

*Celebrant and people sing*  
The Sanctus



*The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues.*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

*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, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: **“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”**

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: **“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”**

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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

*The Celebrant and People 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.  
*People* Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

*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.)

*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

Celebration Hymnal 681 “In His Time”  
Celebration Hymnal 612 “In This Very Room”

### 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.

### Invitation to the Children

*All children are invited to come up to the front of the church to process out with the choristers and be escorted to their Sunday School classes immediately following the service.*

### 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, Celebration Hymnal 686 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

### The Dismissal

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

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*The flowers in Cummings Chapel and at the High Altar are given to the glory of God, in thanksgiving for the newly baptized today:  
Luke Joseph Valery and Victoria Kay Waseman,  
in loving memory of Bonnie Druse Booth,  
and in thanksgiving for the 69th wedding anniversary of Oliver and Evelyn Oswald,  
by Anthony Oswald.*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST  
THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
January 10, 2016 - 9 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.*

### Welcome

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* 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.

*Children age four through third grade follow their cross in the procession to Children’s Chapel. The children will rejoin their families at the Peace.*

In Procession, Celebration Hymnal 431 “Shine, Jesus, Shine”

### The Collect of the Day

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

*The Celebrant continues*

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

*The People are seated.*

### The Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-7

*Lector*

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth--everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

*Lector*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

Thanks be to God.

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

*The Psalm is read in unison.*

### Psalm 29

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; \*  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"

The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

*The People stand.*

The Gospel Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

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." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

*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.*

*Lector*            In this season of Epiphany, we remember how the light of a star revealed the Light of the World. May God be our light in all times and places. Let us pray together to the Lord with all our hearts and with all our souls, saying: Christ, be our light.

*Lector*            For the world, that all the nations of the earth may come to honor and respect one another. We pray especially for the people of the Middle East, North Korea and Europe. May we all come to know the peace of God. Let us pray together saying:

*People*            *Christ, be our light.*

*Lector*            For the suffering: the hungry and the sick, the refugee and the prisoner, those who grieve and those who are alone. I invite you to speak aloud the **names of those in need. . . .Let us pray together saying:**

*People*            *Christ, be our light.*

*Lector*            For our families, friends, and all those we love, for all those we encounter in our daily life and work, for those estranged from us, for those who hate us, and for those who feel unloved. Let us pray together saying:

*People*            *Christ, be our light.*

*Lector*            For the earth, that we may use its resources wisely, and be thankful for the gift of all creation. Let us pray together saying:

*People*            *Christ, be our light.*

*Lector*            For those who have died, both known and unknown to us. May they receive the joys of heaven. I invite you to speak aloud the names of those **who have died. . . .Let us pray together saying:**

*People*            *Christ, be our light.*

*Silence*

*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.

*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 continues*

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.*

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Brethren, we have met to worship            Early American  
Arr. Randolph Currie

Brethren, we have met to worship, and adore the Lord our God;  
Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the Word?  
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down.  
Brethren, pray and Holy manna will be showered all around.

**Brethren, we shall join and help you, like Moses’ sister aided him.**  
Will you help the trembling mourners, who are struggling hard with sin!  
Tell them all about the Saviour, tell them that He will be found.  
Sisters, pray and Holy manna will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other, too;  
**Let us love and pray for sinners, ‘till our God makes all things new:**  
**Then He’ll call us home to heaven; at His table we’ll sit down;**  
Christ will gird Himself and serve us, with sweet manna all around.

*St. John’s Senior Choristers*

*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.*

Celebration Hymnal 170 “Give Thanks”

The Great Thanksgiving

*The People stand.*

*Celebrant*            The Lord be with you.  
*People*             And also with you.  
*Celebrant*            Lift up your hearts.  
*People*             We lift them to the Lord.  
*Celebrant*            Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*             It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant continues*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing: