

# Holy Eucharist

*In the seasons of  
Christmas and Epiphany*



## GATHER

### Prelude

**Opening Hymn** - *see inside of Bulletin for hymn selection*

### Opening Acclamation

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*All standing, the Celebrant says*

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

*People*

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity*

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.*

## Opening Anthem

Hymnal 124

*Unison or harmony*

1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more beau - teous  
2 True spake the pro - phet from a - far who told the  
3 The guid - ing star a - bove is bright; with - in them

1 than the noon - day light? It shines to her - ald  
2 rise of Ja - cob's star; and east - ern sa - ges  
3 shines a clear - er light, and leads them on with

1 forth the King, and Gen - tiles to his crib to bring.  
2 with a - maze up - on the won - drous to - ken gaze.  
3 power be - nign to seek the Giv - er of the sign.

## WORD

*Most Sundays include four Bible readings, usually:*

- *Hebrew Scripture (Old Testament- the stories of God's people, Israel)*
- *Psalm (one of 150 ancient poems expressing the human experience of God)*
- *Epistle (one of a series of letters written by Jesus' disciples to early Christian churches)*
- *The Gospels (stories about Jesus' life)*

## Collect of the Day

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

## First Reading

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

## Second Reading

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Hymn

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God*

Hymnal 711

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Seek ye first the king - dom of God  
Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,

and its right - eous - ness,  
seek, and ye shall find, and all these things shall be

add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!  
o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

*Refrain*

2

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## Holy Gospel

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to \_\_\_\_.

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

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

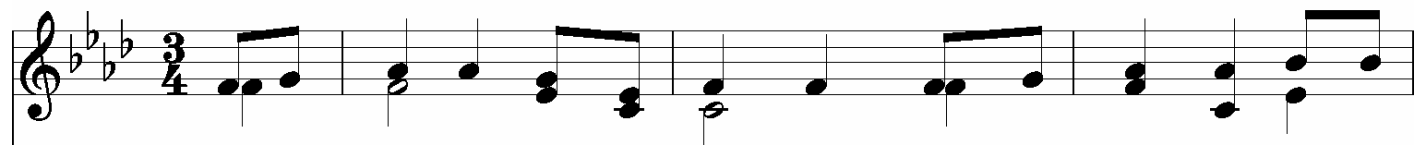
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Sermon

## Creed

*I believe in God Almighty*

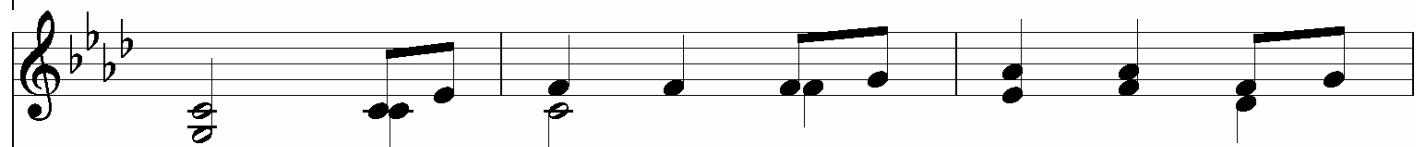
*Wonder. Love & Praise 768*



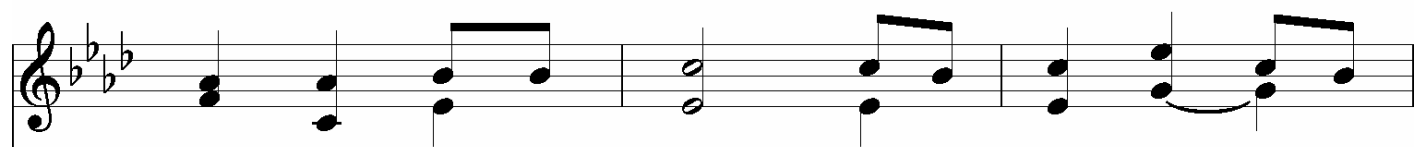
1. I be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all things that  
2. I be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci -  
3. I be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints with-

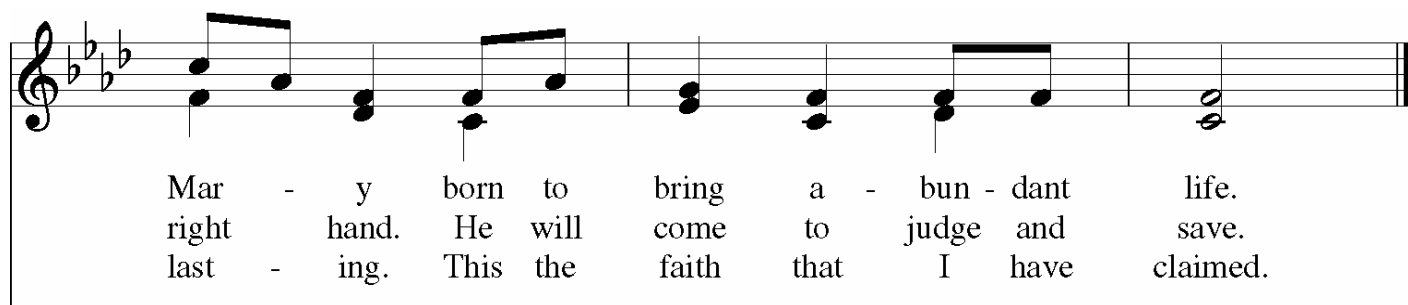


be, Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er of the sky and  
fied; tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied— True Life there had tru - ly  
in One church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly, where for - give-ness frees from



sea. I be - lieve in God's Son, Je - sus, now for  
died. I be - lieve that on the third day Christ was  
sin; in the bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion, for the





## Prayers of the People

After each petition, the response is: Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

*Prayer is offered with intercessions for:*

*The universal Church, its members and mission*

*The concerns of the local community*

*The nation and all in authority*

*Those who suffer and those in any trouble*

*The welfare of the world*

*Those who have died*

## Confession of Sin

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*The confession is a time where we place before God our true selves, and acknowledge the ways in which we do not live up to being the people we were created to be. It is not meant to induce guilt about our failings but to remind us that we are the beloved people of God, created for a purpose whose lives have meaning and value to God that we might be inspired in our resolve to live out our baptismal promises.*

*The Celebrant says*

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*

Let us confess our sins to God.

**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 Priest stands and pronounces absolution*

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.**

**Peace**

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*          **And also with you.**

**Announcements**

## **MEAL**

*The Meal, or Holy Communion, is the centerpiece of the Eucharist. Through the Eucharistic Prayer, the people's faith in Christ's presence is made manifest and shared, with Christ's own words in our hearts - "do this for the remembrance of me."*

### **Offertory**

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

### **Doxology**

*Hymnal 380*

\*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## Prayer for Those worshipping online

### Great Thanksgiving

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*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 God thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

*Eucharistic Prayer B*

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 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, 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: S125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

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 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!**

*The Celebrant then continues*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**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.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* Alleluia, Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

*People* Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

### **Fraction Anthem**

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*The Celebrant invites the community to communion with these words*  
 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.

## **Distribution of Communion**

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. All persons are  
 invited forward to receive a blessing in lieu of communion, please cross your arms  
 across your chest to receive a blessing*

## **SENDING**

*Emboldened and empowered by Christ's eternal presence, the congregation departs  
 to carry out the Church's mission in the world.*

## **Post Communion Prayer**

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*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

**Blessing**

*The priest blesses the people*

**Sending Hymn** - *see inside of Bulletin for hymn selection*

**Dismissal**

*Celebrant*     Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People*        **Thanks be to God!**