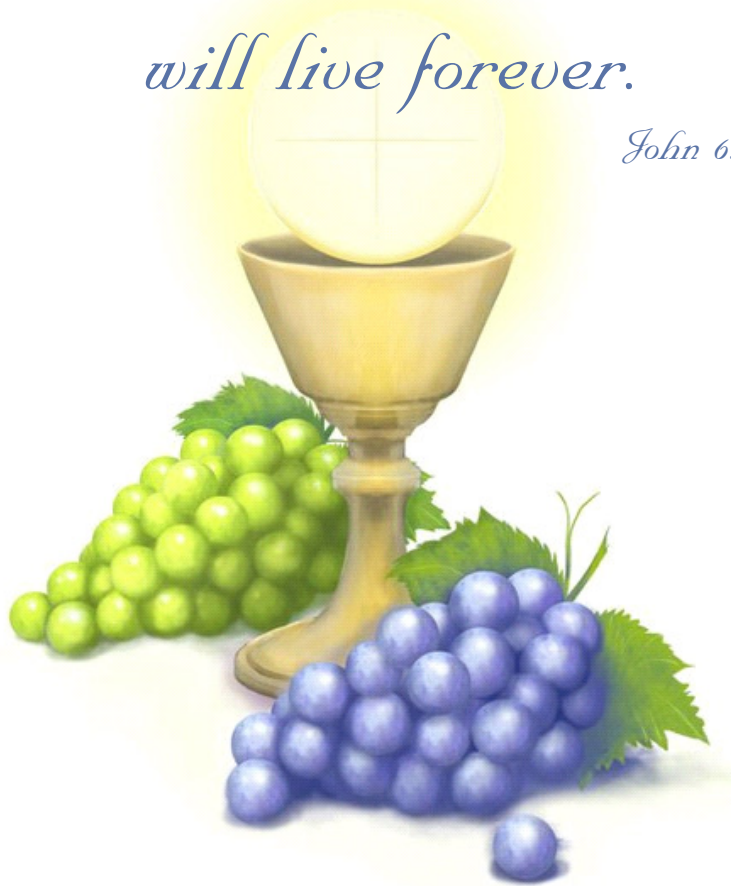


*I am the bread of life ...
whoever eats
this bread
will live forever.*

John 6:35-58

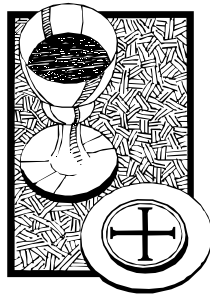


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Parents' Prayer for a Child's First Communion

Father, today for the first time, You are calling our child (name) to the table of the Eucharist. We ask that he/she may be a worthy member of Christ's Mystical Body, the Church. In the power of the Eucharist preserve (name) from the assaults of evil, strengthen his/her faith, and make him/her a witness to Your love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Introductory Rites

Processional Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -
3. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



1. a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for
2. fend thee; Sure - ly his good - ness and
3. reign - eth, Shel - ters thee un - der his
4. dore him! All that hath life and breath



1. he is thy health and sal - va - tion.
2. mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend thee.
3. wings, yea, so gent - ly sus - tain - eth.
4. come now with prais - es be - fore him!



1. All ye who hear, Now to his al - tar draw
2. Pon - der a - new What the Al - might - y can
3. Hast thou not seen All that thou need - est hath
4. Let the A - men Sound from his peo - ple a -



1. near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
2. do, Who with his love doth be - friend thee.
3. been Grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
4. gain, Now as we wor - ship be - fore him.

Greeting

Penitential Act (Confiteor)

*I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters
to pray for me to the Lord our God.*

Kyrie

Gloria



Glo - ry to God in the high - est
and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore_ you,
we glo - ri - fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, O God, al - mighty Fa - ther.
Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly be - got - ten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,
you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on_ us;
you take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer;
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther,
have mer - cy on_ us. 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 Spir - it,

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Brothers and sisters:

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you,
that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over,
took bread and, after he had given thanks,
broke it and said, "This is my Body that is for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying,
"This cup is the new covenant in my Blood."
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."
For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

The word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the Jews who were present:
"I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live forever;
and the bread that I will give
is my Flesh for the life of the world."

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying,
"How can this man give us his Flesh to eat?"

Jesus said to them,
"Amen, amen, I say to you,
unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink
his Blood,
you do not have life within you.

Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood
has eternal life,
and I will raise him on the last day.

For my Flesh is true food,
and my Blood is true drink.

Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood
remains in me and I in him.
Just as the living Father sent me
and I have life because of the Father,
so also the one who feeds on me
will have life because of me.
This is the bread that came down from heaven.
Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died,
whoever eats this bread will live forever.”
The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Universal Prayer



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Preparation of the Gifts

You Shall Have a Song

Harriet Ziegenhals

Prayer over the Offerings

Preface Dialogue

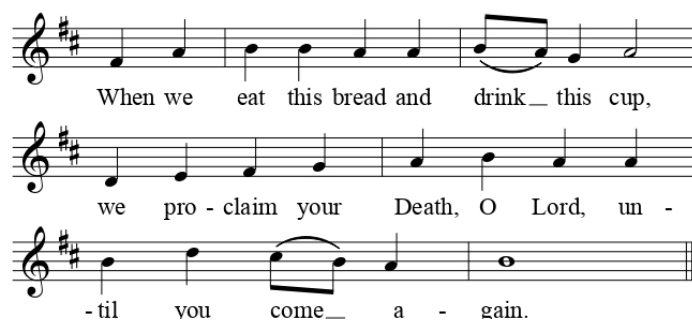
Sanctus



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly
Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless'd is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Mystery of Faith



When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we pro - claim your Death, O Lord, un -
-til you come a - gain.

Great Amen



A - men, a - men, a - men.

Lord's Prayer

Rite of Peace

Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Communion Hymn

At That First Eucharist



1. At that first Eu - cha - rist be - fore you died,
2. For all your church, O Lord, we in - ter - cede;
3. We pray for those who wan - der from the fold;



O Lord, you prayed that all be one in you;
O make our lack of char - i - ty to cease;
O bring them back, Good Shep - herd of the sheep,



At this our Eu - cha - rist a - gain pre - side,
Draw us the near - er each to each we plead,
Back to the faith which saints be - lieved of old,



And in our hearts your law of love re - new.
By draw - ing all to you, O Prince of Peace.
Back to the Church which still that faith does keep.



Thus may we all one Bread, one Bod - y be;



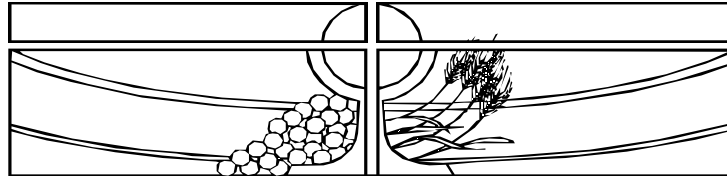
Through this blest Sac - ra - ment of U - ni - ty.

Communion Anthem

Break the Bread

Natalie Sleeth

Prayer after Communion



CONCLUDING RITE

Prayer over the People

Blessing and Dismissal

Recessional Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us
3 O flow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, make mu-sic for your Lord to
5 Let all things their Cre-a-tor bless, and wor-ship him in hum-ble-

sing Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! O burn-ing sun with gold-en
hear, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! O fire so mas-ter-ful and
ness, O praise him, Al-le-lu-ia! Praise, praise the Fa-ther, praise the
beam, and sil-ver moon with soft-er gleam,
bright, pro-vid-ing us with warmth and light, O praise him, O
Son, and praise the Spir-it, Three in One,
praise him, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!

THANK YOU!

Our Communicants wish to thank their parents and all who helped them to prepare for this celebration of First Holy Communion!

Rev. Msgr. Richard D. Harris, Pastor
Rev. Peter O'Steen, Parochial Vicar

Donavan Yarnall, Ed. S., Principal, St. Joseph School
Benjamin Jett, M.A., Director of Religious Education

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR TEACHERS, CATECHISTS AND ASSISTANTS:

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Marie Phillips, Susan Simonelli

St. Joseph Bel Canto Choir

Patrick Hawkins
Curran Bramhall

Organist
Cantor

Dan Rogers
Dan Wagner

Photographer
Program

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PHOTOGRAPHS

Immediately following Mass our photographer will take a group photograph of the children. Please wait until he is finished to take your own photographs.

Thank you!

First Communicants
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| Robert Avalos | Jeffrey Sullivan Maxwell |
| Clark Bolchoz | Brett Maxwell |
| Margaux Bookman | Madelyn McWilliams |
| William Bowers | Parker Mubarak |
| Raleigh Bray | Philip Mubarak |
| Chavous Camp, Jr. | Morgan Osterholt |
| Alexander Christos | Reuben Owala |
| Patrick Henry Clark | Charlotte Peterson |
| Anna Dowdy | Samantha Renbarger |
| Charlotte Fowler | Nicole Roes |
| Chloe Fowler | Lucca Rosecrans |
| Lucy Goff | John Shaffer |
| Isabella Gonzales Parkes | Elizabeth Stanley |
| Christopher Gorrin | Naomi Steinbach |
| Lincoln Grill | James Stone |
| Cymbellina Hagenbuch | Elliott Sutherland |
| Anna Michael Hope | Katherine Tamasis |
| Eleanor Hoppmann | John Upchurch |
| Avalina Kanost | William Walker II |
| Charlotte Krena | Sophie Whiteside |
| Jordan Ryan Marasigan | Nora Williams |
| Delis (Mayela) | Penn Williams |
| Martinez-Boensel | Naelly Wright |

Fellow Classmates

Riggs Eddy
Sullivan Lawson
Winston Lawson
Nora Winslow
Emma Xu

Special Needs Seating

The first pew on the right side is reserved for those with special needs.

Guidelines for the Reception of Holy Communion

FOR CATHOLICS:

As Catholics, we are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession.

FOR OUR FELLOW CHRISTIANS:

We welcome you to our celebration, yet because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.