



St. Peter's Anglican Church  
Loveland, CO

## HOLY EUCHARIST & HOLY BAPTISM

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Epiphany  
The Baptism of our Lord*

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST



January 7, 2024



**Processional: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise –  
H #91**

Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,  
Manifested by the star  
To the sages from afar;  
Branch of royal David's stem  
In thy birth at Bethlehem;  
Anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
And at Cana, wedding-guest,  
In thy Godhead manifest;  
Manifest in pow'r divine,  
Changing water into wine;  
Anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

Manifest in making whole  
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
Manifest in valiant fight,  
Quelling all the devil's might;  
Manifest in gracious will,  
Ever bringing good from ill;  
Anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,  
Mirrored in thy holy Word;  
May we imitate thee now,  
And be pure, as pure art thou;  
That we like to thee may be  
At thy great epiphany,  
And may praise thee, ever blest,  
God in man made manifest.

*Celebrant:* I will make you as a light for the nations,

***People:* That my salvation may reach to the end of  
the earth.**

***All:* 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.**

*Deacon/Priest:* Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and  
with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first  
and great commandment. And the second is like it: You

shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two  
commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

- *Matthew 22:37-40*

***The Kyrie***

*Celebrant:* Lord, have mercy upon us.

***People:* Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*Celebrant:* Lord, have mercy upon us.

***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 upon us.*

*You are seated at the right hand of the Father,*

*Receive our prayer.*

*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.*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

***People:* And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray:

***Collect for the Day***

*Celebrant:* Eternal Father, at the baptism of Jesus you  
revealed him to be your Son, and your Holy Spirit  
descended upon him like a dove: Grant that we, who  
are born again by water and the Spirit, may be faithful  
as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

*(The people may sit.)*

**The First Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-9**

1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in  
whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations. 2 He will not  
cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the  
street; 3 a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly  
burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring

forth justice. 4 He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. 5 Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: 6 “I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, 7 to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. 8 I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. 9 Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm 89:20-29** *Misericordias Domini*

20 I have found David my **ser-vant**; \*  
with my holy oil have / I **a-noin**-ted him.  
21 My hand shall hold him **fast**, \*  
and my / arm shall **strength**-en him.  
22 The enemy shall not be able to do him **vi-olence**; \*  
the son of wickedness / shall not **hurt** him.  
23 I will smite his foes before his **face** \*  
and strike down / those who **hate** him.  
24 My faithfulness and my mercy shall be with **him**, \*  
and in my Name shall his horn / be **e-xal**-ted.  
25 I will give him dominion over the **sea**, \*  
and with his right hand shall he / rule the **ri-vers**.  
26 He shall say to me, “You are my **Fa**-ther, \*  
my God and the rock of / my **sal-va**-tion.”  
27 And I will make him my **first**-born, \*  
higher than the / kings of **the** earth.  
28 My mercy will I keep for him for **e-ver**, \*  
and my covenant shall / stand **fast with** him.  
29 His seed will I make to endure for **e-ver** \*  
and his throne as the / days of **hea-ven**.

*All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And / to the Ho-ly Ghost  
As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and shall be for-ever A-men.*

**The Second Lesson: Acts 10:34-38**

34 So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus

Christ (he is Lord of all), 37 you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

**What Star is This— H #85 (V. 1-3)**

What star is this, with beams so bright,  
More beautiful than the noonday light?  
It shines to herald forth the King,  
And Gentiles to his crib to bring.

True spake the prophet from afar  
Who told the rise of Jacob’s star;  
And eastern sages with amazed  
Upon the wondrous token gaze.

The guiding star above is bright;  
Within them shines a clearer light,  
And leads them on with power benign  
To seek the Giver of the sign.

*Deacon or Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark.

*All:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:7–11**

7 And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. 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 when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. 11 And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

*Deacon or Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*All:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**What Star is This— H #85 (V. 4-5)**

Their love can brook no dull delay,  
Through toil and danger block the way;  
Home, kindred, fatherland, and all  
They leave at their Creator’s call.

O Jesus, while the star of grace  
Impels us on to seek thy face,  
Let not our slothful hearts refuse  
The guidance of thy light to use.

### *The Sermon*

### *The Holy Baptism*

*Etta V Grace Moore*

*Celebrant:* Dearly beloved, Scripture teaches that we were all dead in our sins and trespasses, but by grace we may be saved through faith. Our Savior Jesus Christ said, "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God"; and he commissioned the Church to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Here we ask our heavenly Father that *this Candidate*, being baptized with water, may be filled with the Holy Spirit, born again, and received into the Church as *a living member* of Christ's body. Therefore, I urge you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his abundant mercy he will grant to *this Candidate* that which by nature *he* cannot have.

*Celebrant:* The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents and Sponsors:*

We present \_\_\_\_\_ to receive the  
Sacrament of Baptism.

*Celebrant:* Today, on behalf of *this child*, you shall make vows to renounce the devil and all his works, to trust God wholeheartedly, and to serve him faithfully. It is your task to see that *this child* is taught, as soon as *he is* able to learn, the meaning of all these vows, and of the Faith that you will profess as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. *He* must come to put *his* faith in Jesus Christ, and learn the Creeds, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and all other things that a Christian ought to know, believe, and do for the welfare of *his* soul. When *he has* embraced all these, *he is* to come to the Bishop to be confirmed, that *he* may publicly claim the Faith for *his* own and be further strengthened by the Holy Spirit to serve Christ and his kingdom.

*Celebrant:* Are you willing and ready to undertake this?

*Parents and Sponsors:* I am, the Lord being my helper.

### *Profession of Faith*

*Celebrant:* Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer:* I renounce them.

*Celebrant:* Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer:* I renounce them.

*Celebrant:* Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer:* I renounce them.

*Celebrant:* Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and evil, and lead you into the light and obedience of the kingdom of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

*Answer:* I do.

*Celebrant:* Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

*Answer:* I do.

*Celebrant:* Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

*Answer:* I will, the Lord being my helper.

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

*Celebrant (to Congregation):* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *this person* in *his* life in Christ?

**People: We will.**

*Celebrant:* Let us join with *this Candidate* to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed.

*Celebrant:* Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**People: I do.  
I believe in God the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

**People: I do.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our  
Lord.**



**He was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at  
the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and  
the dead.**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

*People:* **I do.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### *Litany for the Candidate*

*Deacon:* Let us now pray for *this Candidate* who is to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Deacon:* That *he* may come to confess *his* faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

*People:* **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

*Deacon:* That *he* may continue in the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

*People:* **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

*Deacon:* That *he* may walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which *he has* been called, ever growing in faith and all heavenly virtues.

*People:* **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

*Deacon:* That *he* may persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever *he falls* into sin, repent and return to the Lord.

*People:* **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

*Deacon:* That *he* may proclaim by word and deed the Good News of God in Christ Jesus to a lost and broken world.

*People:* **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

*Deacon:* That as a *living member* of the Body of Christ, *he* may grow up in every way into him who is the head.

*People:* **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

*Deacon:* That, looking to Jesus, *he* may run with endurance the race set before *him*, and at the last receive the unfading crown of glory.

*People:* **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

#### *Prayer for the Candidate*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting Father, in your great mercy you saved Noah and his family in the Ark from the destruction of the flood, prefiguring the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Look mercifully upon *this* your *servant*. Wash and sanctify *him* through your Holy Spirit, that *he* may be delivered from destruction and received into the Ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, *he* may pass through the turbulent floods of this troublesome world and come into the land of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

#### *Thanksgiving Over the Water*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant:* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John in the River Jordan when the Holy Spirit descended upon him as a dove.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are made regenerate by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now, Father, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit. May all who are baptized here be cleansed from sin, be born again, and continue for ever faithful in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## ***The Baptism***

*Celebrant:* Name this child.

*(Parents and Sponsors)*

*Celebrant:* \_\_\_\_\_, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* \_\_\_\_\_, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *this* your *servant* the forgiveness of sin, received *him* as your own *child* by adoption, made *him* a member of your holy Church, and raised *him* to the new life of grace. Sustain *him*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit, that *he* may enjoy everlasting salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**All: We receive you into the fellowship of the Church. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in the royal priesthood of all his people.**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

## ***The Peace***

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

**All: And with your spirit.**

## ***The Offering***

*“Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God”.*

Ephesians 5:2

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

## ***Offertory: We Know That Christ is Raised – H #259***

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold.  
And our despair he turned to blazing joy.  
Alleluia!

We share by water in his saving death.  
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life,  
As living members of a living Christ.  
Alleluia!

The Father's Splendor clothes the Son with life.  
The Spirit's power shakes the Church of God.  
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One.  
Alleluia!

A new creation comes to life and grows,  
As Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.  
The universe restored and whole will sing:  
Alleluia!

## ***The Doxology***

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Celebrant:* Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

**People: And of your own have we given you.**

*1 Chronicles 29:11, 14*

## ***The Great Thanksgiving***

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant:* It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*(Proper Preface)* Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who took on our mortal flesh to reveal his glory; that he might bring us out of darkness and into his own glorious light.

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:

## ***The Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord - #785***

*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*

*(The people may kneel, stand, or sit.)*

*Celebrant:* Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation.

By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given 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."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant:* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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 forever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*(Please kneel or stand as you are able.)*

### ***Prayer of Humble Access***

**All: We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

### ***The Agnus Dei - #786***

*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.*

*Celebrant:* 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.

*(You may kneel, stand, or sit during Communion.)*



## **Communion Hymns**

### ***On This Clear Night- H #87***

On this clear night, led by a star  
Much brighter than the rest  
Wise Gentiles travel west  
To see God's Wisdom manifest:  
Emmanuel has come to earth  
In human vesture dressed.

Incense and gold they give to him,  
The King whom Herod fears.  
To those who see the Light of lights,  
Salvation now appears,  
Ordained before all times,  
Until the fullness of the years.

The boy Messiah's wisdom  
In the temple soon is heard,  
The wond'ring scribes astonished  
By God's flesh encompassed Word,  
More powerful, more piercing,  
Than a soul dividing sword.

In Jordan, God's beloved Son  
Fulfills all righteousness,  
Baptized by John the prophet  
Crying in the wilderness,  
"Prepare a highway for our God,  
The way of holiness."

Thus marked the Groom-to-be  
As guest performs a wondrous sign;  
At wedding feast, the Word made flesh  
Turns water into wine.  
The best has been withheld till now:  
The fruit of Christ the Vine.

To one born blind, the world's  
True Light reveals a radiant sight:  
The vision of his kingdom, coming  
Into earth's dark night.  
Unto his saints, once blind to Truth,  
The healer shows his might.

Unto the Father, Son and Spirit,  
Holy Trinity,  
The Three in One, the one  
And only glorious Deity,  
All praise and honor  
Be for Jesus' great Epiphany.  
Great Epiphany.

### ***Saw You Never in the Twilight – H #86***

Saw you never, in the twilight,  
When the sun had left the skies,  
Up in heav'n the clear stars shining  
Thro' the gloom, like silver eyes?  
So of old the wise men, watching,  
Saw a little stranger star,  
And they knew the King was given,  
And they followed it from far.

Heard you never of the story:  
How they crossed the desert wild,  
Journey'd on by plain and mountain  
Till they found the holy child?  
How they open'd all their treasure,  
Kneeling to that infant King;  
Gave the gold and fragrant incense,  
Gave the myrrh in offering?

Know ye not that lowly baby  
Was the bright and Morning Star?  
He who came to light the Gentiles  
And the darken'd isles afar?  
And we, too, may seek his cradle;  
There our hearts' best treasures bring;  
Love and faith and true devotion  
For our Savior, God, and King.

### ***Brightest And Best - Getty & Skaggs***

Hail blessed morn, see the great Mediator  
Down from the regions of glory descend  
Shepherds go worship the babe in a manger  
Lo, for a guard the bright angels attend

Say, shall we yield Him, in costly devotion  
Fragrance of Edom and offerings divine?  
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean  
Myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?

*Refrain:*

*Brightest and best of sons of the morning  
Dawn on our darkness and lend us Thine aid  
Star in the East, the horizon adorning  
Guide where our infant Redeemer was laid*

Vainly we offer each ample oblation  
Vainly with gifts would His favor secure  
Richer by far is the heart's adoration  
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor  
*(Refrain)*

Cold on His cradle the dewdrops were shining  
Low lies His bed with the beasts of the stall  
Angels adore Him, in slumbers reclining  
Wise men and shepherds before Him do fall  
*(Refrain)*

***Post Communion Prayer***

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**All: Heavenly Father, 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 forever. Amen.**

***The Blessing***

*Celebrant:* The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

***Recessional: Crashing Waters at Creation –  
H #252***

Crashing waters at creation,  
Ordered by Spirit's breath,  
First to witness day's beginning  
From the brightness of the night's death.  
Parting water stood and trembled  
As the captives passed on through,  
Washing off the chains of bondage  
Channel to the life made new.

Cleansing water once at Jordan  
Closed a around the One foretold,  
Opened to reveal the glory  
Ever new and ever old.  
Living water, never ending,  
Quench the thirst and flood the soul.  
Wellspring, source of life eternal,  
Drench our dryness, make us whole.

***The Dismissal***

*Deacon or Priest:* Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth  
in the name of Christ.

***People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**



