

Order of Service for  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF  
THE NATIVITY



*The Wedding at Cana, 1973. Jesus MAFA, Cameroon.*

January 19, 2025

10:30 A.M.

Second Sunday After the Epiphany, Year C

This service bulletin contains all that you need for our service. We invite you to participate fully in our worship. If you are unfamiliar with the ritual customs of the Episcopal Church, simply allow the congregation to carry you in worship. At times you will be invited to stand but this is only an invitation and is not required.

# Holy Eucharist, Rite II

## Prelude

Processional: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Hymnal 1982, #450

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate  
2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar  
3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did  
\* 4 Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - sored of the  
\* 5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the

1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and  
2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and  
3 call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and  
4 fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and  
5 gall, go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and

1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al  
2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of  
3 crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate,  
4 crown him Lord of all! hail him who saves you  
5 crown him Lord of all! go, spread your tro - phies

1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
 2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!  
 3 Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!  
 4 by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
 5 at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!

6 Let every kindred, every tribe,  
 on this terrestrial ball,  
 to him all majesty ascribe,  
 and crown him Lord of all!

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. BCP 355  
*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

**Gloria:** Old Scottish Chant (arr. White) Congregational Music for Eucharist #5

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly  
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, We  
 wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your  
 glo - ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the

Fa - ther, — Lord God, Lamb of God,  
 you take a-way the sin of the world:  
 have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the  
 right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our  
 prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the  
 Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi - rit, — in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. —

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah:

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
 and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,

until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.  
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the LORD delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.  
For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your builder marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 36:5-10**

- 5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, \*  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- 6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,  
your justice like the great deep; \*  
you save both man and beast, O LORD.
- 7 How priceless is your love, O God! \*  
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
- 8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; \*  
you give them drink from the river of your delights.
- 9 For with you is the well of life, \*  
and in your light we see light.
- 10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, \*  
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

A reading from First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual: Your Word

MHSO #81

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Your word, (your word,) your word (your word,) is a lamp to my feet. Your word, (your word,) your word (your word,) is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path. (and a light to my path.) Your word, (your word,) your word (your word,) is a lamp to my feet." The score includes a "Crescendo" marking above the first staff and an "Echo on repeat" marking above the second staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

**Holy Gospel***Celebrant*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

*Celebrant*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People***Praise to you, Lord Christ.****Sermon***Silence***Nicene Creed**

BCP 358

Let us stand and confirm our faith in the words of 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:**



**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 Prayers of the People Form IV**

BCP 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.



*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those who are on our prayer list; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

**Confession**

BCP 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

**Absolution**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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

**Offertory Anthem:** Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

arr. Kirkby

**Doxology:** Glory Be to the Father

United Methodist Hymnal #71



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly  
Ghost. As it was in the be - gin - ning is now and ev - er shall be,  
world with - out end. A - men, a - - men.

## Great Thanksgiving

BCP 361

*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

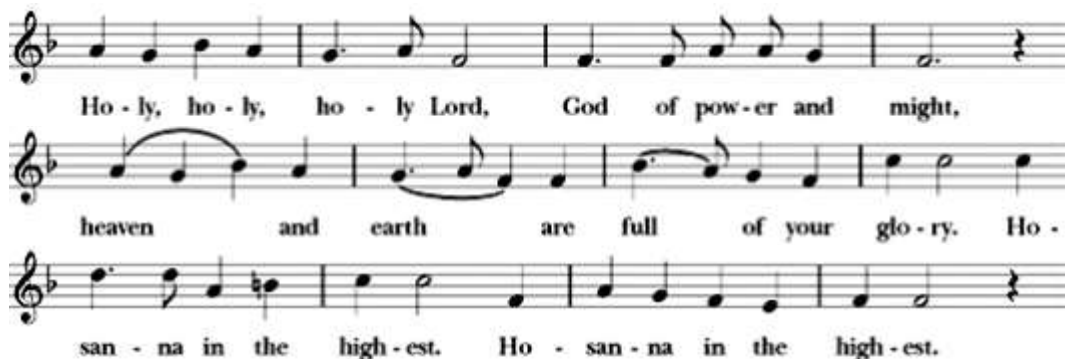
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *The Celebrant bids a proper preface before continuing.* 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:

**Sanctus:** Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Hymnal 1982, #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.



Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.

