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**The First Sunday after Epiphany**



**The Holy Eucharist:  
The Liturgy for the Proclamation  
of the Word of God  
and Celebration of the  
Holy Communion**

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# The Liturgy of the Word

Blessed are you, holy and living One.


*You come to your people and set them free.*

## Collect for Purity

### Hymn of Praise:



1. Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion,  
2. Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled  
3. Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan  
4. Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing,



1. or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,  
2. as the cap - tives passed on through,  
3. closed a - round the One fore - told,  
4. quench the thirst and flood the soul.



1. first to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning  
2. wash - ing off the chains of bond - age,  
3. o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry,  
4. Well - spring, source of life e - ter - nal,

1. from the bright-ness of night's death.  
 2. chan - nel to a life made new.  
 3. ev - er new and ev - er old.  
 4. drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

**Collect of the Day**

A reading from the Book of Genesis:

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*



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## Gradual Psalm 29:



1. All who throng the halls of hea - ven
2. This same voice can split the ce - dars,
3. God's voice sets the for - ests quak - ing:



1. praise God's awe - some - ness and power;
2. tow'r - ing trees of Leb - a - non;
3. leaves are stripped and tree - tops stare.



1. un - seen an - gels bow in wor - ship,
2. and de - mand that so - lid moun - tains
3. Though earth trem - bles, heav'n re - joic - es;



1. sanc - ti - fy each sa - cred hour.
2. skip and scur - ry on and on.
3. "Glo - ry!" ech - oes ev - ery - where.



1. God's voice thun - ders o - ver wa - ters,
2. Sound and sight are in - ter - ming - led,
3. O - ver flood, un - touched by cha - os,



1. fa - thoms o - ceans, stirs the sea,
2. God's voice flash - es like a fire;
3. God, a - lone en - throned, is King.



1. full, ma - jes - tic, meas - ured, might - y,
2. des - ert plac - es writhe and trem - ble
3. May God's peace and heav - en's bles - sing



1. glo - rious through e - ter - ni - ty.
2. rum - bled by the Lord's de - sire.
3. an - chor us and ev - ery - thing.

This is the song of the people of God. *Thanks be to God.*

A reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles:

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, ‘Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?’ They replied, ‘No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.’ Then he said, ‘Into what then were you baptized?’ They answered, ‘Into John’s baptism.’ Paul said, ‘John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.’ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people of God.

*Thanks be to God.*

*Sequence Hymn:*

Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, gra - cious heav'en - ly

dove; come, fire of love.

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to St. Mark: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

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

## **The Sermon**

### **The Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*I do.*

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.***

*The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows with a Collect.*

### **Prayers of the People**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church  
may truly and humbly serve you;  
***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***



We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
***That they may be faithful ministers  
of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority  
in the nations of the world;  
***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer  
from any grief or trouble;  
***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints  
who have entered into joy;  
***May we also come to share  
in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*



## **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister 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 Absolution**

## **The Peace**

# **The Liturgy for the Celebration of Holy Communion**

## **The Offertory**

*The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.  
Offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, are  
presented and placed on the Altar.*

**Offertory Hymn: The Hymnal, 1982, # 339**

## **The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer E**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

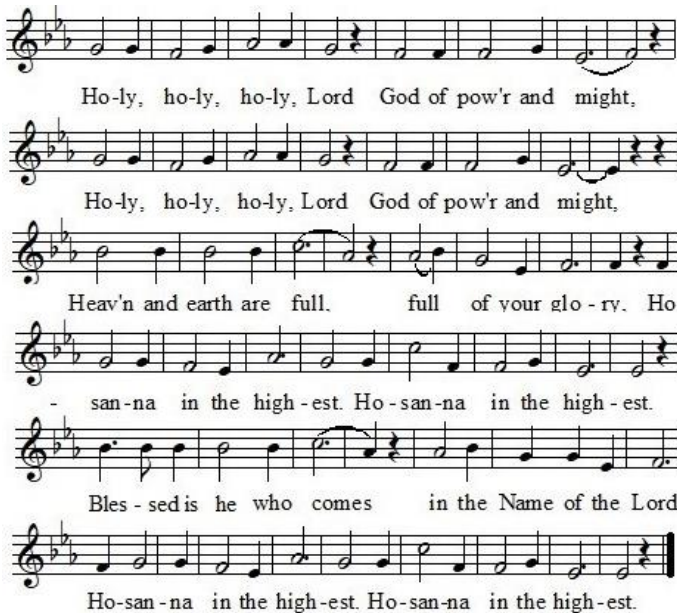
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
Heav'n and earth are full. full of your glo - ry. Ho-  
- san-na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bles - sed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon any vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,

and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [ \_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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,

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be thy  
Name. Thy King-dom come. Thy will be done on  
earth as it is in heav'n. Give us this day our  
dai-ly bread, and for-give us our tres-pas-ses,  
as we fo-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us.  
And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion,  
but de-liv-er us from e-vil, for  
thine is the King-dom, and the po-wer and the glo-ry, for  
ev-er and ev-er. A - men.

## ***The Breaking of the Bread***

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread*

*A period of silence is kept.*

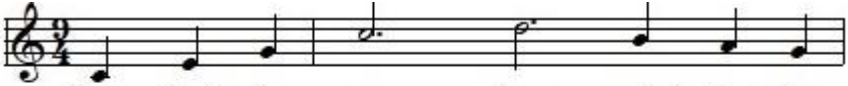
Alleluia! *Alleluia!*

We break the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world  
*God here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.*

Alleluia! *Alleluia!*

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*  
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Communion Hymn: The Hymnal, 1982, #**



Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the  
Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the  
Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the



Spi - rit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our  
Spi - rit, dead in the tomb with Christ our  
Spi - rit, marked with the sign of Christ our



King: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his  
King: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
King: born of one Fa - ther, we are his



pro - mise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
- giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
child - ren joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

## **Post-communion Prayer**

Gracious God, lover of all,

by this sacrament you make us one family  
in Christ your Son,

one in the sharing of his body and blood,  
one in the communion of his Spirit.

Help us to grow in love for one another

and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ.

We ask this in his name.

## **Blessing & Dismissal**

### **Parting Hymn: The Hymnal, 1982, # 370**

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