

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | JANUARY 9, 2022 - 11:00 AM | THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

# PRELUDE

Noah Klein, *Organ*

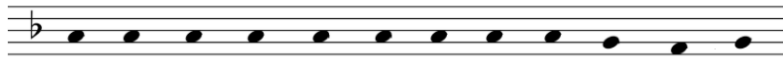
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## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

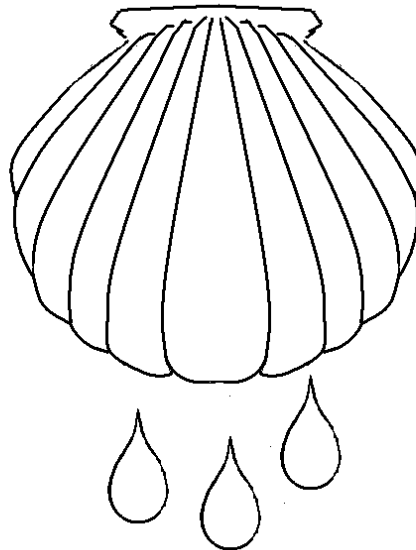
*The Celebrant intones*

Blessed be God, who baptizes us into newness of life.

## The People respond



Glo - ry to God for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.



## HYMN IN PROCESSION

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn long,  
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,  
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
 where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434?); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833–1890), alt.  
 music: *Down Ampney*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

## THE OPENING COLLECT

*Erasmus, 15th c.*

O God of love, you are the true sun of the world, evermore risen and never going down: We pray you to shine in our hearts and drive away the darkness of sin and the mist of error. We pray that we may this day and all our lives long, walk without stumbling in the way you have prepared for us, Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

# GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev.

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Open the heavens, almighty Father, and pour out your spirit upon your people gathered in prayer. Renew the power of our baptismal cleansing and fill us with zeal for good deeds, Let us hear your voice once again, that we may recognize in your beloved Son our hope of inheriting eternal life. Grant this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in the splendor of eternal light, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSON     *seated*

*Isaiah 43:1-7*

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."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

**Thanks be to God.**

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.

*Anglican Chant*  
Barry Rose

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

**Thanks be to God.**

# THE GOSPEL HYMN

*standing; all turn toward the Gospel as it is brought among the People*



1 The sin - less one to Jor - dan came,  
 2 Up - ris - ing from the wat - ers there,  
 5 O Christ, may we bap - tized from sin,  
 6 On you may all your peo - ple feed,



1 and in the riv - er shared our stain;  
 2 the Fa - ther's voice did then de - clare  
 5 go forth with you a world to win:  
 6 and know you are the Bread in - deed,



1 God's right - eous - ness he thus ful - filled,  
 2 that Christ, the Son of God, had come  
 5 grant us the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power  
 6 who gives e - ter - nal life to those



1 and chose the path his Fa - ther willed.  
 5 to shield us in temp - ta - tion's hour.  
 6 that with you died, and with you rose.

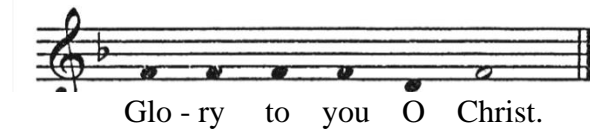
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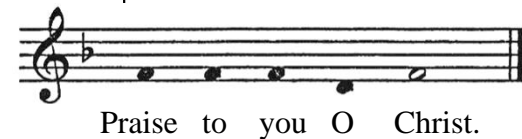
*The Deacon or Priest intones:*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.



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."

The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

*seated*

*The Rev. Daniel Simons*

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

*During Epiphanytide we use the Church's earliest baptismal creed, the Apostle's Creed, followed by the baptismal promises and prayers from the Book of Common Prayer, to embrace more deeply the pattern of life we have chosen – Jesus' Way of Love.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

**I will, with God's help.**



## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deliver us, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open our heart to your grace and truth.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fill us with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Keep us in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send us into the world in witness to your love.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bring us to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For what else shall we pray?

*The People may add their own thanksgivings and intercessions.*

*The Celebrant prays a concluding collect.*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of peace with a distanced gesture to those nearby.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *seated*

### **Giving to St. Paul's**

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## MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

*seated*

## HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY

1 O thou who cam - est from a - bove the fire ce -  
 2 There let it for thy glo - ry burn with ev - er -  
 3 Je - sus, con - firm my heart's de - sire to work, and  
 \* 4 Still let me prove thy per - fect will, my acts of

les - tial to im - part, kin - dle a flame of  
 bright, un - dy - ing blaze, and trem - bling to its  
 speak, and think for thee; still let me guard the  
 faith and love re - peat, till death thy end - less

sa - cred love up - on the al - tar of my heart.  
 source re - turn in hum - ble prayer and fer - vent praise.  
 ho - ly fire and still stir up the gift in me.  
 mer - cies seal, and make the sac - ri - fice com - plete.

