

# Holy Angels Mass

A musical setting of Holy Mass in English according to the Roman Missal, Third Typical Edition For SATB Choir, Chanter(s), Celebrant, Congregation, and Organ

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# **FOREWORD**

It is my pleasure to introduce to you my first setting of Holy Mass since my *Missa Christus Vincit* in the Spring of 2000, which I had based on my own *Christus Vincit* that I wrote in the Fall of 1999. This is also my first effort at writing a setting of Holy Mass according to the English translation which will take effect on November 27, 2011, the First Sunday of Advent. This translation is known as the *Roman Missal, Third Typical Edition*.

One thing I did different in this Mass is that I did not include an Alleluia, Lenten Gospel Acclamation, or Amen. I did not include the Alleluia or Lenten Gospel Acclamation because, though including these is a popular move, the Alleluia (or its Lenten replacement) is not a Mass ordinary, but actually a Mass proper, with its own verse. The Amen which concludes the Eucharistic Prayer was omitted because it is truly sufficient to simply use the single Amen on "do do-re" (or "fa fa-so", depending on whether you hear it as Ionian or Lydian), and I encourage more widespread use of this simple, yet beautiful, tone.

Three sources were influenced in my writing, and I must acknowledge those. Melodically, the music for the Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus, and Agnus Dei are all based on *Mass VIII*, that is, *Missa de Angelis (Mass of the Angels)*, while the music for the Memorial Acclamations are based on their Latin counterparts in *Jubilate Deo*, Pope Paul VI's gift to the Church. Rythymically, the music is influenced by the writing styles of the late Jan Vermulst, whose *Mass for Christian Unity* and *People's Mass* are amongst the far better Mass settings written after the Second Vatican Council.

The picture on the cover was given to me by my wife Ann. I've used this picture for a number of memorials at her request, and, with a little "surgery", found appropriate use for it here as well.

A little short of a year ago, I presented a "basic" edition for unison voices, congregation, and organ, with the promise that I would soon enough complete an edition for full choir. The full choir edition is what you are reading right now and supersedes the previous "basic" edition. The Gloria, Sanctus, and Agnus Dei come in two versions – the first being the basic unison edition for those parishes not fortunate enough to have a full four-part (SATB) choir; the second being a full edition that alternates between the congregation and a full SATB choir using polyphony, just like they often do at St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. The Kyrie and Memorial Acclamations come in single versions with SATB parts built-in. At the back of this edition you will find congregation sheets in landscape format that you can cut out to form your own worship leaflet with. All I ask is that you keep the credits and copyright notices intact.

May this musical setting of Holy Mass find its way onto many tongues, singing the praises of Almighty God, His Only-Begotten Son, and His gift to us, the Holy Spirit, in one great voice!

CHRISTUS VINCIT, CHRISTUS REGNAT, CHRISTUS IMPERAT!

Brian Michael Page April 26, 2011

# **HOLY ANGELS MASS**

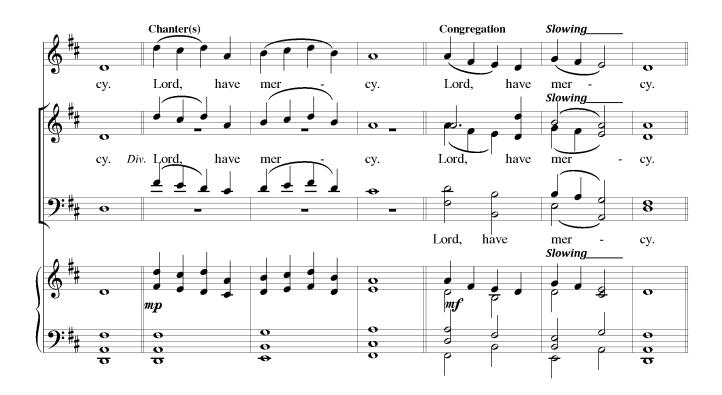
Roman Missal, 2010

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<sup>\*</sup> COMPOSER'S NOTE: The intonations may be sung by the choir in the written harmony (grand staff in middle), or by a cantor or a small number of chanters in unison (single staff on top). Though it is possible to use both at once, either/or is preferred.

