

The Celebration of Holy Communion for New Year and Epiphany

(An ordained minister presides and consecrates the elements.)

Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord
Jesus Christ, be with you all.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

(Standing. The congregation gives the right hand of fellowship, signifying
oneness in Christ and the desire to be at peace with one another.)

Worship (159 A)

We cov - e - nant with hand and heart to fol - low Christ, our Lord;
with world, and sin, and self to part, and to o - bey his word;
to love each oth - er heart - i - ly, in truth and with sin - cer - i - ty,
and un - der cross, re - proach, and shame, to glo - ri - fy his name.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(The Lord's Prayer may be used as a conclusion to this prayer.)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

(Sitting. As the bread is served, the communicants stand to receive it.)

Aurelia (151 L)

1 With prais-es and thanks - giv - ing we en - ter this new year;
 2 Like A - bram, called to jour - ney in lands he did not know,
 3 The days are swift - ly pass - ing, time is not ours to hold.

our heav'n-ly Fa - ther's lead - ing has brought us safe - ly here.
 so in this strange new coun - try, this new year, we must go.
 The new year we are greet - ing will soon be - come the old.

The jour - ney set be - fore us is through an un - known land;
 New scenes are spread be - fore us, new vic - t'ries to be won;
 But he who guides us on - ward will grant us in his love,

but we shall fear no e - vil when guid - ed by his hand.
 and like the an - cient fa - ther, in faith we trav - el on.
 when earth - ly years are end - ed, that bright new year a - bove.

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The Lord bless you and keep you;
 The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you;
 The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace;

(539 B)

In the name of Je - sus. A - men.

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Please leave this pamphlet in the pew.

Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death,

Until he comes.

(The congregation gives the right hand of fellowship signifying renewed dedication and unity of purpose in the service of Christ.)

Covenant (185 A)

We who here to - geth - er are as - sem - bled, join - ing hearts and hands in one, bind our - selves, with love that's un - dis - sem - bled, Christ to love and serve a - lone. O may our im - per - fect songs and prais - es be well - pleas - ing un - to you, Lord Je - sus. Say: "My peace I leave with you." A - men, a - men, be it so.

The musical score for 'Covenant (185 A)' is written in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It consists of seven systems of music, each with a vocal line in the upper staff and a piano accompaniment in the lower staff. The lyrics are: 'We who here to - geth - er are as - sem - bled, join - ing hearts and hands in one, bind our - selves, with love that's un - dis - sem - bled, Christ to love and serve a - lone. O may our im - per - fect songs and prais - es be well - pleas - ing un - to you, Lord Je - sus. Say: "My peace I leave with you." A - men, a - men, be it so.'

Dulce Carmen (167 G)

1 At your feet, our God and Fa - ther, who has blessed us all our days,
2 Je - sus, for your love most ten - der on the cross for sin - ners shown,
3 Ev - 'ry day will be the bright - er when your gra - cious face we view,
we with grate - ful hearts would gath - er to be - gin the year with praise -
we would praise you and sur - ren - der all our hearts to be your own;
ev - 'ry bur - den will be light - er when we know it comes from you.
praise for light so bright - ly shin - ing on our steps from heav'n a - bove,
with so blessed a friend pro - vid - ed, we up - on our way would go,
Spread your love's broad ban - ner o'er us; give us strength to serve and wait,
praise for mer - cies dai - ly twin - ing round us gold - en cords of love.
sure of be - ing safe - ly guid - ed, guard - ed well from ev - 'ry foe.
till the glo - ry breaks be - fore us through the cit - y's o - pen gate.

The musical score for 'Dulce Carmen (167 G)' is written in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line in the upper staff and a piano accompaniment in the lower staff. The lyrics are: '1 At your feet, our God and Fa - ther, who has blessed us all our days, 2 Je - sus, for your love most ten - der on the cross for sin - ners shown, 3 Ev - 'ry day will be the bright - er when your gra - cious face we view, we with grate - ful hearts would gath - er to be - gin the year with praise - we would praise you and sur - ren - der all our hearts to be your own; ev - 'ry bur - den will be light - er when we know it comes from you. praise for light so bright - ly shin - ing on our steps from heav'n a - bove, with so blessed a friend pro - vid - ed, we up - on our way would go, Spread your love's broad ban - ner o'er us; give us strength to serve and wait, praise for mer - cies dai - ly twin - ing round us gold - en cords of love. sure of be - ing safe - ly guid - ed, guard - ed well from ev - 'ry foe. till the glo - ry breaks be - fore us through the cit - y's o - pen gate.'

Nun Danket (146 A)

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,
 2 O may this gra-cious God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa-ther now be giv - en,

who won-drous things has done, in whom his world re - joic - es,
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
 the Son and Spir - it blessed, who reign in high-est heav - en -

who, from our moth - er's arms, has blessed us on our way
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

(When the cup has been served, the communicants stand.)

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Drink from this, all of you. Do this,
 whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

(All partake together.)

SILENT PRAYER

Christ, the Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
 Grant to us your peace. Amen.

Goudimel (205 A)

Eat and rest at this great feast, then to serve him free - ly go,

as it is for pil-grims fit, as dis - ci - ples ought to do.

We, when Je - sus we shall see com - ing in his maj - es - ty,

shall the mar-riage sup - per share, if we his true fol-lowers are.

Azmon

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 My gra - cious mas - ter and my God, as -
 3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
 4 His grace sub - dues the pow'r of sin, he

great Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 bids our sor - rows cease - 'tis mu - sic in the
 sets the pris - 'ner free, his blood can make the

God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
 sin - ner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
 foul - est clean, his blood a - vailed for me.

5 To God all glory, praise, and love
 be now and ever giv'n
 by saints below and saints above,
 the church in earth and heav'n.

1 Bliss be - yond com - pare, which in Christ I share! He's my on - ly
 2 Je - sus is my joy, there - fore blessed am I; O his mer - cy
 3 When the Lord ap - pears, this my spir - it cheers; when, his love to
 4 Then all grief is drowned; pure de - light is found, joy and peace in

joy and trea - sure; taste - less is all world - ly plea - sure,
 is un - bound - ed, all my hope on him is ground - ed;
 me re - veal - ing he, the Sun of grace, with heal - ing
 his sal - va - tion, heav'n - ly bliss and con - so - la - tion.

when in Christ I share bliss be - yond com - pare.
 Je - sus is my joy, there - fore blessed am I.
 in his beams ap - pears, this my spir - it cheers.
 Ev - 'ry grief is drowned where such bliss is found.

Hymn to Joy

Ellacombe (151 R)

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All your works with joy sur-round you, earth and heav'n re-lect your rays,
 3 Al-ways giv - ing and for-giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blessed,
 4 Mor-tals join the might-y cho - rus, which the morn-ing stars be - gan;

hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore you, o - p'ning to the sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round you, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise;
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!
 God's own love is reign - ing o'er us, join - ing peo - ple hand in hand.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Lov - ing Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, let your light up - on us shine;
 Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day!
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, prais - ing you e - ter - nal - ly!
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine.
 joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

(When the bread has been served, the communicants stand.)

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

(All partake together.)

1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed! Great Da - vid's great - er Son!
 2 He comes with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
 3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,

Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong,
 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth;

He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free,
 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall Peace, the her - ald, go;

to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
 and right - eous - ness, in foun - tains, from hill to val - ley flow.

Holy Lord (119 A)

1 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord! He with you deals
 2 Gra - cious Lord, gra - cious Lord, bless - ed is our
 3 We en - treat, we en - treat, Lord, lift up your

boun-teous-ly. High-ly fa - vored church of Je - sus, he chose you through
 lot in - deed in your ran - sored con - gre - ga - tion; here we on your
 coun - te - nance on your ran - sored con - gre - ga - tions; grace to ev - 'ry

mer - cy free to show forth his match - less prais - es and rich fruit, blessed
 mer - its feed, and the well - springs of sal - va - tion, all the need - y
 soul dis - pense. May we in our sit - u - a - tions dai - ly in your

for the Mas - ter's use, to pro - duce, to pro - duce.
 to re - vive and cheer, stream forth here, stream forth here.
 great sal - va - tion share. Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

SILENT PRAYER

By your divine presence,
 By the holy sacraments,
 By all the merits of your life, sufferings, death, and resurrection,

Bless and comfort us, gracious Lord and God. Amen.

In the same way, after supper our Lord Jesus Christ took the cup,
 gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Drink from this, all
 of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you
 and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Do this, whenever you drink
 it, in remembrance of me.

(Sitting. As the cup is served, the communicants stand to receive it.)

Rhaw (22 A)

The Sav - ior's blood and right - eous - ness my
 The ho - ly, spot - less Lamb of God, who
 Re - fresh your thirst - ing peo - ple, Lord, and

beau - ty is, my glo - rious dress; thus well ar - rayed, I
 free - ly gave his life and blood, for all my num - erous
 bid our droop - ing spir - its live, and more, that en - er -

need not fear, when in his pres - ence I ap - pear.
 sins to a - tone, I for my Lord and Sav - ior own.
 gy af - ford a Sav - ior's love a - lone can give.

Seelenbrautigam (68 A)

1 Je - sus, still lead on till our rest be won;
 2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near,
 3 When we seek re - lief from a long - felt grief,
 4 Je - sus, still lead on till our rest be won;

and al-though the way be cheer - less, we will fol - low calm and
 let no faith - less fears o'er-take us, let not faith and hope for-
 when temp - ta - tions come al - lur - ing, make us pa - tient and en-
 heav'n-ly lead - er, still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro-

fear - less, guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.
 sake us; safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.
 dur - ing; show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
 tect us, till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

Dix (581 H)

As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold,
 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man - ger rude and bare,

as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright,
 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,

so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more your splen - dor see.
 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to you our heav'n - ly King.