

## A SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST



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### **Mission Statement**

To love and serve God and our neighbor, by striving to meet the needs of God's people.

### **Vision Statement**

To be a Christian community of faith where love lives, love works, to spread the good news of God's grace and mercy.

**Celebrant** Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*The People SHOUT* **The Lord is risen indeed! ALLELUIA!**

*The People say*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
**Celebrant** Let us pray.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

**Acts 17:22-31**

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are

God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 66:7-18**

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
    make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, \*  
    and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
    you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; \*  
    you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;  
    we went through fire and water; \*  
    but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings  
    and will pay you my vows, \*  
    which I promised with my lips  
    and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
    with the smoke of rams; \*  
    I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  
    and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, \*  
    and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
    the Lord would not have heard me;

17 But in truth God has heard me; \*  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \*  
nor withheld his love from me.

## SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL HYMN

O Praise ye the Lord

Hymnal 432

## HOLY GOSPEL

**John 14:15-21**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know

him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **SERMON**

### **NICENE CREED**

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.***

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

We pray for the church, for all Christians everywhere, for Anne, our bishop, for William and Arthur, our retired bishops, and for all in our parish.

*(all pause for silent prayer)*

Gracious God, may your Spirit give strength to all your people as they work and witness in your world. Unite us in your truth and love, and help us to show your love to others. (Especially, we pray for those of different political and moral opinions)

God of love,  
**grant our prayer.**

We pray for all people, for places where there is war or famine.

*(all pause for silent prayer)*

God our creator, help everyone to share all the good gifts that you have given to us. May those who lead the nations of the world be given wisdom. (Especially, we pray for our government leaders)

God of love,  
**grant our prayer.**

We pray for our community and for all who live and work in this area.

*(all pause for silent prayer)*

God, our friend, we pray for our families and friends. May we be able to help each other just as you love and help us.

God of love,  
**grant our prayer.**

We pray for those in need, for sick people, for those in the hospital, and for those with any other problems. Especially Les Blakemore, Jan Wooley and James Bragg.

*(all pause for silent prayer)*

Compassionate God, give your strength and healing to all those who are sad, lonely, or mentally/emotionally challenged. And bless all those who try to help them.

God of love  
**grant our prayer.**

We remember all those who have died.

*(all pause for silent prayer)*

God of hope, we thank you that not even death can separate us from your love. We pray for all who mourn, that they may feel your care for them.

God of love,  
**grant our prayer.**

We pray for ourselves – all that we will do this week, and all those we will meet.

*(all pause for silent prayer)*

Loving God, we give this week into your hands. Be with us in all that we will do, may we enjoy this week and learn and grow in it.

*(all pause for silent prayer)*

God of love,  
**grant our prayer.**

## **Celebrant**

Those things, O God, that your servants have prayed for, give us grace to work for; and in the purpose of your love answer our prayers and fulfil our hopes for Jesus' sake.

***Amen.***

**CONFESSION OF SIN**            *You may stand or be seated as able.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People*

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 your Son 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 PEACE**



But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise.

## **SANCTUS**

Holy, holy, holy  
Lord God of Host  
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.

*The People stand.*

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into 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 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Andrew and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters, through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 forever. ***Amen.***

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

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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, forever and ever. ***Amen.***

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

## **FRACTION ANTHEM**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore, let us keep the feast.*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.  
All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If for any reason, you prefer not to receive the cup of wine when it is offered, simply cross your arms over your chest.*

## **HYMNS AT THE COMMUNION**

He Lives	LEVAS 42
Let us Break Bread Together	LEVAS 152
Lord, I have seen Thy Salvation	LEVAS 153

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let 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.***

## **THE BENEDICTION**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. ***Amen.***

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**                      Faith of our Mother's                      (see insert)

## **DISMISSAL**

**Celebrant**                      Let us go forth in the world rejoicing in the power of the spirit!  
*People*                              **Thanks be to God!**

## LAY READER'S SCHEDULE

DATE	I LESSON	II LESSON	PRAYERS
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kelly Henderson-Kessell	Charles Bradford	Brenda Shepherd
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Lois Jackson	Darcel Arrington	Velma Romain-Rouse
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Gail Williams	Anna Marie Ferguson	Yvonne Gates
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Rod Adams	Dianne Audrick Smith	Pearl Culbreath
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Andrea Porter	Jerome Rubin	Stephanie Combs

### CHALICE MINISTERS

May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lois Jackson, Rod Adams, Andrea Porter
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Rod Adams, Lois Jackson, Darcel Arrington
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Lois Jackson, Rod Adams, Kelly Henderson-Kessell
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Rod Adams, Lois Jackson, Gail Williams
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Lois Jackson, Rod Adams, <b>Alternate – Linda Adams</b>

### USHER'S SCHEDULE

May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Darcel, Kelly
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Patti Joy, Gail
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Jim, Pearl
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Andrea, Leticia
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Darcel, Patty Joy

### VESTRY COUNTERS' SCHEDULE

First Sunday	Andrea Appling, Darcel Arrington
Second Sunday	Roderick Adams, Carmen Wildgoose
Third Sunday	Andrea Porter, Brenda Shepherd
Fourth Sunday	Giesele Greene, William Seifert-Kessell
Fifth Sunday	Dianne Smith, Andrea Appling



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