

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
 God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 Hosanna in the highest.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Hosanna in the highest.

*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:

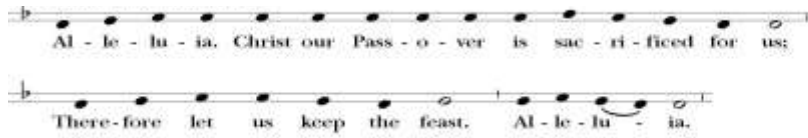
*The Celebrant and People say*  
 Blessing and honor and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*The Celebrant continues*  
 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 *Comfort, comfort ye my people* Paul Manz  
 Hymn 67 “**Comfort, comfort ye my people**” *Psalms 42*

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 2: We have sinned and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade as a leaf: and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away; thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities. *(Repeat Antiphon.)*  
*Paul Fisher, cantor*

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 68 “**Rejoice! Rejoice, believers**” *Llangloffan*

The Dismissal  
 Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Voluntary Prelude on *Sleepers, wake!* Paul Manz

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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 Bonnie DeCuir, by Michael Breen.*

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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 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
 December 6, 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 Prelude on *Gottes Sohn ist kommen* J. S. Bach

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

- O ROOT of Jesse standing as the banner for the people whom the nations shall seek. Come and deliver us and tarry not.
- O KEY of David that openest and no man shutteth: and shuttest and no man openest. Come and bring the prisoner out of the prison house.  
*Paul Fisher, cantor*

In Procession, Hymn 61 “**Sleepers, wake! A voice astounds us**” *Wachet auf*

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*

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The People are seated.*

The Lesson Philippians 1:3-11

*Lector* A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

*A period of silence for reflection follows the reading.*

The Canticle is read in unison.

Canticle 16                                      The Song of Zechariah                                      Luke 1:68-79

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, \*
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, \*
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation \*
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God \*
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A period of silence for reflection follows the reading.

Hymn 59                                      “Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding”                                      *Merton*  
The Gospel                                      Luke 3:1-6

*Gospeler*                                      The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People*                                      Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

*Gospeler*                                      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*                                      Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The People are seated.

The Sermon                                      The Very Reverend Kate Moorehead

A period of silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The People stand.

The Nicene Creed

The Celebrant and People say

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People *All remain standing as able.*

The Leader and People pray responsively

Hear us, good Lord, as we pray to you with the words, Lord, come among us.

Almighty God, we ask you to guide us as we seek to serve you and to bring about your peace in this broken world. Help us to find a way to end the violence and hatred that threaten the safety of our own nation and that plague the Middle East and Europe. Guide us to administer justice. Keep our loved ones safe. Help us to show both mercy and compassion. You alone can guide us. Lord, we wait for you.

*Lord, come among us.*

Be present with those who are sick or suffering in any way. Bless those who mourn. Comfort the lonely in this holiday season and come to the aid of those who are poor and in need. I invite you to speak aloud the names of those in need....**Lord, we wait for you.**

*Lord, come among us.*

Embrace the souls of those who have died. May they see you face to face. I **invite you to speak aloud the names of those who have died....Lord, we wait for you.**

*Lord, come among us.*

Bless this community, Lord, as we seek to worship and serve you without fear. Help us to make space for you in our busy lives so that we may be ready for the coming of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Lord, we wait for you.

*Lord, come among us.*

We give you thanks for the many gifts that you have given us: for the love of family and friends, for our children, for the gifts of music, art and literature, for the freedom to worship you, and for this beautiful cathedral. Lord, we wait for you.

*Lord, come among us.*

The Celebrant concludes the prayers.

The Confession of Sin

The People kneel.

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

The People stand.

*Celebrant*                                      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*                                      And also with you.

The Clergy and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem                                      Comfort ye, my people                                      George Thalben-Ball

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness; prepare ye the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be gald for them; and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly and **rejoice ev’n with joy and singing: for the Lord shall comfort Zion: He will comfort all her waste places:** and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord. Joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

O life that makes all things new, the blooming earth, the thoughts of men: our pilgrim feet, wet with thy dew, in gladness hither turn again. From hand to hand the greeting flows, from eye to eye the signals run. From heart to heart the bright hope glows; The seekers of the light are one: one in the **freedom of the truth, one in the joy of paths untrod, one in the soul’s** perennial youth, one in the larger thought of God. The freer step, the fuller **breath, the wide horizon’s grander view. The sense of life that knows no** death. The life that maketh all things new! Amen.

Michael Miller, baritone

As the Altar is prepared for Communion, representatives of the congregation collect the offerings of the People. The people stand when the offerings are brought forward and placed on the Altar.

Hymn 66                                      “Come, thou long expected Jesus”                                      *Stuttgart*

The Great Thanksgiving, from the Prayer Book of the Church of England

☩    *Confiteor*    *Dei*
The Lord be with you.    And also with us.

☩    *Confiteor*    *Dei*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

☩    *Confiteor*
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☩    *Dei*
It is right to give you thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever!

From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise: