

*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.*

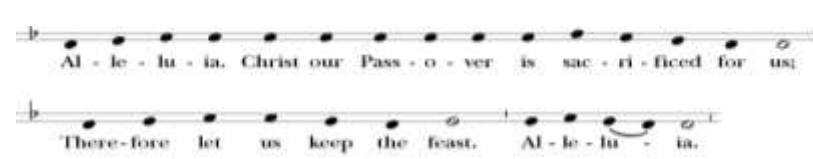
*The Celebrant continues*

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 *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* J. S. Bach

Hymn 75 “There’s a voice in the wilderness crying” *Ascension*

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 3 Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know me and believe me: I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Savior: and there is none that can deliver out of my hand. (*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 640 “Watchman, tell us of the night” *Aberystwyth*

The Dismissal

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

Voluntary Prelude on *St. Thomas* Kenneth Walton

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*The flowers in Cummings Chapel and at the High Altar are given to the glory of God, in loving memory of Ann Baker, by Ann and David Hicks, and in thanksgiving for the wedding of Jessica Pulsifer and Alexander Sanchez, who were married yesterday in the cathedral.*

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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 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
December 13, 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 *Veni, veni, Emmanuel* Kenneth Walton

*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 DAYSPRING Brightness of Light Everlasting and Sun of Righteousness, Come and enlighten him that sitteth in darkness and the shadow of death.
- O KING of the Nations, and their desire, the cornerstone who makest both one. Come and save mankind whom thou hast formed of clay.  
*Paul Fisher, cantor*

In Procession, Hymn 65 “Prepare the way, O Zion” *Bereden väg för Herran*

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*

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The People are seated.*

The Lesson Philipians 4:4-7

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

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

*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 12                      The First Song of Isaiah                      Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

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 76                      “On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry”                      *Winchester New*

The Gospel                      Luke 3:7-18

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

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." 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." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

*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                      The Lord will surely come                      Gerre Hancock

*Kyrie eleison*  
The Lord will surely come and not delay,  
and He will bring to light the things hidden in darkness.

*Kyrie eleison*  
The Lord will surely come, and will manifest Himself to all nations.  
Therefore work out your own salvation with fear and trembling that you may be blameless and innocent children of God without blemish.

*Paul Fisher, 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

» The Lord be with you. And also with us.  
» Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
» Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
» 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:

*The Celebrant and People sing*                      Hymnal S-124                      David Hurd

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.