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EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

with HOLY BAPTISM *and* REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY:
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 12, 2025

9:00 AM

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT & WELCOME

Saint Mark's Cathedral acknowledges that we gather on the traditional land of the first people of Seattle, the Duwamish People, who are still here, and we honor with gratitude the land itself and the life of all the Coast Salish tribes.

QUESTIONS?

Please ask. Ushers (wearing the purple welcome lanyards) can answer your questions or concerns, or provide a hearing assist device. All-gender restrooms are available in the northwest stairwell and on the 5th floor of Cathedral House, accessible by elevator or southwest stairwell.

NEW TO SAINT MARK'S?

Welcome to Saint Mark's Cathedral. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here! We invite you to complete a newcomer form, visit saintmarks.org/newcomers or connect with one of the clergy.

ABOUT THE LITURGY

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. We encounter God within worship and are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the hallmarks of the Episcopal Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy literally is "the work of the people," and refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The service usually begins with an organ prelude or other music designed to call us into worshipful presence.

PRELUDE *Wade in the water!* William Farley Smith

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

As a gathered community, we join together in praising God in song.

All stand, as able.

HYMN 616 *Hail to the Lord's anointed* (verses 1, 2, 4) ◆ *The Hymnal 1982* *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*

OPENING ACCLAMATION *The Book of Common Prayer* (1979), p. 299

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Assembly **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider There is one Body and one Spirit;
Assembly **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Presider One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
Assembly **One God and Father of all.**

The collect is the prayer designated for each Sunday that "collects" or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

COLLECT OF THE DAY *The Baptism of our Lord* *The Book of Common Prayer* (1979), p. 214

Presider The Lord be with you.
Assembly **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

The first reading is usually drawn from the Hebrew Scriptures or Acts or Revelation, inviting us to trace our heritage in God's historical covenant with the People of God.

READING *Isaiah 43:1-7*

THUS says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;

I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;

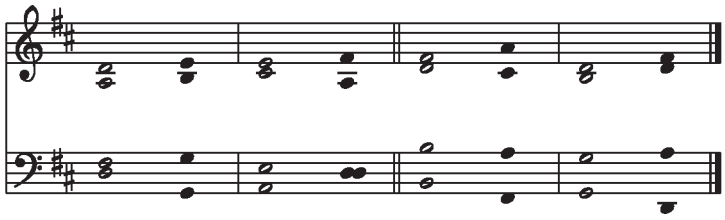
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth--

everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm is a sung response to the previous reading. Psalms are the songbook of the Hebrew Scriptures. They express every emotion known to humankind.

PSALM *Psalm 29 ◆ St. Helena Psalter* Simplified Anglican Chant (Meachen)

The organist will play through the chant once, then all chant the Psalm together.

Ascribe to God, you heavenly / beings, *
ascribe to God glory and / strength.
Ascribe due honor to God's holy / Name; *
worship the Most High in the beauty of / holiness.

The voice of God is upon the waters;
the God of glory / thunders; *
God is upon the mighty / waters.
The voice of God is a powerful / voice; *
the voice of God is a voice of / splendor.

The voice of God breaks the / cedar trees; *
God breaks the cedars of / Lebanon;
God makes Lebanon skip like a / calf *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild / ox.

The voice of God splits the flames of fire;
the voice of God shakes the / wilderness; *
God shakes the wilderness of / Kadesh.
The voice of God makes the oak trees / writhe *
and strips the forests / bare.
2nd half of chant:
And in the temple of the / Holy One, *
all are crying, / "Glory!"

God sits enthroned above the / flood, *
enthroned as Sovereign for ever-/ more.
God shall give strength to the / people; *
God shall give the people the blessing of / peace.

This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.

READING *Acts 8:14-17*

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

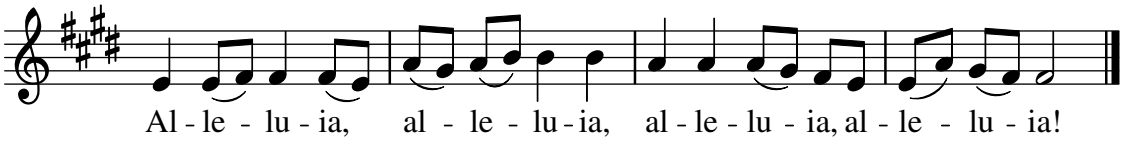
Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

The sequence hymn or Gospel acclamation moves us toward the summit of the Liturgy of the Word—the reading of the Holy Gospel. Gospel means "good news"—specifically the "good news of Jesus Christ."

All stand, as able.

Children are invited to join the Gospel Procession, and gather around as the Gospel is proclaimed. Children ages 3–8 are then invited to Children's Chapel in Thomsen Chapel. They will return for the baptisms. Parents are welcome to join their children.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Tone 2; refrain from *Tibi, Christe, splendor Patris*, 12th cent.; adapt. Marilyn L. Haskel

The choir will introduce the Alleluias, all repeat them. The choir will chant the verse, all again repeat the Alleluias.

Verse: All of you who were baptized into Christ, have clothed yourselves with Christ.

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This reading is taken from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus's words and actions.

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 3:15-17, 21-22*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Assembly **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
Assembly **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The homily directly follows the Gospel because it is grounded in the scriptures. It illuminates the scriptural readings and relates them to daily life.

HOMILY The Right Reverend Philip N. LaBelle

Following the homily, the assembly is invited into a period of silence, reflecting on the scriptures and sermon. Please stand, as able, when the Presider stands as the liturgy continues.

HOLY BAPTISM

CANDIDATE FOR BAPTISM

Holly Elena Schultz

CANDIDATE FOR REAFFIRMATION

Jack Turner

The Assembly remains seated during the presentation of the candidates.

PRESENTATION & EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES for the full text see: *The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 301

The candidates are formally presented.

After the candidates have been presented, the Bishop invites all to stand, and addresses the entire Assembly:

Presider Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

Assembly **We will.**

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT *The Book of Common Prayer* (1979), p. 304

Presider Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ, and renew our own Baptismal Covenant.

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

Assembly **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

Assembly **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Assembly **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,**
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

Assembly **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

Assembly **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

Assembly **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

Assembly **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

Assembly **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

Assembly **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES *The Book of Common Prayer* (1979), p. 305

Deacon Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
Assembly **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
Assembly **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
Assembly **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
Assembly **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
Assembly **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Send them into the world in witness to your love.
Assembly **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
Assembly **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Bishop concludes with the following collect. All respond: **Amen.**

Everyone is invited to leave their seats and gather around the font in order to have a better view of the Baptism.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER for the full text see: *The Book of Common Prayer 1979,* p. 306

Presider The Lord be with you.
Assembly **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.
Assembly **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Assembly **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Presider thanks God for the gift of water, and for the waters of Baptism. The Presider concludes:

Presider Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

Assembly **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The candidate is baptized in the Name of the Trinity.
The Assembly responds: **Amen.**

Then she is sealed with chrism, oil blessed by the Bishop during Holy Week for use at Baptism.
The Assembly responds: **Amen.**

Candles lit from the Paschal Candle are presented to the newly baptized as a symbol of our Baptismal Ministry to carry the light of Christ into the world.

When these actions have been completed, the Presider then prays over the newly baptized.
The Assembly responds: **Amen.**

WELCOME

Presider Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Assembly **We receive you into the household of God.**
Confess the faith of Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

BAPTISMAL SPRINKLING

The Assembly is sprinkled with blessed water from the Baptismal font, as a sign and reminder of our own Baptism.

MUSIC DURING THE SPRINKLING *Think of how God loves you* Words: 1 John 3:1; Music: James MacMillan

Think of how God loves you! He calls you his own children, and that is what you are.
You have put on Christ; in him you have been baptised. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Think of how God loves you! He calls you his own children, and that is what you are.

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Book of Common Prayer* (1979), p. 309

The Bishop and Candidate for Reaffirmation return to the altar platform.

Presider Let us now pray for this person who has renewed his commitment to Christ.

Silence may be kept. Then the Bishop continues:

Bishop Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in this your servant the covenant you made with him at his Baptism. Send him forth in the power of the Spirit to perform the service you set before him; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Bishop then lays hands upon the Candidate.

When the rite has been completed, the Bishop concludes with the following prayer:

Bishop Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over this your servant; let your Holy Spirit ever be with him; and so lead him in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that he may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Assembly **And also with you.**

All greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, confessed our sins, received forgiveness, and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the mystery and miracle of the Holy Communion. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give.

OFFERTORY

An offering of money is received. Everyone participating in worship is invited to make an offering in gratitude for God's generosity. Together, these gifts make possible this community of welcome, reconciliation and service. Those worshiping in person may to place their offering in baskets as they are passed through through the rows.

