

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord! As a mother tenderly gathers her children you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast. From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied. He offered his life for sinners and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends, and taking bread, he gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

The Celebrant and People sing,



The Celebrant continues

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand. Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us into the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory. Remember Lord your Church in every land. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace. Bring us at the last with John and all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendor for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by him, with him, and in him, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

The Celebrant and People say

Blessing and honor and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. *Amen.*

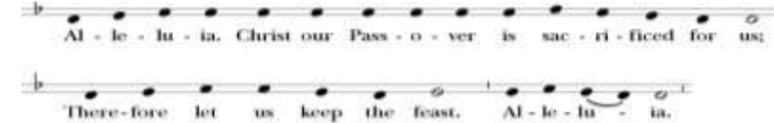
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And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our 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. A period of silence is kept. The Celebrant and People sing



The Celebrant continues

The Gifts of God for the People of God. (Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.)

All people are invited forward to share in our communion—if you receive the bread and/or wine, please kneel or stand at the altar rail. If you are not yet baptized, please kneel or stand at the altar rail with your arms crossed over your chest for a blessing from one of the clergy. You are also invited to receive prayers and anointing with holy oil in one of our transept chapels (Ascension to the south, and Holy Communion to the north) where anointers wait to pray with you.

Music at Communion

Organ Prelude on *Lo, a rose bursts into bloom* Johannes Brahms

The Advent Prose

During Advent, the Advent Prose shall be sung—a proper verse for each Sunday.

Antiphon: Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness. *(Antiphon repeated each Sunday.)*

Verse 1: Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity forever. Thy holy cities are a wilderness. Sion is a wilderness. Jerusalem a desolation: Our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee. *(Repeat Antiphon.)*

Paul Fisher, cantor

Motet The White Dove Johannes Brahms

A snow white dove from heaven flew down to the earth, in angel form it greeted a Maid of lowly birth, with peace and joy its tidings fill'd her breast, for She, above all women, would be for ever blest.

Kyrie Eleison.

The gates of heav'n would open, the angel then did tell, and Christ our Blest Redeemer would deign on earth to dwell; the Holy Babe who lay her arms within, should be the promised Saviour to purge the world from sin.

Kyrie Eleison.

And when our life is ended, on Thee will we call, the Son of Holy Mary, who died to save us all; in mercy hear us when we cry to Thee, from fear of death's dark angel, O Jesus set us free.

Kyrie Eleison.

The Sending of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Following communion, Eucharistic Visitors to our homebound members may be sent forth with the following prayer.

Celebrant In the name of St. John's Cathedral, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.

The Postcommunion Prayer

Eternal 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.

The Blessing

May Almighty God watch over you who wait for Christ to come again, you who long to see His face. And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

In Procession, Hymn 72 "Hark! The glad sound! The Savior comes" *Richmond*

The Dismissal

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Voluntary Prelude on *Come now, Savior of the Gentiles* J. S. Bach

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The flowers in Cummings Chapel and at the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Maynard Slaght, brother of David Slaght, by Bill and Pat Chatfield.

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Cathedral docents stand ready at the baptismal font following the service for guided tours of the Cathedral. Please look for a docent in a purple robe and ask for a tour.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
November 29, 2015 - 11 a.m.

A joyous and warm welcome to our visitors and guests. Please know how happy our Cathedral community is to have you worship with us. We'd love to know our guests, so please fill out a visitor card and drop it in the offering plate as it comes by.

Voluntary Chorale Prelude on *Wachet auf! Ruft uns die Stimme* J. S. Bach

On each of the four Sundays of Advent, a candle is lit on the Advent wreath as the light of Christ comes into the world.

Introit *The Choir will sing the Gregorian "Great O" Antiphons for the season of Advent*

- O WISDOM which hast come out of the mouth of the Most High, and mightily ordered all things. Come and teach us the Way of wisdom.
- O ADONAI, the leader of the house of Israel, who didst on Sinai give the law to Moses. Come and deliver us with an outstretched arm.

Paul Fisher, cantor

In Procession, Hymn 56 "O come, o come Emmanuel"

Veni, veni Emmanuel

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Blessed be our God.
People For ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant continues

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The People are seated.

The Lesson 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Lector A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

A period of silence for reflection follows the reading.

