

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 Breaking of the Bread

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

*The Celebrant and People say the Fraction Anthem.*

*Celebrant* Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
*People* have mercy on us.  
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*People* have mercy on us.  
*Celebrant* Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
*People* grant us peace.

The Prayer of Humble Access

*The Celebrant and People*

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

*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 583 **“You Are My All in All”**

Celebration Hymnal 581 **“‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”**

The Sending of 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.

Postcommunion Prayer

*The Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The People kneel. The Celebrant and People say*

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

*The Celebrant blesses the people.*

In Procession, Celebration Hymnal 328 **“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*

Thanks be to God.  
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*The greens in Cummings Chapel and at the High Altar are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Jo Anne Jennemann.*

Welcome

THE WORD OF GOD

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People* His mercy endures for ever.

The Decalogue

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*The Celebrant reads the Decalogue.*

*The People’s responses are:* Amen. Lord have mercy.

*The Celebrant continues*

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

*The Celebrant then says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*The People kneel. Silence may be kept.*

*The Celebrant and People say*

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 stands and 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.*

In Procession, Celebration Hymnal 424 **“The Servant Song”**

The Collect of the Day

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

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The People are seated.*

The Lesson 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

*Lector* A Reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

*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 32

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
and whose sin is put away!

Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, \*  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
because of my groaning all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  
and did not conceal my guilt.

I said," I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." \*  
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; \*  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; \*  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; \*  
I will guide you with my eye.

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \*  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \*  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; \*  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

*The People stand.*

The Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf

and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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

The Sermon The Reverend Carl Saxton

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

*The People stand.*

The Nicene Creed

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

*During the Prayers of the People, the People's responses are in italics.*

O God, you are always true to us in love, and we ask your forgiveness for our faithlessness to you and to one another, for our forgetting the poor and the broken, for our failure to cherish creation. Give us life, O God, to change, and enable us to change, that we may live. Lord in your mercy,

*Hear our prayer.*

Comfort the sick and the suffering, Lord Christ. Be with the lonely and with those who mourn. Lord in your mercy,

*Hear our prayer.*

Bring peace to the world, O Christ, for only you can bring reconciliation between nations and peoples. Lord, in your mercy,

*Hear our prayer.*

Guide the leaders of this nation in the ways of justice and peace. Help us all to listen to one another with open minds and hearts, to communicate, to articulate and to learn from one another. Lord, in your mercy,

*Hear our prayer.*

Keep us faithful, O Christ, in this season of Lent, that we may be enriched by the practices and disciplines that we have adopted during these forty days. Lord, in your mercy,

*Hear our prayer.*

*The Celebrant and People say*

Gracious and loving God, our heavenly Father, you have called us in this Diocese to a goodly community of faith. You have called us also to bring others to know and love you, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Because it is only by your mercy that we can do those good things you require of us, we pray that you would give us a special measure of your grace as we seek to be obedient to your Great Commission. Assist us, O Lord, and help us as we set out to do those things you would have us to do to bring others to the knowledge and love of you. We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

*All stand as the Celebrant says*

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*

And also with you.

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

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

*As the Altar is prepared for Communion, representatives of the congregation collect the offerings of the People.*

The Offertory

This is the Day  
Kids of the Kingdom

Jim & Dee Patton  
Anonymous

*St. John's Junior Choristers*

*The People stand when the offerings are brought forward and placed on the Altar.*

Celebration Hymnal 314 “What Wondrous Love is This”

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 our 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: