

The Holy Eucharist

January 7, 2024

The First Sunday After the Epiphany The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

St. Barnabas Mission Statement

We experience God's redeeming love in all and through all and respond to love through faithful worship, life-long spiritual growth, and committed outreach.

Our community shares a progressive faith, opens our arms to all seekers, and works to make the world more just.

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story of Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to recreate the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.**

The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the coming of the Magi to Bethlehem to praise and honor the birth of Christ. Bearing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, the Magi represent the nations of the world who come to embrace the Christ as God's way of Love. Traditionally observed on January 6, we begin this liturgy with an observance of Epiphany. In some parts of Europe, "Chalking the Doors" of homes and churches has been an Epiphany custom since the Middle Ages. During the years of Soviet dominance in Eastern Europe, the practice was an act of defiance against the state. It is reported, for instance, that chalking was widely practiced in Poland. The tradition has been gaining popularity in recent years in the United States.

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The letters stand for Christus Mansionem Benedicat, which means, "May Christ bless this dwelling." They can also stand for the traditional names of the Wise Ones who came to Bethlehem bearing gifts for the Christ Child – **C**aspar, **M**elchior, and **B**althesar. The chalking may be done above the doorway or on the doorframe.

A bell tolls. THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND TRAVELERS

For our St. Barnabas family, here and elsewhere.

Birthday Prayer

Watch over your children, O God, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be, strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Prayer

Send, O God, your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their homes may be havens of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

A Prayer for Travelers

Almighty God, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRELUDE

Carol of the Star Robert Powell

The Liturgy of Gathering

All gather in Lukens Wing. THE CHALKING OF THE DOOR

The Blessing of the Chalk

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lord Jesus, by your holy incarnation you made the earthly and the ordinary holy. +Bless this chalk so that we may, in faith, mark our homes and this place of worship as places where you are honored and adored. **Amen**.

The explanation of the Chalking of the Door is read. A member of the congregation chalks the door of the sanctuary. The doors are then opened and the people process into the church during the Gathering Hymn. Leading the process are children and youth carrying the figurines of the Wise Ones to add to the creche.

THE GATHERING HYMN (9:30)*

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The Prayer

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Let us pray...O God, who led the Magi by the leading of a star: Remind us as we go out and come in throughout all our days that you are with us. Help us to seek your presence and help us to see you in the faces of those we encounter. As the mark of the chalk fades, help us remember your unfailing faithfulness and unfading light and love; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

THE TRISAGION (7:45)

The Trisagion is prayed three times. Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal One. **Have mercy on us.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE (9:30)*



THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...Abba in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your Beloved One and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into Jesus' 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 PRAYER OF DISCERNMENT FOR THE ELECTION OF THE PRESIDING BISHOP

Almighty God, source of all wisdom and understanding: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the hearts and minds of those who will choose our next presiding bishop, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for all of your people, equip us for our ministries, and proclaim your word to us and to the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit.

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Genesis I:1–5

Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the formless void, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for us. God created and continues to create new life.**

The reading is introduced. A reading from the book of Genesis.

In the Beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

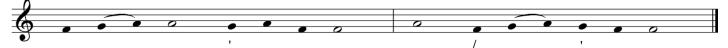
But the earth became chaos and emptiness, and darkness came over the face of the Deep—yet the Spirit of God was brooding over the surface of the waters.

Then God said, "Light: Be!" and light was. God saw that light was good, and God separated light from darkness. God called the light "Day" and the darkness "Night." Evening came, and morning followed—the first day.

A brief silence, then: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 29 Afferte Domino

The cantor sings the first verse of the psalm and the congregation joins in on verse two.



Ascribe to God, you ' heavenly beings, * ascribe to God / glory and ' strength.

Ascribe due honor to God's ' holy Name; * worship the Most High in the / beauty of ' holiness.

The voice of God is upon the waters; the God of 'glory thunders; * God is upon / the mighty 'waters.

The voice of God is a 'powerful voice; * the voice of God is / a voice of 'splendor.

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The voice of God breaks the ' cedar trees;
God breaks the ' cedars of ' Lebanon;
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God makes Lebanon skip ' like a calf *
and Mount Hermon like / a young wild ' ox.
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The voice of God splits the flames of fire; the voice of God shakes the 'wilderness; * God shakes the wilder- / ness of Ka- ' desh.

The voice of God makes the 'oak trees writhe * and strips / the forest ' bare.

And in the temple of the 'Holy One, * all / are crying, '"Glory!"

God sits enthroned ' above the flood, * enthroned as / Sovereign for ' evermore.

God shall give strength ' to the people; * God shall give the people the / blessing of ' peace.

Glory to God, Source of All Being, Incarnate Word and ' Holy Spirit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. / Alle- ' luia!

THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES Acts 19:1–7

In Ephesus, Paul encounters people who had received John's baptism for repentance, but had never heard of the Holy Spirit or baptism in the Name of Jesus. After Paul baptizes them, the Holy Spirit comes upon them and empowers them with gifts of the Spirit.**

The reading is introduced. A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior of the country and came to Ephesus. There Paul found disciples, to whom he put the question, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?"

They replied, "No, we were never even told there was such a thing as a Holy Spirit."

"Then how were you baptized?" he asked. "

"With John's baptism," they responded.

Paul then explained, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance; he insisted that the people believe in the one who was to come after him—in other words, Jesus."

When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. And the moment Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came down on them, and they began to speak in tongues and prophesy. There were about twelve of them.

A brief silence, then: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.** Please stand in body or spirit.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (9:30)*



Cantor: Let the peace of Christ rule your hearts, and let the Word-made-flesh dwell in you richly.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 1:4–11

Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism with some irony: the One on whom the Spirit descends is himself the One who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.**

The Holy Gospel is introduced.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Christ.**

And so John the Baptizer appeared in the desert, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to John and were baptized by him in the Jordan River as they confessed their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist, and he ate nothing but grasshoppers and wild honey. In the course of his preaching, John said, "One more powerful than I is to come after me. I am not fit to stoop and untie his sandal straps. I have baptized you in water, but the One to come will baptize you in the Holy Spirit."

It was then that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan River by John. Immediately upon coming out of the water, Jesus saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. Then a voice came from the heavens: "You are my Beloved, my Own. On you my favor rests."

A brief silence, then: The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please sit.
The Homily Fr. Jeffrey Nelson

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE RENEWAL OF THE BAPTISMAL VOWS

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, as we celebrate Christ's baptism by John in the River Jordan, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in the holy catholic Church.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ? **I do.**

As the Creed is professed, water is sprinkled on the assembly in remembrance of Baptism.

Do you believe in God, the Source of All Being? I believe in God, the Source of All Being, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Beloved One of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's Beloved One, our Lord: who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary; who suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried, and who descended to the dead. Who on the third day rose again, ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the God. Christ will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? 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.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? **I will, with God's help.**

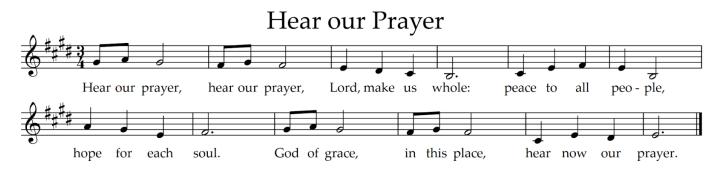
Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? I will, with God's help.

Let us pray...Almighty God, in Christ you have given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins: Grant that we may continue in the covenant we have made in the waters of Baptism, and give to us eternal life by your grace; through Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen**.

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

It is our custom to light candles for those who are sick or distressed and to remember those who have died. The prayer stations are on either side of the Altar. The refrain is sung three times. (9:30)*



Trusting in God's good news of great joy for all people, we offer our prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and the world God loves.

A brief silence.

Glory to you, God, for the song of the angels, proclaiming to the world Christ's holy birth. Give your Church a joyful song to sing, that we bring good news of peace and salvation to all people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Glory to you, God, for the stars that shine in the depth of the night. Provoke awe in our hearts at the expansive mystery of the cosmos. Open us to find beauty in the clear darkness of the night and in the first glimmers of dawn. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Glory to you, God, for the child born to us who establishes a realm of justice and righteousness. Break bonds of oppression, bring reconciliation to warring lands, especially Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza, and establish peace from this time onward and forevermore. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

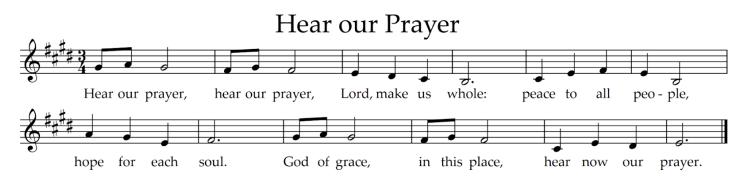
Glory to you, God, for Mary's loving care. Lead us to tend to one another in time of need. Share the comfort of your presence with all people this day who are alone or separated from loved ones due to estrangement, incarceration, or illness, especially, the Hayes family, Joe, Ann, the Wier family, Faith, Jeanne, John and Patrice, Mark, Tim, Tom, the Sneed family, Jim and Diana, the people of Ukraine, the Israeli and Palestinian people, those who struggle with conflict, natural and human disaster, and those we name aloud or in silence *(pause)*. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Glory to you, God, for the multitude of the heavenly host. We rejoice in the zeal of all your saints who have witnessed the appearing of your grace, and who reveal to us your salvation for all. We especially remember Heidi, Eugene, Larry, Nancy, Maureen, and those we name aloud or in silence *(pause)*. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great**.

Abide with us, O God of mercy, and receive our prayers according to your abundant grace. Amen.

The refrain is sung once more.*



THE CONFESSION OF SIN AND FORGIVENESS**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection.

God, our rock and our refuge,

we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your Good News to all. Amen.

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.**

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ, the light of the world, be always with you. **And also with you.**

All share a greeting of peace.

The Liturgy of the Meal

THE OFFERTORY The Offertory Sentence

Please sit.

The Presentation of the Bread and Wine

Offertory Music

I Will Arise Alice Walker and Robert Shaw

Please stand in body or spirit.

The Presentation of the Gifts (7:45) All things come of thee, O Lord,

and of thine own have we given thee.

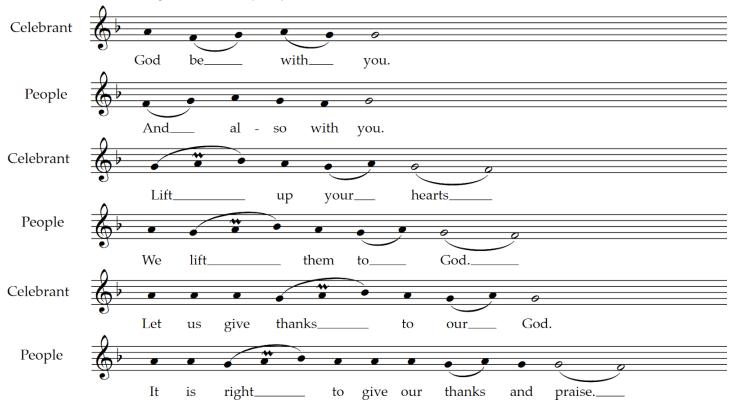
The Offertory Hymn (9:30)*



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Preface and Proper Preface (7:45)
God be with you.
And also with you
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to God.
Let us give thanks to our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Preface and Proper Preface (9:30)*



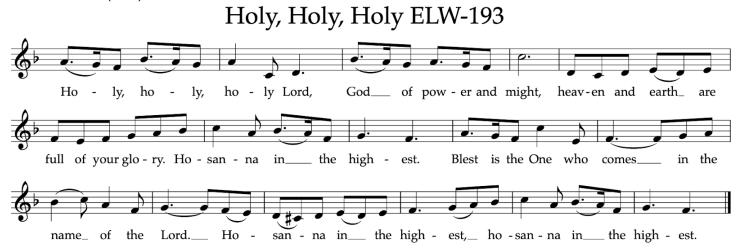
The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give you thanks, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth; because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Beloved One Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 (7:45)
Holy, Holy, 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 Sanctus (9:30)*



The Celebrant 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 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, Jesus 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 Lord 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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:

Celebrant and People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering Christ's 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 the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Barnabas, blessed Heidi, blessed Eugene, blessed Larry, blessed Nancy, blessed Maureen and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

All this we ask through your Beloved One Jesus Christ. By Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

The Lord's Prayer (7:45)

It is our custom to hold hands during The Lord's Prayer. As Jesus has taught us, we pray those words that bind us together:

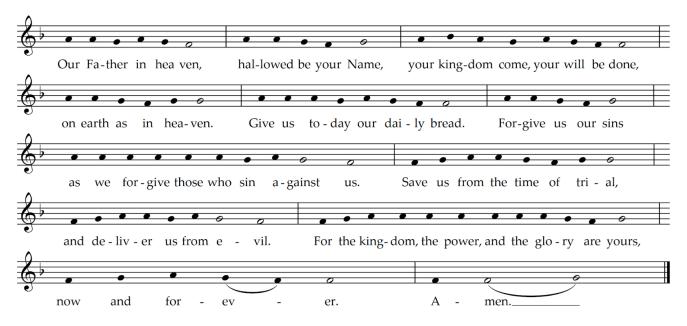
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

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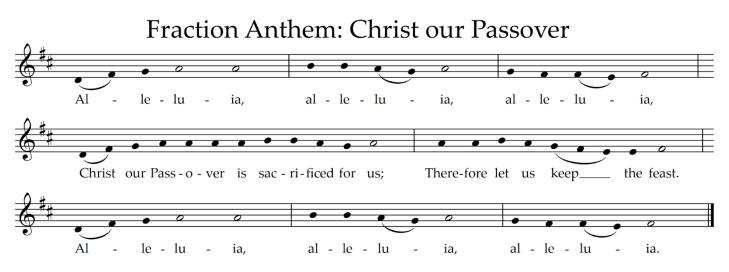
As Jesus has taught us, we pray those words that bind us together:



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND FRACTION ANTHEM (7:45)

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

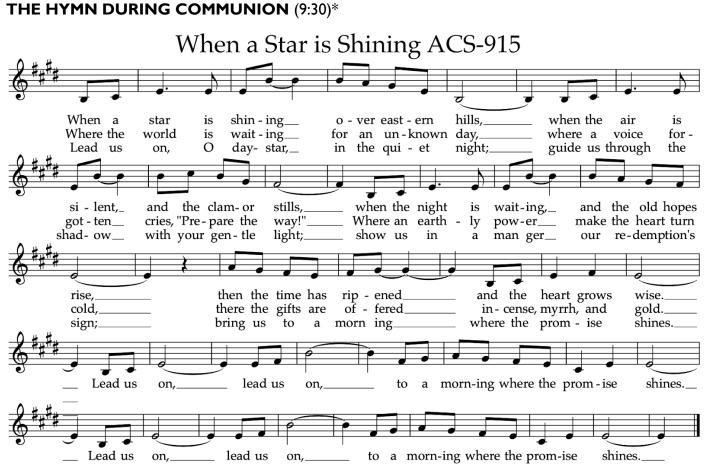
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND FRACTION ANTHEM (9:30)*



THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Glory to God in the highest! Come to the Table of peace.

Please sit. Jesus welcomed everyone to his table, and so we at St. Barnabas welcome everyone to this table. Gather around the Altar as you are directed. You may stand or kneel as is your custom. The Celebrant will place the gluten-free bread into your hand. You have two options to receive the wine. A Chalice Bearer will offer the Common Cup from which you may drink, or you may dip the bread in the wine when a second chalice comes in turn. You may also choose not to partake of the Cup. When you have received the Sacrament, please return to your seat. If you or your children prefer only to receive a blessing, please indicate this by crossing your hands over your chest.



Please stand in body or spirit.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray...Giver of every gift,

Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Liturgy of Sending

THE SENDING OUT OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (Occasional)

N., in the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

We who are many are one Body, because we all share one Bread, one Cup.

THE BLESSING

May Christ, the Beloved of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of +the most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity, one God, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen**.

The Sinless One to Jordan Came H-120



THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are God's beloved. Alleluia! Alleluia! **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

THE POSTLUDE

Festive Trumpet Tune David German

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