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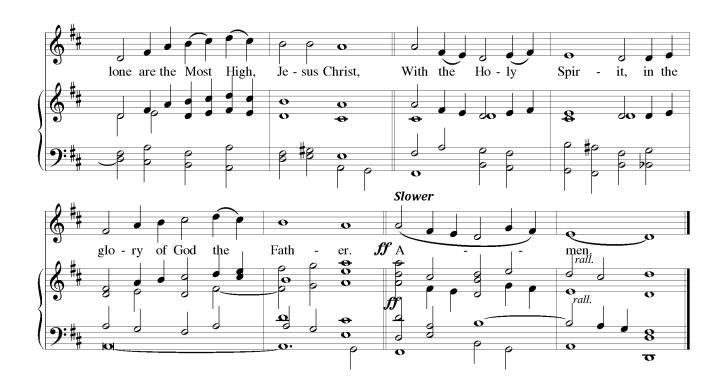


# Gloria (Version #1)

(Unison setting for Masses without full choir)





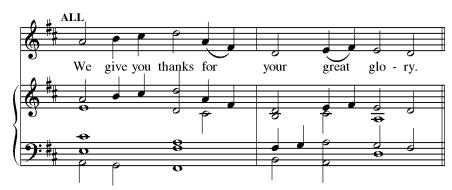


# Gloria (Version #2)

(Alternating SATB/Congregation setting for Masses with full choir)

















# Sanctus (Version #1)

(Unison setting for Masses without full choir)



# Sanctus (Version #2)

(Alternating SATB/Congregation setting for Masses with full choir)





# Memorial Acclamation

### Intonation



Option A: We Proclaim Your Death, O Lord



Option B: When We Eat this Bread



Option C: Save Us, Savior of the World



# Agnus Dei (Version #1)

(Unison setting for Masses without full choir)



# Agnus Dei (Version #2)

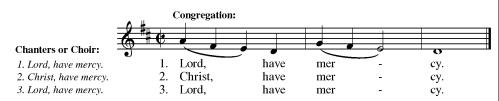
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## **HOLY ANGELS MASS**

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#### **KYRIE**



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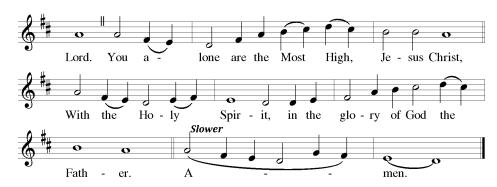
## **GLORIA (Version 1)**

Celebrant: Glory to God in the highest,



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## Gloria (Version 1) (Continued)



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## **GLORIA (Version 2)**

#### Stately

Celebrant: Glory to God in the highest,

Choir: and on earth peace to people of good will.



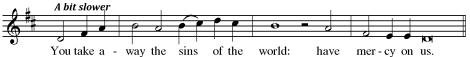
Choir: We adore you. We glorify you.



Choir: Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.



Choir: Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.



Choir: You take away the sins of the world: receive our prayer.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fath-er: have mer-cy on us.

## Tempo Primo

Choir: For you alone are the Holy One.

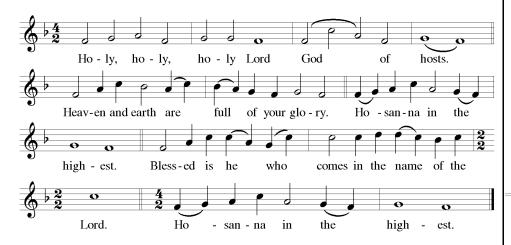


Choir: You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,



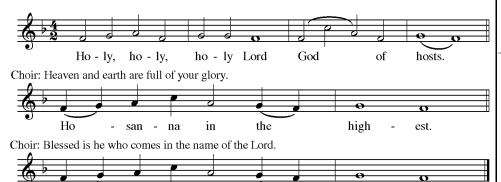
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## **SANCTUS (Version 2)**



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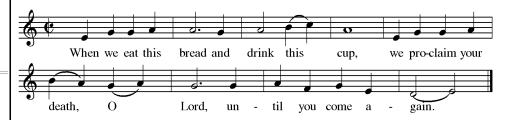
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#### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION - We Proclaim Your Death, O Lord



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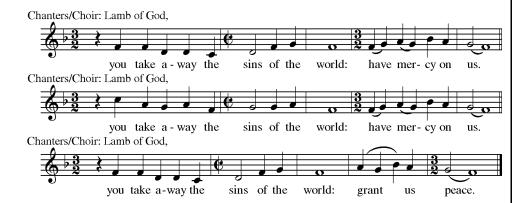
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#### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION - Save Us, Savior of the World



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## **AGNUS DEI**



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