**Fraction Anthem:** The Disciples Knew the Lord Jesus

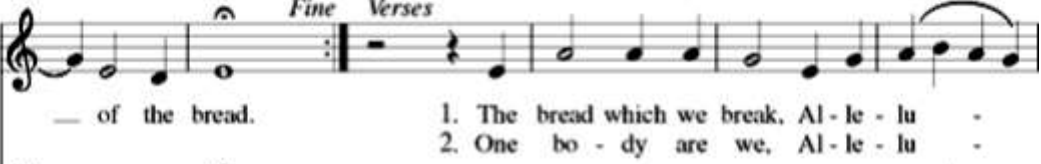
WLP #876

*Antiphon*  
*Cantor, then all*



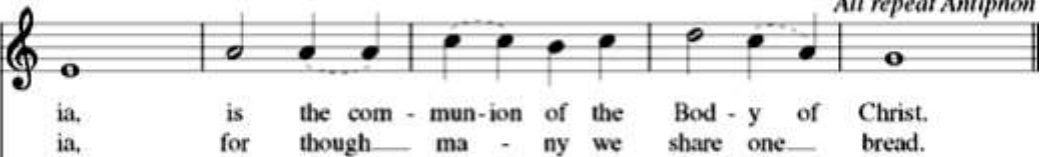
The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing

*Fine Verses*



— of the bread. 1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu -  
 2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu -

*All repeat Antiphon*



ia, is the com - mun - ion of the Bod - y of Christ,  
 ia, for though - ma - ny we share one - bread.

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Ushers are available to help.*

**Communion Hymn:** Strengthen for Service, Lord, the Hands

H. 1982, #312



1 Strength - en for ser - vice, Lord, the hands that ho - ly  
 2 Lord, may the tongues which "Ho - ly" sang, keep free from  
 3 The feet that tread thy hal - lowed courts from light do

things have tak - en; let ears that now have  
 all de - ceiv - ing; the eyes which saw thy  
 thou not ban - ish; the bo - dies by thy

heard thy songs to clam - or nev - er wak - en.  
 love be bright, thy bless - ed hope per - ceiv - ing.  
 Bo - dy fed with thy new life re - ple - nish.

**Post-Communion Prayer**

BCP 365

Let us pray.

**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.**

*The Celebrant gives a final blessing.*

**Recessional: Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim**

Hymnal 1982, #535

1 Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,  
 2 God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;  
 3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!  
 4 Then let us a - dore, and give him his right:

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful Name;  
 and still he is nigh: his pres - ence we have.  
 Let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son.  
 All glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

the Name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol:  
 The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,  
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,  
 and hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

his king - dom is glo - rious; he rules o - ver all.  
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.  
 fall down on their fa - ces, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
 and thanks nev - er - ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

**Dismissal**

*Celebrant  
 People*

Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Postlude**

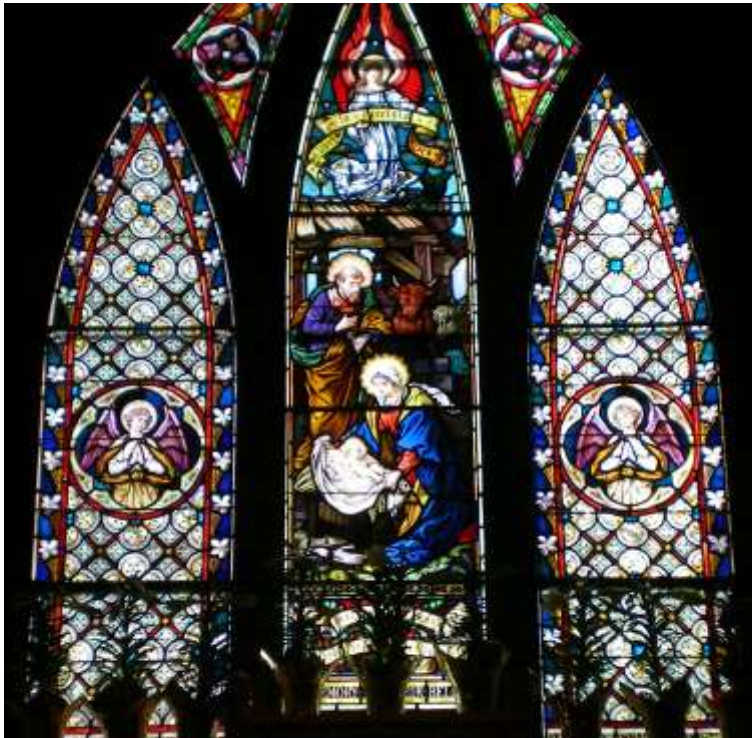




**Thank you for worshipping with us at Church of the Nativity this morning.**

**Our Open Table Communion** is being served at the Altar, and is brought to those with limited mobility in the pews. We are using the Common Cup. All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

- 1) In coming to the altar rail the ushers will indicate how many to go to the altar at a time.
- 2) At the altar rail you may stand or kneel as you prefer. To receive a gluten free wafer, place one hand palm down over the other.
- 3) When receiving from the Common Cup, please help to guide the Cup by gently holding the base of the Cup.
- 4) Those not wishing to receive the wine may cross their arms over the chest and respond to the words, the Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation, with “Amen”.
- 5) We are no longer using the practice of intinction (dipping the bread into the wine).



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