*A Hymn, Psalm, or Anthem may be sung.*

*The people standing, the Bishop says*

**THE OPENING ACCLAMATION**

BishopBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**PeopleAnd blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;

**People There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

**People One God and Father of all.**

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Bishop The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Bishop Let us pray.

Grant, Almighty God, that we, who have been redeemed from the old life of sin by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, may be renewed in your Holy Spirit, and live in righteousness and true holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.BCP 254

*Please be seated for the readings.*

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**THE FIRST READING**

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

**THE PSALM**

**THE EPISTLE**

Reader The Word of the Lord

**People Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

Reader The Gospel of the Lord

**People Praise to you Lord Christ.**

**THE SERMON The Rt. Rev. Diana Akiyama**

**PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES**

*The Bishop says*

Bishop The Candidate(s) will now be presented.Presenters I present *these persons* for Confirmation, ***Or***  
 I present *these persons* to be received into this Communion.   
 I present *these persons* who desire to reaffirm their baptismal vows.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate I do, and with God’s grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

*The Bishop addresses the congregation, saying*

Bishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support   
 *these persons* in their life in Christ?

**People We will.**

*The Bishop then says these words*

Bishop Let us join with *those* who is committing *themselves* to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

**THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT**

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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

**He was conceived by the power of 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.**

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People 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.**

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People I will with God’s help.**

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People I will, with God’s help.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People I will with God’s help.**

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People I will with God’s help.**

**PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES**

*The Bishop then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for *these persons* who have renewed *their* commitment to Christ.

*Intercessor leads the people:*

Deliver *them,* O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Open *their* heart to your grace and truth.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Fill *them* with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Keep *them* in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Teach *them* to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Send *them* into the world in witness to your love.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Bring *them* to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

*The Bishop says*

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son   
Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in *these* your *servant*s the covenant you made with him at his Baptism. Send *them* forth in the power of the Spirit to perform the service you set before *them*; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

*The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says*

**\*FOR CONFIRMATION\***

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your Holy Spirit; empower*them* for your service; and sustain*them* all the days of his life. *Amen*.

***Or this***

Defend, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your heavenly grace, that *they* may   
continue yours for ever, and daily increase in the Holy Spirit more and more, until *they* comes to your everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

**\*FOR RECEPTION\***

*N.,* we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve and keep you. *Amen.***\*FOR REAFFIRMATION\***

*N.*, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in service of Christ and his kingdom. *Amen.*

*The Bishop concludes with this prayer:*

Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over this your servant; let your Holy Spirit ever be with him; and so lead him in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that he may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**THEPEACE**

Bishop The peace of the Lord be with you **People And also with you.**

**THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**   
**(Eucharist Prayer from BCP – A, B, C | EOW 1 or 2)**

BishopThe Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

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

BishopLet us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, and made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human

nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many 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.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints

into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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 for ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior

Christ has taught us,

we are bold to say,

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| 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. **OR**  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. | 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. |

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Bishop Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Bishop The gifts of God for the People of God.

**POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

BishopLet us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our   
Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the   
Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.   
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**OR**

**Almighty and everliving God,  
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 for ever. Amen.  
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**All**

**THE EPISCOPAL BLESSING**

Bishop Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

**People The maker of heaven and earth**.

Bishop Blessed be the Name of the Lord

**People From this time forth for evermore.**

Bishop The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father,

the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you,

and remain with you for ever. Amen.

**THE DISMISSAL**

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**

**POSTLUDE**