SAINT MARY'S BASILICA

MEMORIAL OF ST. JUNIPERO SERRA, FRIAR PRIEST, APOSTLE OF CALIFORNIA



Saint Junípero Serra (1713-1784)

Portrait by Renee Bau

Commissioned by St. Mary's Basilica in celebration of

Saint Junípero Serra's canonization

FRIDAY, JULY 1, 2016

The Angelus

V. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary:

R. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace.
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord:

R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary...

V. And the word was made flesh:

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

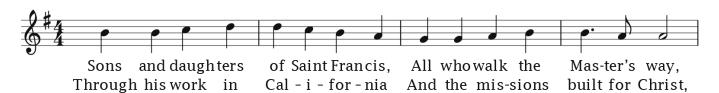
Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

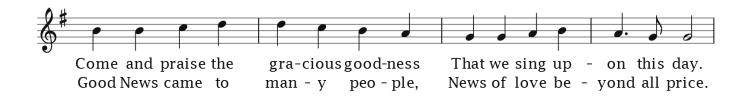


A Hymn for Saint Junípero Serra

J. Michael Thompson

Hymn to Joy

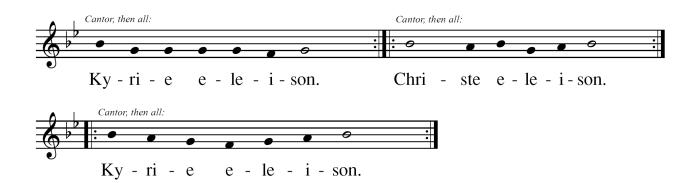








Penitential Act





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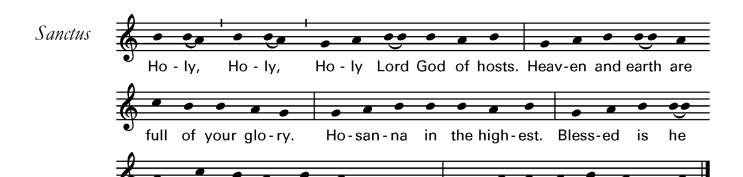
Gospel Acclamation: Triple Alleluia

Presentation of the Gifts

DIOS TE SALVE, MARIA (From the California Mission Music)

Dios te salve, María, llena eres de gracia; el Señor es contigo; bendita Tú eres entre todas las mujeres, y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre, Jesús. Santa María, Madre de Dios, ruega por nosotros, pecadores, ahora y en la hora de nuestra muerte. Amén. Hail Mary,
full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.





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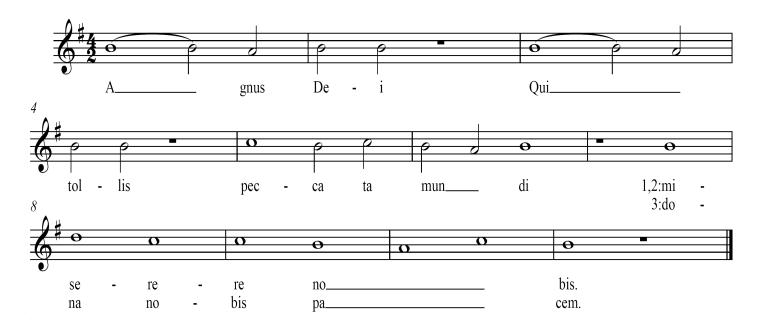
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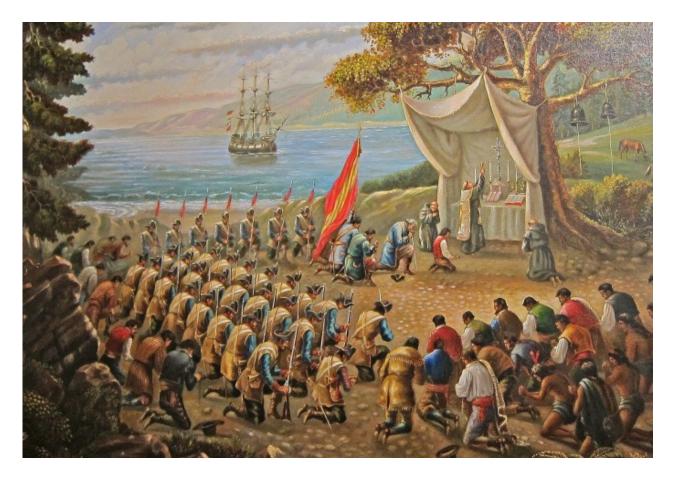
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who comes in the name of



Misa de Cataluña (From the Old Mission Music of California)



Fray Junipero Serra celebrating Mass in Monterey, California, June 3, 1770

El Cantico del Alba

Mission Hymn

The dawn comes, breaking the day.

Let us all say, "Hail Mary!"

Mary was born to console sinners and to be the Light of Heaven.

Mary was born with a purpose.

Hail Mary, full of grace.

The fierce serpent wails in anguish.

Hell trembles three times as soon as we say "Hail Mary!"

Let everyone sing in a high voice:

"Hail, Mary, Mother of grace."



Misión San Luis Rey de Francia, Oceanside, Founded in 1798

SAINT JUNIPERO SERRA

Junípero Serra, an 18th century Franciscan Friar from the small island of Mallorca, off the coast of Spain, founded 21 missions between 1769 and 1782 that would become the major cities of California including: San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Barbara and Santa Clara. As such he is often referred to as one of the founders of modern California.

Junípero was a bright student and began his priestly career as a professor of philosophy at the Lullian University at Palma. At the age of 36 he felt the call to missionary service in 1749. Along with his student and fellow Franciscan, Brother Palou, he crossed the Atlantic to begin his long missionary career in Mexico, and later, in what is now California. In 1767, Serra was appointed in charge of the missions. He arrived in the San Diego area in 1769 and, with the exception of one visit to Mexico, never left the country again.

Serra was zealous in his attention to the native population. On several occasions he confronted the government on their behalf. His devotion to his adopted homeland is also shown in his great devotion to the Blessed Mother, particularly to Our Lady of Guadalupe. He offered the success of his missionary efforts to her intercession.

True to his call to spread the Gospel, Junípero Serra is credited with confirming 5,309 individuals, most of whom were Indians who converted to Christianity during the 14 years of his mission work between 1770 and 1784.

Serra is remembered for his personal holiness. Despite having asthma and a chronic leg wound, Serra made his journeys on foot whenever possible. While he was generous in building the mission churches so as to shine with beauty and imagery, he is also recognized for his own self-denial. Most importantly, his absolute trust in God is shown through his efforts, and made his remarkable legacy possible. Junípero Serra died at the age of 71 on August 28, 1784, at Mission San Carlos Borromeo.

Junipero Serra was canonized on September 23rd, 2015 by Pope Francis.