

First Sunday After Christmas

PRELUDE

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- THE WORD OF GOD -

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant may say

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 OF PRAISE

#96 v.1,3 | Angels we have heard on high

- 1 Angels we have heard on high,
singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their brave delight.

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
gloria in excelsis Deo.

- 3 Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Silence.

The Celebrant says the Collect of the Day, found in this week's insert.

People **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The lessons may be found in this week's insert.

The people sit.

One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

A Reading from...

After each Reading, the Reader may say

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN |

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Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows, all standing

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 PEACE

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We ask that you do your best to maintain a safe distance and greet one another with waves, bows, or elbow bumps rather than handshakes.

- THE HOLY COMMUNION -

OFFERTORY | | Please see insert

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread & wine, & money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant.

The people stand while the offerings are presented & placed on the Altar.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

& People **heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

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 subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____. and] 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.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.
The ministers receive the Sacrament in one kind, & then immediately deliver it to the people.
The Bread is given to the communicants with these words

Celebrant The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **[Amen.]**

All baptized Christians are encouraged to share in the Body and Blood of Christ, and NO ONE will be turned away. If you prefer not to receive, you may remain in your pew or come to the altar and cross your hands across your heart to indicate that you would prefer a blessing. Gluten-free bread is available by request.

During this time, to prevent the spread of disease we have been receiving Holy Communion in one kind only, the bread. Please be assured that the full grace of the Holy Sacrament is present in the very desire to receive it. For this Christmas feast, a chalice will be available for those who may choose to share it.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Silence

Celebrant and People

**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 Bishop when present, or the Priest, may bless the people.

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN | | Please see insert

DISMISSAL

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE | | Please see insert