Words:

Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.  
 Music: *Hereford*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*  
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, 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, fire, and water, and every living thing. You made us creators in your image and taught us to walk in your love. 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 your light and the fullness of your love. So this day we join with Saints and Angels in a chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly,  
10 ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heav - en and earth are  
19 full, full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high -  
28 est. Ho - san - na in the high - est Bless - ed is he who comes  
37 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
43 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues*

All glory be 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 on 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 into the heart of God, but we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

When the time came to complete the offering of his life, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take and 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, remembering that we are one with you and all creation, we offer to you from your own hand these 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 children from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

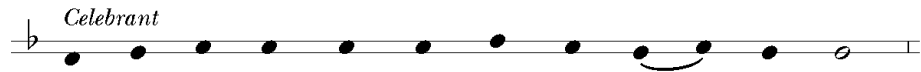
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory and praise, forever and ever.



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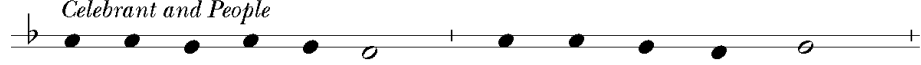
## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant*

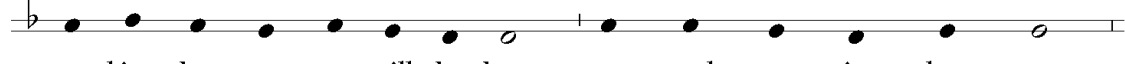


As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,


*Celebrant and People*



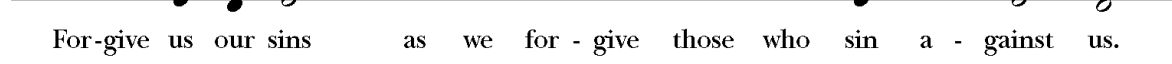
Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,



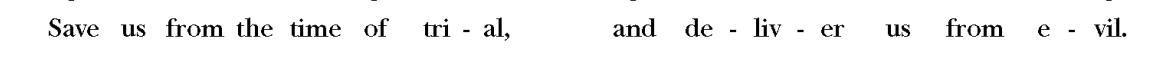
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.



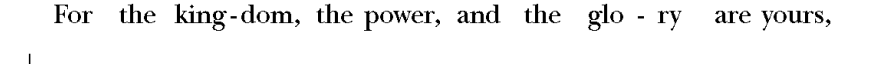
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



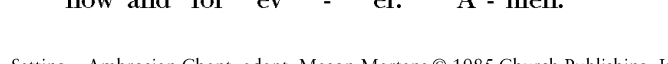
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,



now and for ev - er. A - men.

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*The Celebrant breaks the bread and invites the People to communion, saying*

Bread of Life, nourish our souls.

Light of the world, shine in our hearts.

## THE COMMUNION

*Everyone is welcome to receive the bread and wine of Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers. Healing prayer is available in the side aisles for those wishing to pray with someone for any need in their lives. All sing together as the distribution of Communion begins.*



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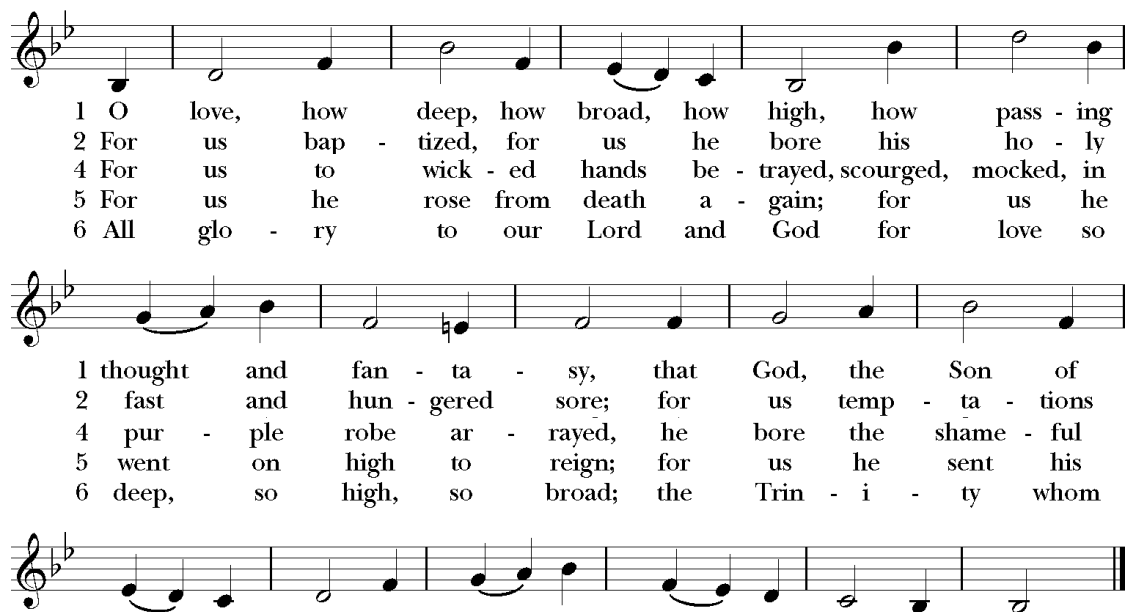
## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *standing*

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

May the Light of Christ be enkindled in your hearts.  
And the Blessing of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be upon you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## HYMN IN PROCESSION



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
 4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in  
 5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so

1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
 2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
 4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
 5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his  
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom

1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
 2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.  
 4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
 5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

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## THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world to share the light of Christ.  
 Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

Noah Klein, *Organ*

## THE WORSHIP IS OVER – THE SERVICE BEGINS

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