

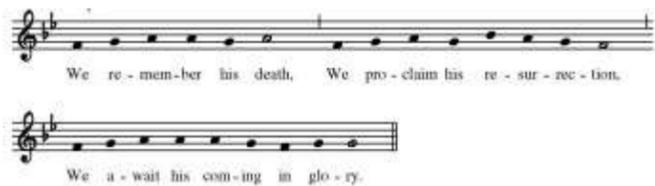
*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it: and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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 he 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*The Celebrant and People sing*



*The Celebrant continues.*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; 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, put all things in the subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

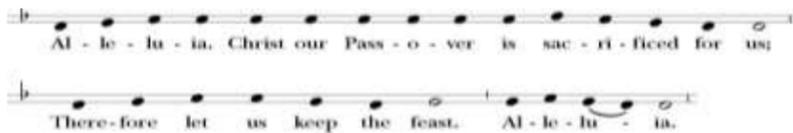
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*The Celebrant and People say together*

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 and is raised for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.)

*The Lord's Table is open to all. Baptized persons are welcome to receive communion. Unbaptized persons are invited to the altar to receive a blessing. To signify that you do not desire communion, please cross your arms over your chest, and a priest will administer a blessing. 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	Elevation A Rose Breaks Into Bloom	Rene Vierne Johannes Brahms
Hymn 324	“Let all mortal flesh”	<i>Picardy</i>
Motet	Saw you never in the twilight	Harold Friedell

Saw you never, in the twilight, when the sun had left the skies, up in heav’n the clear stars shining through the gloom, like silver eyes? So of old the wise men watching, Saw a little stranger star, and they knew the king was given, and they followed it from far. Know ye not that lowly baby was the bright and morning star? He who came to light the Gentiles, and the darken’d isles afar? And we, too, may seek his cradle there our hearts’ best treasures bring; Love, and faith, and true devotion for our Savior, God, and King.

### The Sending of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

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

<i>Celebrant</i>	<b>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.</b>
<i>People</i>	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

*The Celebrant blesses the people*

In Procession, Hymn 117  
“Brightest and best of the stars of the morning” *Morning Star*

### The Dismissal

	Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Voluntary Allegro in D Joao de Sousa Carvalho

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*The flowers in Cummings Chapel and at the High Altar are given to the glory of God.*

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*Cathedral docents stand ready at the baptismal font following the service for guided tours of the Cathedral. Please look for the docents in the purple robes and join them.*

### THE HOLY EUCHARIST THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS January 3, 2016 - 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 Sonata No. 1 in F minor, Op. 65 Felix Mendelssohn  
*II. Adagio*  
*Nancy Barry, guest organist*

Introit O Jesus, King most wonderful Christopher Tye

O Jesus, King most wonderful, Thou conqueror renowned, Thou sweetness most ineffable, in whom all joys are found! May every heart confess Thy Name and ever Thee adore and, seeking Thee, itself inflame to seek Thee more and more! Thee may our tongues forever bless, Thee may we love alone, and ever in our lives express the image of Thine Own.

In Procession, Hymn 480 “When Jesus left his father’s throne” *Kingsfold*

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

<i>Celebrant</i>	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
<i>People</i>	And blessed be his kingdom, now and for 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.

Hymn 96 “Angels we have heard on high” *Gloria*

### The Collect of the Day

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

*The Celebrant continues*

O God, who didst wonderfully create, and yet more wonderfully restore, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*The People are seated.*

The Epistle Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

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

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

<i>Lector</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

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

