



The Holy Eucharist
Ordinary Time
Proper 15
August 20, 2023
8 and 10:15 a.m.

Confession

While there are a few variations of confession, what people seem to notice most is that we make a *common* confession – we say it together, out loud. “We confess that we have sinned against you ...” In unison, we make our confession before God, acknowledging things done and left undone. We ask forgiveness and receive absolution for our sins. This is about restoration, in community with one another and as a community. Absolution is a ministry of priests and pronounces a declaration of forgiveness, which some describe as feeling like both a release and an act of healing. The healing we hear in the gospel text today is also about this restoration to community. The importance of community is so strong that we include common confessions in the liturgy of The Holy Eucharist, as well as the “daily offices” of morning and evening prayer and compline. Individuals may find it meaningful to pray these individually, privately, as well. The more extensive Reconciliation of a Penitent* is available to all and includes personal contrition, amendment of life, and forgiveness.

*p. 447, *Book of Common Prayer*

8 a.m. service all spoken; music notations provided for worship at 10:15 a.m.

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude Prelude in A Minor BWV 543, J.S. Bach (1785-1850)

Greeting and Announcements – *See bulletin insert for additional announcements*

OPENING HYMN #371 – “Thou, Whose Almighty Word”

See hymnal (red or blue book in pews); please rise, as able.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

The Presider prays the Collect for Purity

GLORIA

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly >>

King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Most

High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - - ly Spi - rit, in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; 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 Lessons *The people may be seated.*

FIRST READING Isaiah 56:1,6-8

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.
And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.
Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

After the reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 67 – read responsively by whole verse

May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has brought forth her increase;
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

May God give us his blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

SECOND READING Romans 11:1-2a 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

After the reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN #380 – “From All That Dwell Below the Skies” *please stand, as able*

GOSPEL Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to ...

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

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Gospel of the Lord. People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon *The people may sit*

Phil Cunningham

The Nicene Creed *Please stand as you are able; said in unison*

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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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 Prayers of the People

Intercessor begins,

In peace and in faith, let us offer our prayers, saying, “Christ, have mercy.”

After each bidding of prayer, the Intercessor says, “Let us pray”

And the People respond, **Christ, have mercy.**

At the conclusion, the Intercessor invites,

For whom else and what else shall we pray?

Time is given for the People to offer intercessions, silently or aloud.

The Presider adds a concluding prayer.

Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors:

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The priest then offers absolution

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you. People **And also with you.**

You may greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN #533 – “How Wondrous and Great”

The Great Thanksgiving

The Celebrant faces the People and says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

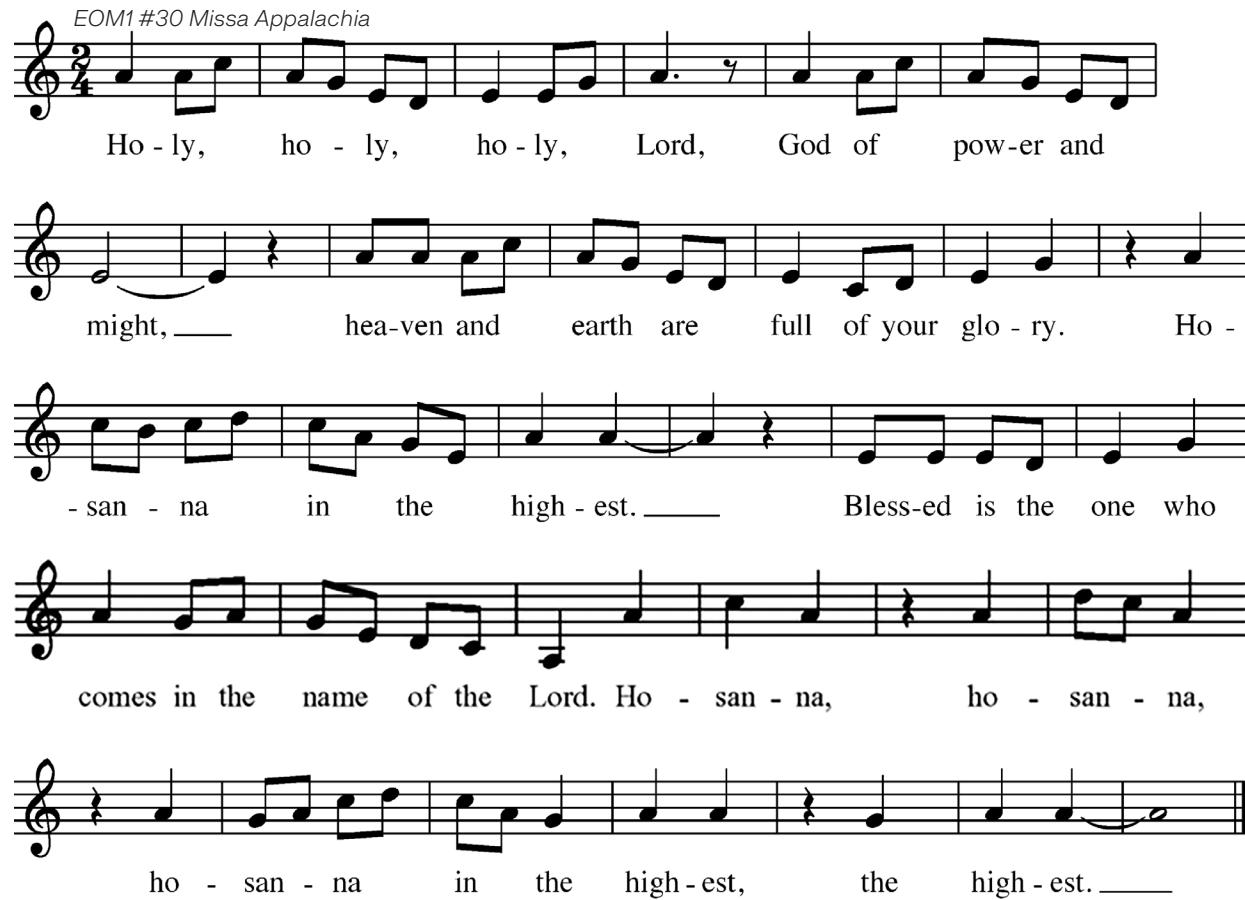
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Then, at the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God ...

... And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

EOM1 #30 Missa Appalachia



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. ____ Bless-ed is the one who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na,
ho - san - na in the high - est, the high - est. ____

Then the Celebrant continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent ...

... And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Celebrant Send your Holy Spirit ...

... Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People

Blessed are you, now and for ever. AMEN.

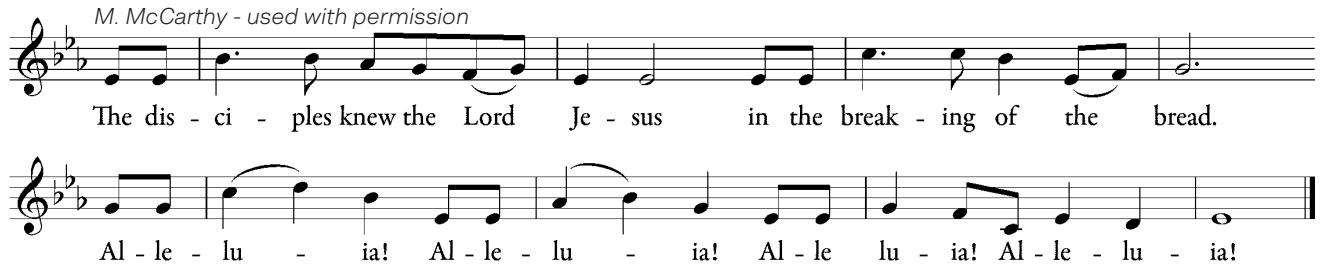
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.
At the 10:15 a.m. service, the leader first sings the following, then the people repeat.*

M. McCarthy - used with permission



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The people will be invited by row to come forward for communion; you may return to your seat by the side aisles. Anyone needing assistance may indicate so to an usher and communion will be brought to you. Gluten-free bread is available; simply indicate your preference to the priest.

Prayer - *Celebrant and People*

**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.**

A blessing is then offered

CLOSING HYMN #470 - "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" *please stand, as able*

DISMISSAL *Response* **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE "Metamorphism," Jennifer Ann Ross (b. 1976)

New or visiting today? Everything you need to participate in worship is in this bulletin and the hymnal (red or blue book in the pew racks; hymn numbers are noted in the bulletin). We invite you to join in praying, singing, and responding, as you are comfortable. Greeters are available at the back of the church to assist you. After the 10:15 worship service, you are invited to stay for coffee and other refreshments in the gathering space (we call it the Narthex) on the main level.

Restrooms are available on the lower level. From the elevator, proceed through the double glass doors and look to your right for an accessible restroom. Additional restrooms are on the same level, near the kitchen.

Children are always welcome in worship and are invited to explore! Activity kits are available in the back of the church – a greeter can assist you. Godly Play returns on Sundays with “play dates” in August and a new program launching in September (for details: twila@spcbuffalo.org).

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