

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 713 “Seek Ye First”
Celebration Hymnal 655 “Sanctuary”

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 788 “Now Thank We All Our God”

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, and in loving memory of Dorothy Jackson, by Lowell Jackson and family.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 1, 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 Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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 fifth grade follow the Cross in procession to Children’s Chapel in Cummings Chapel. The children rejoin their families at the Peace.

In Procession, Celebration Hymnal 793 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

The Collect of the Day

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

The Celebrant continues

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The People are seated.

The Lesson

Acts 16:9-15

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

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 67

May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

The People stand.

Hymn A Repeating Alleluia Calvin Hampton



The Gospel John 5:1-9

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

After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids-- blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

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

The Repeating Alleluia is sung again after the reading of the Gospel.

The People are seated.

The Sermon The Reverend Canon David Erickson

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.*

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. We thank you for showing us the path to eternal life. Risen Christ, *Hear our prayer.*

We ask your blessing on all who have died, that they may know the joy of the resurrection life. I invite you to speak the names of those who have **died...Risen Christ**, *Hear our prayer.*

We pray for all who are ill, lonely or suffering in any way. May they find the peace that passes all understanding. We pray especially for the survivors of the earthquake in Ecuador and the refugees at Lesbos. I invite you to speak the **names of those who need our prayers...Risen Christ**, *Hear our prayer.*

We pray for all victims of violence, especially for Christians who are being persecuted around the world, that they and their families may find peace and strength. Risen Christ, *Hear our prayer.*

We pray for those who serve in the military, for their family and friends, that they may be held in the palm of your hand. Risen Christ, *Hear our prayer.*

We pray for peace throughout the world, especially in the Middle East and Africa, that there may be understanding among races and peoples. Risen Christ, *Hear our prayer.*

We pray for the good use of our natural resources, that we may be led to nurture and maintain this planet. Risen Christ, *Hear our prayer.*

We pray for the city of Jacksonville. Help us to care for this city. Bless our government and our schools. Help us to show your love here in the core of downtown. Risen Christ, *Hear our prayer.*

We pray for this Cathedral and for all those who walk through these doors, that we may be led to glorify you in all things. We give thanks for all the blessings of this life. Risen Christ, *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 Celebrant concludes the prayers.

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

Representatives of the congregation bring forward the People's offerings of bread and wine, money, and other gifts.

The Offertory God Gives Us His Special Son Anonymous
Praise Him, Praise Him All Ye Little Children Anonymous
St. John's Junior Choristers

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

Celebration Hymnal 170 "Give Thanks"

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer II from *Enriching Our Worship I*
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:

The 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.