

The Gathering

Hymn

The priest says:

+ In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen

The Greeting

The Lord be with you

All And also with you

This day a star leads the wise men to the Christ-child.

All Alleluia.

This day water is made wine at the wedding feast.

All Alleluia.

This day Jesus is revealed as the Christ in the waters of baptism.

All Alleluia. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Grant us, Lord, who behold your glory,
to drink from the waters of the new creation
flowing from the river of life at your baptism.
Give us the wings of the Spirit,
that we may hasten to meet you at your coming,
and praise you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

All Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

Invitation to Confession

Because God was merciful,
he saved us through the water of rebirth
and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit.
But through sin we have fallen away from our baptism.
Let us return to the Lord and renew our faith in his promises
by confessing our sins in penitence.

God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face shine upon us:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May your ways be known on the earth,
your saving power among the nations:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The priest says

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,

pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Collect

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your
beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour

All: Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Genesis 1: 1 – 5

Six Days of Creation and the Sabbath

1 In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth,
2 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. 3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.
4 And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the
light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the
darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was
morning, the first day.

At the end of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to 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 mighty in operation; the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lighting; 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; in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'

The Lord sits enthroned above the water 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.

At the end of the psalm

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end, Amen.**

Acts 19: 1 – 7

19 While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ² 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." ³ Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴ 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." ⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied — ⁷ altogether, there were about twelve of them.

At the end of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God.

This day Jesus is revealed as the Christ in the waters of baptism.

I will take you from the nations,

All and gather you from all the countries.

I will sprinkle clean water upon you,

All and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness.

A new heart I will give you,

All and put a new spirit within you.

You shall be my people,

All and I will be your God.

As water is brought, this acclamation is made

Blessed are you,
Lord our God, King of the universe:
you bring waters out of the stony rock.
For with you is the well of life,
and in your light shall we see light.

All Blessed be God for ever.

The priest blesses the congregation with baptismal water

Gospel Acclamation

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Mark 1: 4 – 11

⁴ John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ 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. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ 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. ⁸ I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

All sit

Sermon

All stand

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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who 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 Intercession

You are invited to sit as we pray.

At the end, these or other suitable words may be used:

Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand for the Peace

We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of hands like ours.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,
at all times to give you thanks and praise,
for today the grace of the Holy Spirit
in the form of a dove descended upon the waters.
Today the sun that never sets has risen
and the world is filled with splendour
by the light of the Lord.

Today the clouds drop down upon all people
the dew of righteousness from on high.

Today the Uncreated of his own will
accepts the laying on of hands from his own creature.

Today the waters of the Jordan
are transformed for healing by the coming of the Lord.

Today the blinding mist of the world is dispersed by the
Epiphany of our God.

Today things above keep feast with things below,
and things below commune with things above.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
accept our sacrifice of praise,
and by the power of your life-giving Spirit
sanctify these waters of your new creation,

that we, with all who have been born anew
by water and the Spirit,
may be renewed in your image,
walk by the light of faith,
and serve you in newness of life.

Through your anointed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
we lift our voices of praise:

All Blessed be God, our strength and our salvation,
now and for ever. Amen.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing

All say: *Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
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.*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
In remembrance of me.

Priest Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
All Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus come in glory.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole
world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious
ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and
thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom

all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All 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.
Lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

Lamb of God

You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us

Lamb of God

You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us

Lamb of God

You take away the sins of the world, grant us peace

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Come to the Lord's Table;
Come not because you are rich but because you are poor,
Come not because you are entitled but because you are invited.
Come not because you know all things of God,
But because you have seen a little of God's love and want to
know more,
Come as you are. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Prayer after Communion

*After communion, a period of silence is kept and after the silence,
the President says:*

Let us pray.

We pray our post communion prayer

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

followed by these words:

All Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Notices

The Dismissal

Blessing

Please stand for the blessing

May God the Holy Spirit,
who came upon the beloved Son
at his baptism in the river Jordan,
pour out his gifts on you
who have come to the waters of new birth.

...and the blessing of God almighty,
the + Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

The deacon says:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All In the name of Christ, Amen.

