

# 2023 AD

## Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Parish

1357 East Capitol Street, Southeast  
Washington, District of Columbia 20003

### Commemorating Black Catholic History Month in the United States *Meet the Black Catholics on the Road To Sainthood*

During this month of November, we introduced the six black Catholics from the United States whose causes are under formal consideration for canonization in the Catholic Church. We provided a quick synopsis on their lives but encourage you to visit their websites to learn more about their lives of holiness and dedication to the Catholic church amidst racism and many other challenges. This week we explore the lives of the final three of the candidates.



**Venerable Pierre Toussaint** was born in Haiti in 1766 as a slave to the Berard family. He was trained as a house slave and was taught to read and write by his grandmother. As slaves and free people of color began to rise in rebellion in Haiti, the Berard family fled to New York taking Pierre with them. Upon arrival in New York, Pierre apprenticed as a hairdresser. After Jean Berard died, Pierre stayed on with the widow. Before the widow died in 1807, she freed Pierre. Four years later, he married Marie Rose Juliette, whose freedom he had purchased since he became financially successful. They later adopted Euphémie, his orphaned niece. Within the Catholic community, Toussaint was an exceptionally devout and charitable person. Every day he attended the 6:00am Mass in St. Peter's Church, where he was a pewholder for many years. He raised funds to build the original St. Patrick's Cathedral and St. Vincent de Paul Church. Pierre donated to various charities, generously assisting blacks and whites in need. They opened their home to orphans and educated them. The couple also nursed abandoned people who were suffering from yellow fever. Urged to retire and enjoy the wealth he had accumulated, Pierre responded, "I have enough for myself, but if I stop working I have not enough for others." To learn more: visit <https://archny.org/ministries-and-offices/cultural-diversity-apostolate/black-ministry/venerable-pierre-toussaint/> or scan the QR code.



**Servant of the Lord Thea Bowman** was born in Yazoo City, MS in 1937. While her grandfather was a slave, her parents had successful careers—her father a doctor, and her mother a teacher. With their permission, Thea converted to Catholicism when she was 9-years-old, and later joined the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Wisconsin as the only African-American member. Her education was extensive. She earned a B.A. in English before attending the Catholic University of America in D.C., earning a M.A. and Ph.D., both in English. Following graduation, she taught at schools all over the U.S. for 16 years. She then moved to Jackson, MS, where she served as the diocesan consultant for intercultural awareness. Thea used her dynamic mind, voice and personality to give presentations across the country. Her goal was to break down racial and cultural barriers, and she encouraged others to communicate and understand one another. Thea played a tremendous role in publishing the Catholic hymnal, *Lead Me, Guide Me: The African American Catholic Hymnal*. Within the hymnal is an essay written by Thea, wherein she wrote, "Black sacred song is soulful song". Immediately before her death, Thea spoke to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops from her wheelchair. When she finished speaking, they stood linking arms and singing as Thea led them in the spiritual, "We Shall Overcome." She died of breast cancer on March 30, 1990, aged 52. To learn more: <https://www.sistertheabowman.com> or scan the QR code with the camera app on your phone.



**Servant of the Lord Julia Greeley** was born into slavery in Missouri. When she was only 5-years-old, her eye was permanently injured by a slave master's whip that he was using on her mother. She was freed under the Emancipation Proclamation in 1865. She took employment as a cook and nanny to Julia Pratte Dickerson of St. Louis. She moved with Julia and her husband, William, to Denver, CO. Julia was baptized Catholic in 1880, and thereafter received the Eucharist daily. She was known for her devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Eucharist. Her faith was so strong that she walked the streets distributing information from the Sacred Heart League, all while quietly suffering from painful arthritis. According to Julia's obituary: "Every door in the parish was open to her. Her marvelous piety and her constant charity made her the friend of everybody. She was known in every convent of Denver, for, as might be expected, she loved the Sisters." She was perhaps best known for her "little red wagon," which she pulled through the streets of Denver at night, distributing food, coal and clothing to needy families. Julia did her charitable works under the cover of darkness so she wouldn't embarrass those accepting charity from a poor, black woman. In 1901, Greeley joined the Secular Franciscans. In recognition of her dedication to the poor, Greeley has been dubbed "Denver's Angel of Charity." To learn more: <https://juliagreeley.org> or scan QR code.



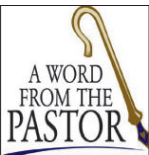
**JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

**Readings This Weekend:**

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 1 Cor 15:20-28 Matthew 25:31-46

**Readings Next Weekend:**

Isaiah 63:16-19; 64:2-7 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37



On this Solemnity of Christ, King of the Universe, we are presented with three portraits of our King. First He is the **CARING KING**. The first reading has God say, I myself will look after and tend my sheep, as a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. Thus, the Lord cares for us and seeks us when we stray, calls to us and seeks to draw us back. He is a caring King. The Second reading depicts Jesus as the **COSMIC KING**. He is king of all things, not just us. We are told that every satanic enemy of his will be put under his feet even death itself and that all things will be subject to him. For now this does not always appear so, but in the end, Jesus' complete sovereignty over the whole cosmos will be evident to all. He is the cosmic King. Lastly, he is presented in the Gospel as the **COMING KING**. For he shall come upon the clouds and take his judgment seat and all will be brought before him. Here we see a lot of paradox, for our King, Jesus, is depicted as a King who was hungry, thirsty, imprisoned, ill, naked and a stranger, for he identifies with all and to serve or neglect them, is to serve or neglect Him. Remember this, if you have loved the poor and the needy, God will never forget what you have done. The poor may not be able to reward you, but Jesus who is in them, will pay you back a million times over. He is the coming King and has the power to do so. To serve this King is to serve and love his poor and needy children.



**FUNERALS:** Alfreda Reavis (11/29)



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**



**Sunday, November 26** *JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE*

8:00am Mabel Thompson †  
9:30am Mattie Barclay †  
11:00am Anthony W. Better †  
7:00pm Edgell Fairfax †

**Monday, November 27**

7:00am James O. Neale (B'day) †

**Tuesday, November 28**

7:00am **POOR SOULS** †

**Wednesday, November 29**

7:00am Bessie B. Walker †

**Thursday, November 30** *Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle*

10:00am **POOR SOULS** †

**Friday, December 1**

7:00am Lillian Myrick †

**Saturday, December 2**

8:00am Forrester Barclay †

4:30pm For the People

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

<b>MONDAY:</b>	DANIEL 1:1-6, 8-20	LUKE 21:1-4
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	DANIEL 2:31-45	LUKE 21:5-11
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	DANIEL 5:1-6, 13-17, 23-28	LUKE 21:12-19
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	ROMANS 10:9-18	MATTHEW 4:18-22
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	DANIEL 7:2-14	LUKE 21:29-33
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	DANIEL 7:15-27	LUKE 21:34-36



**FAITH DIRECT (Electronic Tithing):** We offer electronic tithing through *Faith Direct*. Here are 3 ways to get info and register:

1. Scan the QR code to the right.
2. Text "Enroll" to 301-478-8900 to give.
3. Go online to [faith.direct/DC59](https://faith.direct/DC59) and register.

This eGiving service is **FREE**. You can register to have your tithes automatically deducted twice a month or give a one-time gift/donation. **Questions?** Contact Kim Peaks ([kpeaks@hscchurch.org](mailto:kpeaks@hscchurch.org) or 202-546-1885).



**Stay Connected**



- Visit our parish website ([hscchurch.org](https://hscchurch.org)) for news.
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- Download the **MyParishApp** onto your mobile device. To get the app: visit your app store (*available for Android & Apple phones*). Turn on notifications so you can receive parish news. **And**, follow us on social media (**Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube**).

**MASS ATTENDANCE**  
**November 18-19, 2023**

4:30pm	42
8:00am	63
9:30am	34
11:00am	180
7:00pm	48
<b>Total:</b>	<b>367</b>

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH**

**Tuesday (11/28)**

7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Friday (12/1)**

6:00pm Holy Hour w/ confession

**Wednesday (11/29)**

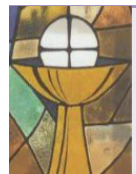
7:30pm Bible Study (Zoom)

**Saturday (12/2)**

9:00am Holy Name Board mtg



**OUR CHURCH SANCTUARY IS OPEN FROM 8AM—8PM** every day for you to come in for private prayer. Consider spending quiet, personal time in the presence of our Lord and pray for healing, strength, courage and for each other as we face many challenges and struggles throughout our daily lives. All are welcome.



**MASS INTENTIONS:** It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. If you would like to offer a Mass Intention in memory of a friend or family (living or deceased), call 202-546-1885. The customary stipend is \$10 per intention.

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT:**

*Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Roman Catholic Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, exists to evangelize and to uphold Christian values by promoting the teachings of the Church in Word, Sacrament and Witness.*

**OUR VISION STATEMENT:**

*A welcoming, embracing and joyful faith family richly rooted in the community today, tomorrow and forever.*



## SOLEMNITY OF JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

### PARISH LIFE

#### BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH 2023

The Church in the United States is greatly blessed by the contributions of black Catholics and their legacy of holiness. These men and women lived lives that are worthy of our study and emulation. **On this final weekend**, we will introduce you to the final three black Catholics from the United States whose causes are under formal consideration by the Catholic Church for canonization.

*Venerable Pierre Toussaint, Servant of God Julia Greeley, and Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman.*

If you missed the first part of this series, visit our website ([hscchurch.org](http://hscchurch.org)) and see that past bulletins for the month of November for the other three candidates.

By their stories of faith and virtue, they show us how to respond to the call to holiness, bringing healing, reconciliation, and peace to our wounded nation and world. Let us continue to pray together for them and the cause for canonization.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to *Zeyanni Sunset Brown* who was Baptized into the family of the Sacrificial Lamb, Jesus Christ, on **Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>**. May God bless her and her parents as they begin this journey to salvation.

**ANNUAL HOLIDAY GIFT SALE:** Christmas cards and small gift items will be on sale in the vestibule on Sundays after the 8am, 9:30am and 11am masses. Cash and checks accepted. All proceeds benefit the Oblate Sisters of Providence (OSP).



**HCSC ADVENT FAMILY DAY—Sun., Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>** following the 11am Mass at the Center City Public Charter School (15<sup>th</sup> & E. Capitol Sts, SE). Come and bring the family for lunch, sessions designed for both youth and adults, and fun as we prepare for the season of Advent and the birth of our Savior. The event is **FREE** but you must RSVP for lunch. See flyer in bulletin.



**GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT "ADVENT" TREE:** HCSC Social Concerns Ministry has begun our annual *Gifts of the Spirit* campaign in which we ask our parishioners to give and support others this Advent. This year we will ask for donations of personal items for the following religious communities: *Oblate Sisters of Providence and Servants of the Lord*. Donations of items or money are accepted. See flyer in the bulletin for details.

**ADVENT BIBLE STUDY with MSGR. POPE: Dec. 6, 13, 20 at 7:30pm** via Zoom. The theme is "*Jesus Comes to Be with His Bride*". Explore the old and new testament teachings on the beautiful union of Christ with the Church. Sign up to receive the weekly Zoom link at [hscchurch.flocknote.com](http://hscchurch.flocknote.com). Select 'Advent Bible Study'. **Questions:** call 202-546-1885 or [hscchurch.org](http://hscchurch.org).



**YOUTH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:** The Youth Ministry needs youth actors for our Annual Youth Christmas Pageant held on Christmas Eve (12/24) at the **6:00pm Family Mass**. Youth of all ages are welcome! **We also need adults** to help with costumes, set design, and technical logistics. **Contact:** Nicki Gebrehiwot at [youthdirector@hscchurch.org](mailto:youthdirector@hscchurch.org).



### LIVING WITH JESUS IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST

In this, the Year of the Holy Eucharist, our parish will seek to root and link all our activities, retreats and functions to Jesus who is present with us in the Holy Eucharist. We hope to deepen our personal encounter with the Lord Jesus who is truly and really present in the Holy Liturgy and Eucharist, to reinvigorate our devotion to Holy Mass and Eucharistic adoration, and to draw others to the realization that *Jesus is here right now!*

Our parish is planning specific events and teachings which we will list on our website and bulletin. Check back throughout the year since dates and times may be adjusted. Scan the QR code with your phone camera to link to the church webpage.



We offer the '*Mass in Slow Motion*' series by Msgr. Pope, and will continue throughout the year. This is a twenty-two part series explaining the parts of the Mass and the relevance of everything within the liturgy. We have copies in the bulletin and on our website.

Visit our 'Eucharistic Miracles' exhibits in the rear of the sanctuary and learn about the supernatural power of the Eucharist.

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION / HOLY HOUR** is held **EVERY FRIDAY from 6—7PM** in the sanctuary. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather and reflect in quiet prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Confessions are also heard during the holy hour.



**The 257<sup>th</sup> U.S. ARMY BAND** presents a holiday concert at HCSC on **Mon., Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**. This **FREE** concert features traditional Patriotic, Christmas and Holiday classics performed by a military band. All are welcome!



**SAINT JOSEPH 2024 SUNDAY MISSALS** are available in the Candlelight Store and the rectory office. **COST: \$3 each**. This missal is a companion guide for the Church year Sunday and daily masses.

**AN ADVENT MEN'S EVENING OF REFLECTON: Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7-9:00pm**. Take time to dive into the meaning of the season and explore ways to deepen your faith and connect with others. **Cost:** \$25 which includes Mass, dinner, directed meditation, a practical talk, and time for personal reflection and confession. Registration is required. **Visit:** [ourladyofbethesda.org](http://ourladyofbethesda.org). This retreat is hosted by the Men of Regnum Christi & Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.

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**MASS TIMES:** **Saturday** 8am & 4:30pm (vigil)  
**Sunday** 8am, 9:30am, 11am and 7pm  
**Weekdays** Mon—Fri: 7am in chapel (8am on holidays)

#### RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 10am—6pm  
Thursday, Saturday & Sunday: Closed

# HOLY COMFORTER-SAINT CYPRIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

## ADVENT TREE/GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT CAMPAIGN

During this season of Advent, we want to share our “Gifts of the Spirit” with those within our parish and surrounding community. This year will be a bit different. We are asking our parishioners to donate personal items to support our religious communities:

*Servants of the Lord/Virgins of Matara  
and the Oblate Sisters of Providence*

Purchase items from the list on the back and drop at the rectory or in the church (during Mass times) **NO LATER THAN** Sunday, Dec. 17th. The items will be wrapped and presented to the Sisters prior to Christmas. Please be generous and donate a couple of items so that all Sisters will receive a special gift. Monetary donations and gift cards are also accepted. And, you can purchase online and ship items to the rectory.

*“if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.” Romans 12:7-8*





Following is the list of items that you are asked to donate. We also welcome monetary donations (checks payable to HCSC and write ADVENT TREE in the memo) or gift cards (see list below). **All donations are due by Sunday, December 17th.** They can be left at the rectory office or in the Church after weekend Mass. Monetary donations can be dropped in the collection basket, left at the rectory during office hours or use Faith Direct (look for *Advent Tree*). You can also order online and ship to: *Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Catholic Church, 1357 E. Capitol Street., S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003.* You can put to the attention of: Advent Tree.

**VOLUNTEERS:** We need volunteers to sort and pack bags the week of Dec. 17th. We will schedule the exact time for an evening on either Dec. 18 or 19. Let us know if you are interested by calling 202-546-1885 or email: [hscstaff@hscschchurch.org](mailto:hscstaff@hscschchurch.org) and leave your name, number and email.

*Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.*

Facial Tissue (full sized box)	Thank You Notes/Cards or Personal Stationary	GIFT CARDS
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Body Wash (Dove or other gentle brand)	Scenic Puzzles (500 pcs or more)	Target Gift Cards
Toothpaste	Hard Candy (mints, Werthers, mixed)	VISA Gift Cards
Toothbrush	Toilet Paper/Paper Towels	Safeway Gift Cards
Body Lotion (Vaseline Intensive Care or similar)	Foot Powder	Amazon Gift Cards
Hand Sanitizer (personal sized)	Shampoo	
Liquid Hand Soap (small pump bottles)	Lysol Wipes	
Postage Stamps	Murphy Oil Soap/Bona for Wood Floors	
Tylenol Capsules (for arthritis)	Fabuloso	
Body Powder	13-Gallon Trash Bags	

# Advent Family Day

THE THREE COMINGS OF CHRIST



**Sunday, December 3, 2023**

**1:00-3:30 PM**

**CENTER CITY PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL CAFETERIA  
15TH & EAST CAPITOL STREETS, S.E. – PARKING IN LOT BEHIND SCHOOL**

Join the Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Church parish family for an afternoon of food, games, lessons and fellowship as we explore and celebrate the Season of Advent.

Along with an adult session, we offer sessions for youth in pre-k thru high school.  
Lunch is offered for those who RSVP by Nov. 28th!

## 3 Ways to RSVP

**1** Fill out the form at bottom, detach and drop it into the collection basket or rectory office

**2** Call the rectory office at 202-546-1885 or email your RSVP info to [hscstaff@hscchurch.org](mailto:hscstaff@hscchurch.org)

**3** Scan the QR code to RSVP online at [hscchurch.org](https://hscchurch.org)



## HCSC Advent Family Day Registration

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GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUTH 2: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUTH 3: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

Add additional family members or friends on back of form



## The Advent Season

### *The Three Comings of Christ*

The season of Advent begins the Church's liturgical year and encompasses the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas or the Nativity of Our Lord. The term "Advent" means a coming or arrival. As we begin this Advent season during the 'Year of the Eucharist', we will focus on how Christ comes to us. A focus on his first coming at the incarnation seems obvious to us, with Christmas so near. But there is also a focus, especially in early Advent, on the Second Coming of Christ at the end of the world. However, between the first and second coming of Christ there is a "middle" or kind of "third" coming that flows from his first coming and prepares us for his second coming. *This middle or "third coming" is his on-going presence with us in the Holy Eucharist.*

We have the Eucharist because of his first coming to us in the flesh. The Eucharist also prepares us for Jesus' second coming by being a source of holiness for us and food for our journey. Let's consider these "three comings" of Christ and realize the treasure of it all!

We pray this family day will help you and your family to embrace the Season of Advent and truly appreciate how it brings us closer to the Lord especially in the Holy Eucharist. Come and hear how you can have a blessed and holy Advent season.





# The Mass in Slow Motion

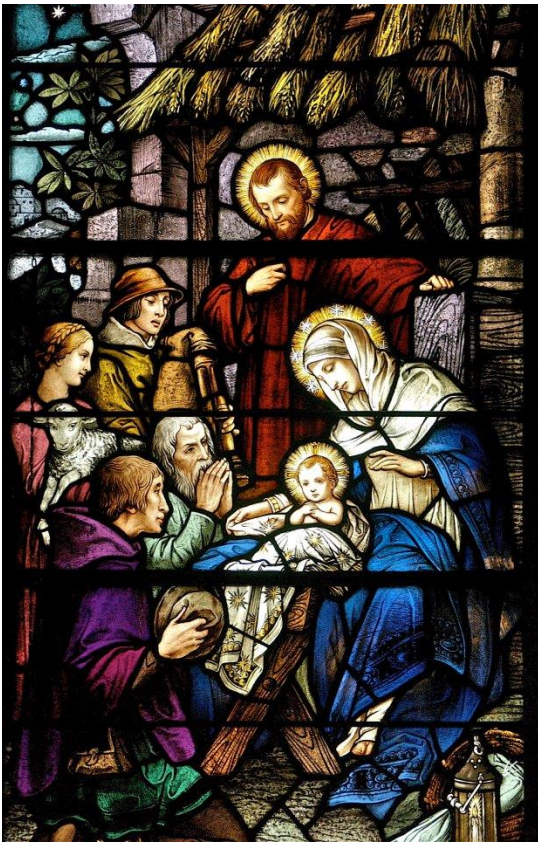


## The Gloria

*This is a series on the Mass explaining the meaning and history of what we do each Sunday. This series of flyers is an attempt to add insight and understanding to our celebration of the Sacred Liturgy. You are also invited to learn more by attending Sunday School classes for adults which take place in the school cafeteria each Sunday from 9:45 am. to 10:45 am.*

