

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Holy Eucharist, Rite II *From the Book of Common Prayer 1979*

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THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY: THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

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Livesteamed via Zoom

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**"And a voice came from heaven,
"You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."**

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The People's responses are in boldface. *Rubrics (liturgical directions) are in red.*

THE ENTRANCE RITE

The Opening Acclamation

The People stand as are able as the Celebrant says

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

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

The Celebrant continues

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.

People **Amen.**

The Hymn of Praise *Gloria in Excelsis*

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

Gdgv For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant continues

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The People sit for the first Reading

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

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.”

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

Responsory Psalm 29 *Afferte Domino*
The People remain seated

The Lector begins

1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *

The People read in unison with the Lector for the remainder of the Responsory
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7 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.

8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, “Glory!”

10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The People stand as are able as the Deacon proclaims the Gospel

The Holy Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

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

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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily *The Rev. Barry M. Signorelli*

A brief period of silence may follow the homily

The Nicene Creed

The Celebrant says

As we are able, let us stand to affirm our faith, in the words of the Nicene Creed.

The Celebrant and the People together

**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 People remain standing as are able

The Prayers of the People

The Deacon and People pray responsively

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 Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Primate; for Carlye, our Bishop Diocesan;
and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Joe, our President; Kamala, our Vice-President; for the Congress; the Supreme
Court; for all local governments and judiciaries; and 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.

We give thanks for the safe arrival of the Ibrahimi family;
May our hospitality channel your grace and love.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially those with
COVID-19; and protect us all from misinformation and guile.
That we may be delivered from our distress.

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

Remembering especially blessèd Mary the Godbearer, blessèd Joseph her husband, and
blessèd John the Apostle, 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 Celebrant bids the petitions, intercessions, and thanksgivings of the People, then prays a concluding collect

Celebrant

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the Peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Peace

All standing as are able, the Celebrant says to the People

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Without physical contact, the People greet one another in the name of the Lord

The Celebrant offers words of welcome, and instructions regarding those receiving Communion by making the Act of Spiritual Communion

THE OFFERTORY

The Offertory begins with the Celebrant saying the Offertory Sentence. Please see the penultimate page of this Order of Worship for instructions on how to safely make a donation to St. John's, Boonton electronically. Your generous support is deeply appreciated.

The Celebrant then prepares the Table

The People stand as are able Celebrant sets apart the gifts of bread and wine with the following words

Blessèd are you, O Sovereign God, Ruler of the Universe, who has given us this bread for our use. Grain of the earth and work of human hands, ✠ it will become for us the Bread of Heaven.

People

Blessèd be God for ever.

Celebrant

Blessèd are you, O Sovereign God, Ruler of the Universe, who has given us this wine for our use. Fruit of the vine and work of human hands, ✠ it will become for us the Wine of Heaven.

People

Blessèd be God for ever.

The Celebrant, in the name of the community, then says the following

O God, our Creator and Giver of all blessings: accept our grateful thanks for all that your love bestows upon us; open our eyes to recognize your gifts when they appear at times, places, and in ways we neither expect nor understand; then take our thankful hearts, and return again our gratitude as your blessing on Creation; for

Celebrant

All things come from you, O Lord;

People

And of your own have we given you. Amen.

The people remain standing as are able

The Great Thanksgiving (Mozarabic Preface)

The Celebrant says

People The Lord be with you;
Celebrant **And also with you.**
People Lift up your hearts.
Celebrant **We lift them to the Lord.**
People Let us give thanks to our Lord God.
Celebrant **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Zucchetto Off!

The Celebrant continues

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessèd ✠ is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer D

The People stand or kneel as are able, and the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may ✠ descend upon us, and upon these gifts, ✠ sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with Blessèd Mary the Godbearer, Blessèd John the Apostle and Evangelist, with patriarchs, matriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

The People respond in a loud voice **AMEN.**

The Celebrant 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Host, and a period of silence is kept

The Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover *Fletcher*

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation

The Celebrant proclaims

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Celebrant says to those worshipping online

Dear Friends in Christ, because of the coronavirus pandemic, some of us are not able to gather together physically, and thus, cannot receive the Blessed Sacrament physically. *But it does not mean that those cannot receive Communion at all.* God's love and blessing are without bounds, and God will not deny his grace to any who truly desire to be in communion with him. One need not eat the bread to attend the banquet. Invite into your heart the One who first invited you, and in your heart God will feast with you. I therefore invite those of you who are separated from us by distance, circumstance, or even time, to repeat after me each phrase of this Act of Spiritual Communion, to be truly united with our Maker who welcomes us and feeds us with his unconditional love.

The Celebrant reads the Act by phrases, the People repeating after him

Blesséd Jesus, | I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, | and, since I cannot now receive communion, | I pray you to come into my heart. | I unite myself with you and embrace you | with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. | Let nothing separate me from you; | let me serve you in this life | until, by your grace, | I come to your glorious kingdom | and unending peace. Amen.

The Celebrant then receives the bread and wine

The Celebrant then consumes any remaining bread and wine, cleans the vessels, and removes from the Altar

The People remain standing as the Celebrant goes to the Altar and says

Let us pray together:

Zucchetto On!

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 Celebrant then says

Let us pray together for St. John's in Transition.

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a priest for this parish; that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epiphany Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the People

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

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

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Announcements

*To all who are visiting with us today, or watching this live, or on-demand:
thank you for being with us in prayer—you are most welcome, always!*

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Leading and Supporting our Worship Today

The Rev. Barry M. Signorelli
Supply Priest; Celebrant and Homilist

The Rev. Deacon John H. Van Dine
Deacon and Intercessor

Ms. Kathy Cascone
Lector

Mr. Bruce Parker
Zoom Administrator



Schedule of Services

The Weekly Parish Eucharist
Sundays at 10:00am and Livestreamed on Zoom



In case you were wondering...

Why does my mic have to be muted? And why should I read aloud at home?

One of the truths online worship has taught us is the difficulty of reading in unison when the people are not all in the same room. Individual voices travelling through the circuits and switches of the Internet will not all arrive at the same time. Yet unison reading is at the heart of our corporate worship, our “common prayer,” as though all our voices are blending into one as they rise to the ear of the Almighty. But we know that: 1) when God leads us into a wilderness, we will lose some things that give us familiarity, comfort, and meaning; but 2) God is *always* with us, leading us to something new, helping us see new solutions for new problems.

We believe God has led us to the following solution for this problem: only the mics of the clergy and the lectors (readers) will be active during the service. All others will be muted throughout. But this does not make the Office something to be “watched;” participation is expected of each of us, to contribute to “the work of the people” (which is what the Greek origin of the word “liturgy” means). The sections appearing in **boldface** are the People’s responses, and you, as the People, should read them, *aloud and with intention*, along with the speaker.

Even though you won’t hear your fellow worshipers’ voices blending with yours, you will still be reading in unison, even though each one is in a different place. You may not hear those voices joined, but God does, for separation by space, and even by time, means nothing to the One who is everywhere, always. If you are new to streaming worship, it may at first feel awkward to read aloud whether you are alone or with others; you will grow used to it. Try to remember that the very act of reading the same words at the same time as everyone else folds you in with the rest and anchors you in the community’s “common prayer.” And don’t forget, in worship we are always surrounded by the “Angels and Archangels and all the company of heaven;” and even though we can’t hear them, what honor and glory to know that our voices are added to theirs!

What is “spiritual communion”?

Long-standing practice in the Episcopal Church has offered a means for the faithful to receive Holy Communion spiritually when it cannot be received physically. For example, in the service for the *Ministration with the Sick* in the Book of Common Prayer, the following rubric is given:

If a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but, by reason of extreme sickness or physical disability, is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine, the Celebrant is to assure that person that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth. (BCP, p. 457)

In these challenging times, many people may find themselves unable to receive Holy Communion physically due to illness or suspended worship gatherings. We are using a venerable resource from the (Anglican) Saint Augustine’s Prayer Book (*Forward Movement, 2014*) made available by Forward Movement Publications.

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