Visit saintmarks.org/give, *or use the Venmo mobile app* (*@SaintMarksCathedralSeattle, or scan the code at right*). *If Venmo asks you for a four-digit code, enter* ***2076***.

ANTHEM *Wade in the water* Words: Traditional; Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Carl Haywood

Wade in the water, children,
God's a-gonna trouble the water.

See that host all dressed in white,
the leader looks like the Israelite.
Refrain

See that band all dressed in red,
looks like the band that Moses led.
Refrain

Look over yonder, what do I see?
The Holy Ghost a-coming on me,
Refrain

If you don't believe I've been redeemed,
just follow me down to Jordan's stream,
Refrain

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a lengthy prayer with several intentions. We recount the story of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."

All stand, as able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer B* *The Book of Common Prayer* (1979), adapt., p. 367

Presider The Lord be with you.
Assembly **And also with you.**

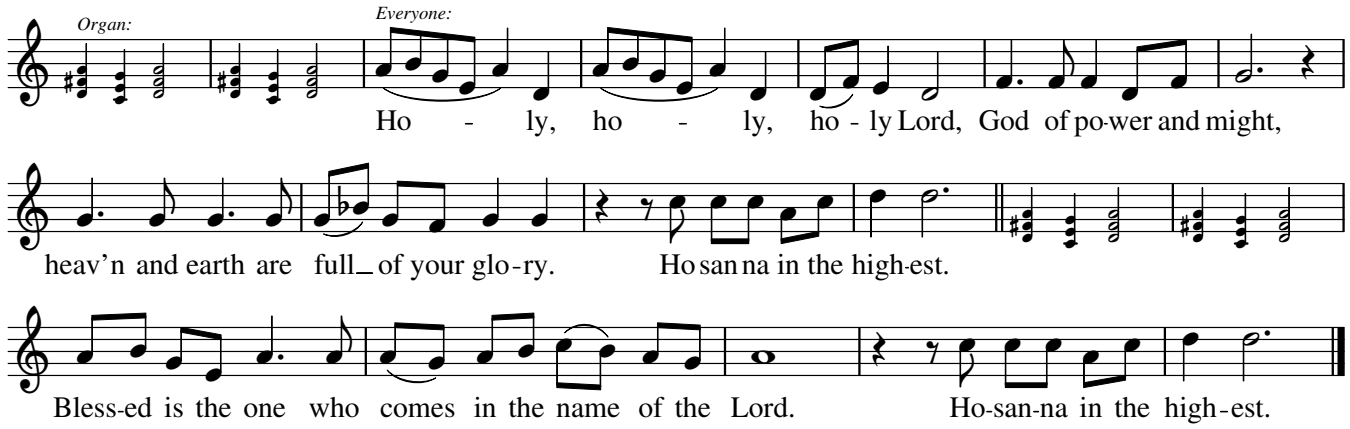
Presider Lift up your hearts.
Assembly **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Assembly **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, the Maker of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) is the hymn of praise that never ceases before God and is based on Isaiah 6:3.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS Mathias



We recall God's acts of salvation history. The presider says the "Words of Institution" that Jesus said at the Last Supper. At the Memorial Acclamation we remember Christ's death, resurrection, and promise to return at the end of the age. During the prayer, the Holy Spirit is invoked to bless and sanctify the gifts of bread and wine.

Presider We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. Through Mary's Holy Child, you have delivered us from evil and made us worthy to stand before you. You have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O God:

All **We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

Presider And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Dear One; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, gather all things into the circle of Christ's love, and bring us to that heavenly country where with Mary, Mark, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of all your children; through Jesus Christ, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

