ դուք առատ պտուղ տաք և այսպիսով իմ աշակերտներս ըլլաք:

**THE SERMON**

His Grace Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan

*Primate, Eastern Diocese of America, The Armenian Church*

*A time of silence is observed after the sermon.*

**THE PEACE**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.



*A collection is taken. The People may place their offerings in the basket as it is passed or use the QR code.*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*Sung by the Choir.*

*Greater love hath no man*

*John Ireland (1879-1962)*

**M**ANY waters cannot quench Love,  
neither can the floods drown it.  
Love is strong as death.

Greater love hath no man than this:  
that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree,  
that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.

Ye are washed, ye are sanctified,  
ye are justified in the Name of the Lord Jesus.

Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation;  
that ye should show forth the praises of him  
who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God,  
that ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice,  
holy, acceptable unto God,  
which is your reasonable service.

Song of Solomon 8:7, 6; John 15:13;  
1 Peter 2:24; 1 Corinthians 6:11; 1 Peter 2:9; Romans 12:1

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The People remain standing.*

*Celebrant:* *People:*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant:* *People:*

Lift — up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant:* *People:*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant prays in the name of the assembly. In the course of the Eucharistic Prayer, these acclamations are sung.*

Glo - ry to you for - ev - er and ev - er.

By your will they were cre - a - ted and have their be - ing.

Have mer - cy, Lord, for we are sin - ners in your sight.

By his blood, he re-con-ciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

*The Sanctus is sung in Armenian, by the Choir.*

We cel - e-brate his death and res - sur - rec - tion, as

we a - wait the day of his com - ing.



Music: Daniel Ficarri (b. 1996)

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

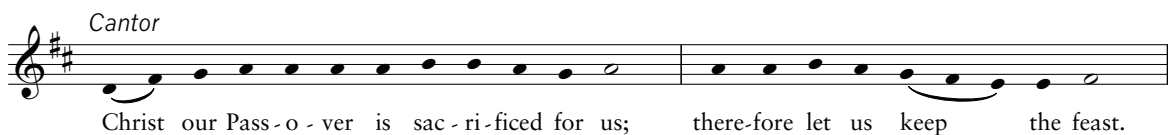
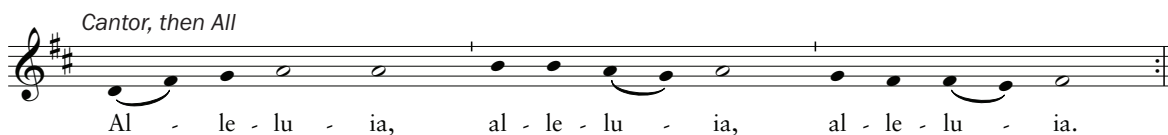
*Sung in Armenian by the Choir.*

**O**UR Father, who art in heaven,  
 Hallowed be thy Name,  
 Thy kingdom come,  
 Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread,  
 And forgive us our trespasses,  
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
 for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence is kept. Then is sung*

*The Celebrant invites the People to Holy Communion. As the ministers receive the Sacrament, the People come forward.*



Music: David Hurd


## THE COMMUNION

*The Holy Communion is distributed under the forms of both Bread and Wine. In the interest of public health, the Cathedral does not practice intinction, that is, the dipping of the Bread into the Wine. It is the faith of the Church that Jesus gives himself in the Sacrament whether it is received in only one kind or both. Gluten-free Wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister.*

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

*Sung by the Choir.**O sacrum convivium*

Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)

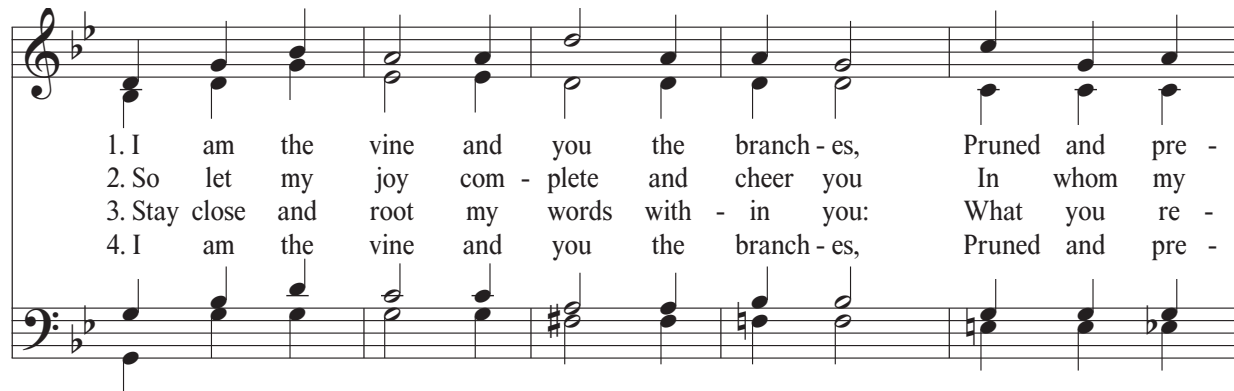
 SACRUM convivium, in quo Christus sumitur,  
recolitur memoria passionis eius,  
mens impletur gratia,  
et futuræ gloriæ nobis pignus datur.

*O sacred banquet, in which Christ is received,  
the memory of his passion is renewed,  
the soul is filled with grace,  
and a pledge of future glory is given to us.*

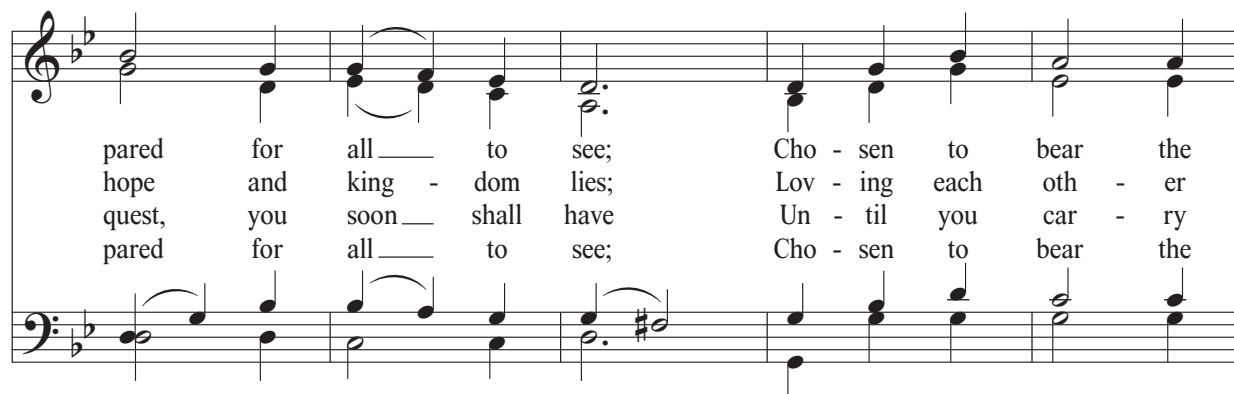
St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)

*A time of silence is observed after the Holy Communion, then the hymn is sung by all, standing as able.*

## POST COMMUNION HYMN



1. I am the vine and you the branch - es, Pruned and pre -  
2. So let my joy com - plete and cheer you In whom my  
3. Stay close and root my words with - in you: What you re -  
4. I am the vine and you the branch - es, Pruned and pre -



pared for all — to see; Cho - sen to bear the  
hope and king - dom lies; Lov - ing each oth - er  
quest, you soon — shall have Un - til you car - ry  
pared for all — to see; Cho - sen to bear the



fruit of heav - en If you re - main and trust in me.  
as I loved you, Sa - vor that love which nev - er dies.  
fruit in plen - ty, Nour - ished and fer - tile through my love.  
fruit of heav - en If you re - main and trust in me.

Words & Music: *Vine and Branches*, John Bell (b. 1949)



**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All say together.*

**E**TERNAL God,  
 heavenly Father,  
 you have graciously accepted us as living members  
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
 and you have fed us with spiritual food  
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
 Send us now into the world in peace,  
 and grant us strength and courage  
 to love and serve you  
 with gladness and singleness of heart;  
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY MARTYRS  
 WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES DURING  
 THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE FOR FAITH  
 AND FOR THE HOMELAND**

*The clergy lead the choir and the people in procession to the  
 Khatchkar.*

**HYMN (Tone 8)**

*Sung by the Choir.*

*Hrashatsan*

Astonished and appalled were the heavenly armies  
 And with terror were petrified the nations  
 Upon seeing the ancient Eden changed into the scene and  
 arena  
 Of the fire, blazing like hell, of the passion of Cain,  
 And the new sacrifice of this new Abel  
 Whose blood speaks forever:  
 “Sovereign Lord, holy and true! How long will it be until  
 You judge  
 And seek the justice and judgement?”

**READINGS**

**A**LLELUIA, alleluia.

But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever  
 sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, so that  
 those who love your name may exult in you. (Psalm 5:11)

## A READING FROM THE LETTER OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE HEBREWS

(10:32-39)

**B**UT recall these earlier days when, after you had been enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, sometimes being publicly exposed to abuse and persecution, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. For you had compassion for those who were in prison, and you cheerfully accepted the plundering of your possessions, knowing that you yourselves possessed something better and more lasting. Do not, therefore, abandon that confidence of yours; it brings a great reward. For you need endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised. For yet “in a very little while, the one who is coming will come and will not delay; but my righteous one will live by faith. My soul takes no pleasure in anyone who shrinks back.” But we are not among those who shrink back and so are lost, but among those who have faith and so are saved.

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**A**LLELUIA, alleluia.

We went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place. (Psalm 65:12)

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## GOSPEL

*Deacon* Alleluia. Arise.

*Priest* Peace to all.

*Choir* And with your spirit.

*Deacon* Listen attentively

*Priest* To the holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John (14:1-13)

*Choir* Glory to you, O Lord our God.

*Deacon* Be attentive.

*Choir* God is speaking.

*Priest* Our Lord Jesus Christ says, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will also come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. "

**HYMN (Tone 3)***Sung by the Choir.*


We call to you, holy martyrs, angels with an earthly body, holy advocates and witnesses. You completed your lives in death by the sword. Your commemoration on this rousing feast is like the stream of your flowing blood, O holy ones. May they be a holy sacrifice with the Lord so that we may be kept always safe and secure.

**ASCRPTION**

<i>Priest</i>	Christ our God, for the sake of your holy precious Cross, Lord, grant us peace.	<i>Deacon</i>	Let us beseech the Lord through the prayers of the holy martyrs, who defeated evil and endured anguish, and became worthy of luminous, heavenly and everlasting crowns. Through their prayers and intercession may the Lord have mercy on us and raise us to life.
<i>All</i>	<i>(Door mez Der)</i> Grant it, Lord.		
<i>Priest</i>	For the sake of the holy Mother of God and of John the Forerunner and of St. Stephen the first martyr, Lord, grant us peace.	<i>All</i>	Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.
<i>All</i>	<i>(Door mez Der)</i> Grant it, Lord.		
<i>Priest</i>	For the sake of your holy apostles, prophets, teachers, martyrs, heads of churches, hermits, nuns, solitaires and the heavenly powers, Lord, grant us peace.	<i>Priest</i>	Christ our God, you crown your saints with triumph and you do the will of all who fear you, looking after your creatures with love and kindness. Hear us from your holy and heavenly realm by the intercession of the Holy Mother of God and by the prayers of all your saints, especially the holy martyrs who gave their lives during the Armenian Genocide for faith and for the homeland. Hear us Lord, and show us your mercy. Forgive, redeem and pardon our sins. Make us worthy thankfully to glorify you with the Father and with the Holy Spirit. Now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.
<i>All</i>	<i>(Door mez Der)</i> Grant it, Lord.		
<i>Priest</i>	For the sake of our first enlighteners, the apostles Saints Thaddeus and Bartholomew, and of the blessed apostles, the Saints James, and of St. Gregory our Enlightener, and of Saints James the Bishop of Nisibis, Marugeh the Hermit, Meletius the Bishop, and George the Captain. Through the intercession, memory and prayers of the holy Martyrs who gave their lives during the Armenian Genocide for faith and for the homeland, whom we commemorate today, grant us the gift of peace and of your great mercy.		
<i>All</i>	Amen.		


**THE DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant*



Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*People*



Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY***Improvisation*

Very Rev. Fr. Mamigon Kiledjian,  
*Guest Organist*

**TODAY AT THE CATHEDRAL****SUNDAY, 28 APRIL**

4 PM

**Choral Evensong**

Music of Parry, Helvey, and Byrd.

5 PM

**Organ Recital**

Organist Jacob Gruss, joined by soprano Alison Kessler,  
 performs a free recital of works by Messiaen, Franck, Strauss,  
 and Tournemire.