*This series will follow the Mass in order.*

We have gathered and acknowledged God's presence in several ways — hymn of praise, incense, veneration of the altar, and the greeting of the celebrant. We have examined our consciences and asked God to give us pure hearts and minds to praise him. At most Sunday Masses what comes next is a kind of outburst of praise called the Gloria — "Glory to God in the highest!" or in Latin, "Gloria in excelsis Deo!" Knowing and experiencing God's presence and mercy brings forth joy and a desire to praise him. And so, we sing:



*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you; we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

The Gloria is a very old and venerable hymn of the Church. It is sung by the congregation, or by the congregation alternately with the choir. If it is not sung it is to be recited by all in unison or alternately. It is sung on Sundays outside the Advent and Lenten seasons, as well as on solemnities and feasts and at special, more solemn celebrations. The text of the Gloria echoes the song of the angels at the Nativity. Further, it praises and invokes both the Father and Son and concludes with a brief doxology to the Trinity.

**History** - The Gloria was not created originally for the Mass. It is an heirloom from the treasure of ancient church hymns. Indeed, it is a precious remnant of a literature now mostly lost but once certainly very rich. These hymns imitated and borrowed from biblical themes. They may even be said to take after the tradition established by Mary who proclaimed her *Magnificat* (My soul proclaims the greatness of God...) by borrowing heavily from the biblical themes. So too, Zechariah in his *Benedictus* (Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel. He has come to his people and set them free...). Both of these hymn-like praises are found in the Gospel of Luke in the first chapter. Few of the other early hymns of the Church remain, however. One other hymn which does remain is the *Te Deum*, (We praise you Oh God and acknowledge you to be Lord...). It too is a hymn of thanksgiving and praise to God. Unlike the Gloria, it has retained its existence apart from the Mass.





**The roots of the Gloria may be found as early as the 4th Century** where a text very close to our present text is found. Likewise, another text from the 7th Century is also very close. Again, this hymn was not originally part of the Mass but was probably sung as the *Te Deum* is today in celebrating liturgical feasts. It was sometimes included in the Mass as a hymn as early as the 6th Century and perhaps even earlier by some accounts. But definitely by the 6th Century Pope Symmachus permitted its use on Sundays and feasts of martyrs but only at a Mass presided over by a Bishop. Pope Gregory allowed its use at the Easter Mass even if the Celebrant was only a priest. It was not until the 11th Century that the distinction allowing it only for Bishop's Masses was dropped. This was due to continual requests that it be allowed. Today, the Gloria is said at all Masses of a festive character outside of penitential seasons.

A full analysis of the hymn could be a course in itself. However, suffice it to say that it is understood to be a hymn of praise which is almost ecstatic in quality. So, it is fitting that the Gloria be sung if possible. Reciting the Gloria comes in at a very poor second. It is a bit like reciting the National Anthem. We just don't do this because the very festivity and honor of the song requires it be sung. The Gloria is like this, if at all possible, it should therefore be sung. However, this is not always possible and it ends up being recited. It should at least be recited in a vibrant and pious manner to avoid the possibility of the text becoming wooden and dull.

In the end, these introductory rites of procession, penance and praise all serve to establish the fact that we are in the presence of God. Casting aside our sin and sorrow, we enter God's presence with reverence, confidence and joy. Next, as we shall study, we will listen attentively to God speak to us.



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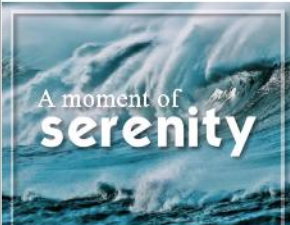
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