



Holy Nativity



EASTER SEASON 2021
10:30 A.M. Service

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude

The Opening Acclamation

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

A period of silence is kept.

The First Lesson

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

The Second Lesson

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A period of silence is kept.

The Gospel

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ.

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

After the Gospel reading

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

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



The Sermon

A period of silence is kept for reflection and meditation on the sermon, during which time anyone who wishes may offer a brief reflection.

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 of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

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 worshiped and glorified,
and 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 Presider continues.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

Sanctus *Everyone says.*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord.
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One
 who comes in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Presider continues.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: And now, as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say.

Everyone says.

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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.*

A period of silence is kept.

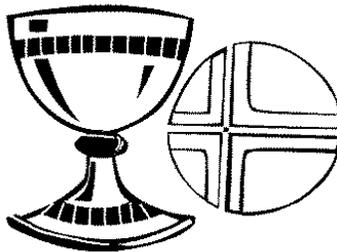
The Fraction Anthem *The cantor sings.*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

The Invitation

Presider: Bread and wine; the gifts of God for the people of God.

People: **May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.**



The Spiritual Communion Prayer *The Prayer Volunteer says.*

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. **Amen.**

The Post-Communion Prayer *Everyone says.*

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with Spiritual Food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people -- forgiven, healed, renewed -- that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.



The Concluding Hymn

The Easter Blessing and Dismissal *The Presider says.*

May God bless you with discomfort
at easy answers, half-truths, and dishonest relationships
so that you may live deep within your heart. **Amen.**

May God bless you with righteous anger
at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people
so that you may work for justice, freedom, and peace. **Amen.**

May God bless you with tears
to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war
so that you may reach out your hands to comfort them and turn their pain to joy.
Amen.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness
to make a difference through Christ in our world
so you do what others claim cannot be done. **Amen.**

Presider: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ.
People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Postlude



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We support each other as we celebrate God's blessings in our
lives through worship, prayer, music, and service to others.**