

Holy Eucharist Rite II

with Spiritual Communion

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY – DECEMBER 24, 2020
AT 5:00PM

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Opening Sentences and Prayers

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

Congregation: *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Celebrant: 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.*

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Song of Praise: O Come All Ye Faithful

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Opening Sentences and Prayers

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

Congregation: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

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A Reading from Isaiah 9: 2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness--on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

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A Reading from Isaiah 9: 2-7

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: *Thanks be to God.*

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Psalm 96: *Cantate Domino*

Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation
from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
As for all the gods of the nations, they are but
idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his
presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.

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Psalm 96: *Cantate Domino*

Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be
moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."
Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be
glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for
joy before the Lord when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

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The Gospel Luke 2:1-14

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

Congregation: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

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The Gospel Luke 2:1-14

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he
favors!"

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: *Praise to You, Lord Christ.*

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A Christmas Story

told by Rev. Robin Razzino

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Prayers of the People

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *(Silence)*

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;

Congregation: *For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

Congregation: *For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

Congregation: *For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

Congregation: *For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

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Prayers of the People

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

Congregation: *For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

Leader: For Michael our presiding bishop and Susan, Jennifer and Porter our bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

Congregation: *For all who serve God in his Church.*

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
(Silence) The People may add their own petitions.

Leader: Hear us, Lord;

Congregation: *For your mercy is great.*

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Prayers of the People

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

(Silence) The People may add their own thanksgivings

Leader: We will exalt you, O God our King;

Congregation: *And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

(Silence) The People may add their own petitions

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Congregation: Who put their trust in you.

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Prayers of the People

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
(Silence)

ALL: *Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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The Peace

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

Congregation: And also with you.

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The Holy Communion The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer B

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 him thanks and praise.

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The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: 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...

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:

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The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer B

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.

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The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer B

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.

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The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer B

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."

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The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer B

Celebrant: Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People: We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;*

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The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer B

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.

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The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer B

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.

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

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The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer B

Celebrant and People:

*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.*

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The Holy Communion The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer B

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover
is sacrificed for us;

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

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the
People of God.

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The Holy Communion The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer B

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Gracious and Loving God, you have made us one in the Body of Christ, and nourished us at your table with holy food and drink. Now send us forth to be your people in the world. Grant us strength to persevere in resisting evil, and to proclaim in all we say and do your Good News in Christ Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

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Christmas Season Blessing

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.

AMEN.

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Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

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Silent Night