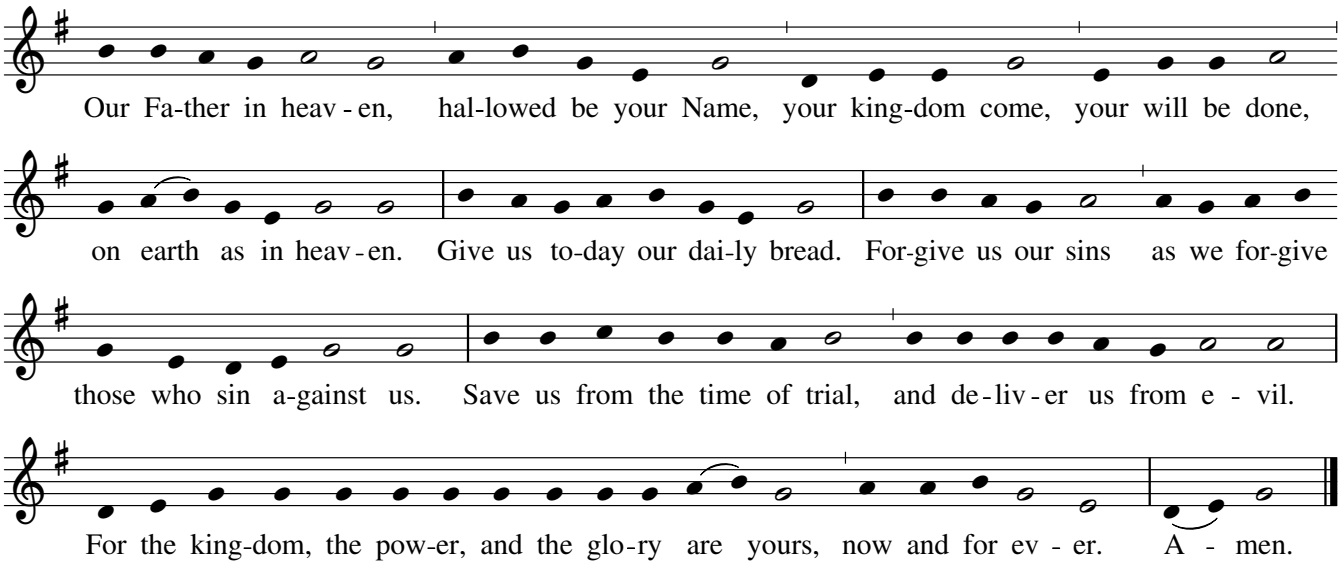
By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Most Blessed One, now and for ever.

The Great Amen unites the congregation in one great voice as we concur with all that the presider has prayed. It is the only "AMEN" in all capitals found in the Book of Common Prayer, signifying the importance of the congregation's response.

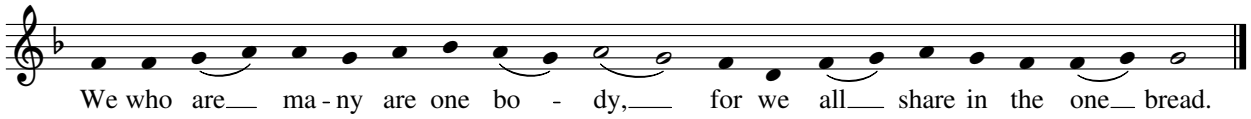
All **AMEN.**

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection.

THE LORD'S PRAYER McNeil Robinson



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD *We who are many* Plainsong Mode 6

The choir introduces the antiphon, all repeat it. The cantor chants the verse; all repeat the antiphon as indicated.

Verse: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ. **ANTIPHON**

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All may be seated for the time of Communion. All seeking God are welcome at Christ's Table.

Please follow the directions of the Liturgical Ministers. Bread and wine are distributed at standing stations at the head of three aisles. The bread will placed into your outstretched palm. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, simply ask for one at the time of Communion. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please cross your arms in front of your chest.

Intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is not available at this time. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, please cross your arms in front of your chest as you pass by the chalice. The full grace of the sacrament is received with only the bread.

VOLUNTARY *Organ improvisation*

HYMN 121 *Christ, when for us you were baptized* ◆ *The Hymnal 1982* *Caithness*

After singing the hymn, the assembly is invited to remain seated for a period of silence, contemplating the gifts of God given and received.

From the earliest days of the Church, members of the congregation took bread to those who were ill or could not be present in person.

All stand, as able.

SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Presider One body are we.
Assembly **For, though many, we share one bread and one cup.**
Deacon Go in peace, bearing holy gifts for holy people.

Before concluding the service, we give thanks to God for the gifts received, and the Presider pronounces a blessing in God's name upon the assembly. A closing hymn and the dismissal conclude the liturgy.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER *The Book of Common Prayer 1979,* p. 365

Presider Eternal God, heavenly Father,
All **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.

EPISCOPAL BLESSING

Bishop Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
Assembly **The maker of heaven and earth.**
Bishop Blessed be the name of the Lord.
Assembly **From this time forth for ever more.**

The Bishop asks God's blessing on the Assembly. All respond: **Amen.**

HYMN 449 *O love, how deep, how broad, how high* (verses 1, 2, 3) ◆ *The Hymnal 1982* *Deo gracias*

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY *Trumpet Voluntary* Thomas Sanders Dupuis

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