

# 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***The People*

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

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen***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***People***Celebrant**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

**Isaiah 65:1-9**

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. Thus says the LORD:

As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. I will bring forth descendants from Jacob and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 22:18-27**

18 Be not far away, O LORD; \*

    you are my strength; hasten to help me.

19 Save me from the sword, \*

    my life from the power of the dog.

20 Save me from the lion's mouth, \*

    my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

21 I will declare your Name to my brethren; \*

    in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; \*

    stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;

    all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;

    neither does he hide his face from them; \*

    but when they cry to him he hears them.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*

    I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

    and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \*

    "May your heart live forever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*

    and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*

    he rules over the nations.

## SECOND READING

Galatians 3:23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL HYMN

Worship the King all Glorious Above

Hymnal 388

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 8:26-39

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" -- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus,

clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

**Form VI**

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Pray for all bishops and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially.  
**James Bragg, Kim Sands, Jan Wooley.**

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgiving.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name forever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. ***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**

*All stand, as able.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

**The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord with a bow or wave.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

### **OFFERTORY**

Every Praise

Lifeway Praise

## DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow,  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**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 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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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.*

## **EUCARISTIC 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

In Christ there is no East or West  
Lord, I have seen Thy Salvation  
Break Thou the Bread of Life

LEVAS 62  
LEVAS 153  
LEVAS 146

## 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**      All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name      Hymnal 450

## 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
June 1	Lois Jackson	Kelly Henderson-Kessell	Velma Romaine-Rouse
June 8	Darcel Arrington	Anna Marie Ferguson	Pearl Culbreath
June 15	Carmen Wildgoose	Gail Williams	Stephanie Combs
June 22	Will Seifert-Kessell	Dianne Audrick Smith	Brenda Shepherd
June 29	Lois Jackson	Darcel Arrington	Carmen Wildgoose

## CHALICE MINISTERS

June 1	Lois Jackson, Rod Adams, Linda Adams
June 8	Rod Adams, Lois Jackson, Darcel Arrington
June 15	Lois Jackson, Rod Adams, Kelly Henderson-Kessell
June 22	Rod Adams, Lois Jackson, Gail Williams
June 29	Lois Jackson, Rod Adams, Linda Adams

## USHER'S SCHEDULE

June 1	Pearl Culbreath, Andra Porter
June 8	James Greene, Velma Romain-Rouse
June 15	Patti Joy Rubin, Darcel Arrington
June 22	Kelly Henderson-Kessell, Leticia Smith
June 29	James Greene, Pearl Culbreath

## VESTRY COUNTERS' SCHEDULE

First Sunday	Lois Jackson/Andrea Appling/Darcel Arrington
Second Sunday	Leslie Blakemore/Carmen Wildgoose
Third Sunday	Jerome Rubin/Brenda Shepherd
Fourth Sunday	Giese Greene/William Seifert-Kessell
Fifth Sunday	Lois Jackson/Andrea Appling

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