

*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.*

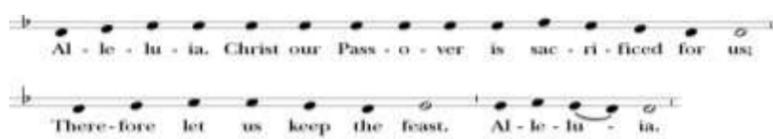
*The Celebrant continues*

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* Gerald Near  
Hymn 60 “Creator of the stars of night” *Conditor alme siderum*

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 4: Comfort ye my people, my salvation shall not tarry: I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions: Fear not for I will save thee: for I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer. *(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.*

Procession, Hymn 57 “Lo! he comes, with clouds descending” *Helmsley*

The Dismissal

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

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Voluntary Prelude on *Puer nobis nascitur* Gerald Near

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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 Gary F. Keys, Sr., by Beverly Keys.*

*The flowers in Holy Communion Chapel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Amelia Shields DeMuth, Amelia K. Ferber, Bayard Shields Ferber, Carl Robertson Kurtz, Jr., Bayard Benoit Shields, Paul L. Ferber, and other members of the Shields and Ferber families, by Paul S. Ferber.*

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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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
December 20, 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 Magnificat Dietrich Buxtehude

*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 EMMANUEL, our King and Lawgiver, the Desire of all Nations, come and save us, O Lord our God.
- 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. *Paul Fisher, cantor*

In Procession, Hymn 54 ““Savior of the nations, come!”  
*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

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*

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The People are seated.*

The Lesson Hebrews 10:5-10

*Lector* A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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

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

