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The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Easter Canticle: *Pascha nostrum*

[Tune: *Diademata* (494)]



1. Alleluia! Our Lord
And Savior Jesus Christ
Is now our Passover indeed
And has been sacrificed;
So let us keep the feast
No more with enmity
But with the new unleavened bread
Of true sincerity.

2. Christ being raised from death
Will never die again,
For he has died to death and sin
And now death cannot reign;
The life that he now lives,
He lives to God on high,
So also you are dead to sin
Through Christ eternally.

3. The first fruits of the grave
Is Christ our living head,
For since by one came death, by one
Came new life from the dead;
For as in Adam all
Must die under the law,
So now shall all be made alive
In Christ. Alleluia.

The Word of God

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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.

The Lessons

The congregation sits.

First Lesson: Acts 17:22-31

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People: Thanks be to God.

Remaining seated, all say together [in unison] the

Gradual: Psalm 66:7-18

Jubilate Deo

- 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 Lesson: I Peter 3:13-22

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

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.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: John 14:15-21

Priest: The Holy Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ according to John

People: **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.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

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The 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.

All remain standing for the

Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Gracious and Eternal God, reveal your Spirit of truth, the Advocate, whom you have sent to be with us forever, that we may keep Christ's commandment by loving you and our neighbor, as we pray: Bless our God, you people; let the sound of praise be heard.

Bless our God, you people;

***People:* let the sound of praise be heard.**

Leader: Inspire your Church, O God, that with gentleness and reverence we may give an accounting for the hope that is in us.

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Primate; Daniel, our Bishop; Tom, our Priest; for all the baptized in this parish, ministering here and in the world; and for all lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons. We give thanks for the parish mission and goals we have discerned and ask that they may guide our congregation as we more fully carry out God's call to service for us and build up our life together as Resurrection parish.

Bless our God, you people;

***People:* let the sound of praise be heard.**

Leader: Look upon our nation and give your Spirit of truth to all in authority, that you may hold our souls in life and not allow our feet to slip.

We pray for the leaders of the nations of the world, especially Donald, our President, along with members of Congress and the judges of our courts; Tom, our Governor, along with the General Assembly and the Courts in our Commonwealth; the leaders of this Township of Aston, and the leaders of all the townships and boroughs in which we live.

Bless our God, you people;

People: let the sound of praise be heard.

Leader: Lord of heaven and earth in whom all creation lives and moves and has our being, be not far from each living creature, that the earth may be healed and its people live in confidence.

Bless our God, you people;

People: let the sound of praise be heard.

Leader: Live in us and in our neighbors, and do not leave us orphaned. Come to us and abide with us, that your love may be revealed.

Bless our God, you people;

People: let the sound of praise be heard.

Leader: Hear us, O gracious One, as we offer our intercessions, praying especially for those sickened, endangered, or quarantined because of the COVID-19 virus; for those unemployed, or whose businesses are in distress because of this pandemic; those who face the terrifying choice of work environments that jeopardize their health; those imperiled by the harsh weather, both in our country and elsewhere; those grieving or menaced by violent acts of hate in our country and around the world; children and families separated or interned at our nation's borders; those mentioned in our parish's prayer list, and those we name before You now:

Silence is kept.

The People may offer their own prayers and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

Be their strong rock, a castle to keep them safe.

Bless our God, you people;

People: let the sound of praise be heard.

Leader: With gladness we offer you our praise and thanksgivings, especially for Doug Soule and Jacqueline Idun, as they celebrate their birthdays this week; for Will Evans, as we commemorate his baptism, for Milly Butler, Charles Handschuh, and Jason Idun, as we commemorate their confirmations; for the first responders and health care workers who strive to protect us from dangers to our health, including the COVID-19 virus; for this parish's fellowship and its ministry; for the mission you have given us to accomplish, and to which we have dedicated ourselves; and those other blessings we remember before You now:

Silence is kept.

The People may offer their own prayers and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

Bless our God, you people;

People: let the sound of praise be heard.

Leader: With the assurance given to us by the raising of Jesus from the dead, we remember those who have died, especially Estherine Craig; those who have died in the Coronavirus pandemic, including John Davis; among these we give special thanks for those who gave their life for others by serving as health care workers, first responders, and essential workers; and those we remember before you now:

Silence is kept.

The People may offer their own prayers and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

Fulfill your promise to love them and reveal yourself to them.

Bless our God, you people;

People: let the sound of praise be heard.

Celebrant: O God of love, you have taught us that your commandment is fulfilled in loving you and our neighbor: Let your Spirit abide with us, that we may live in you and you may live in us, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

People: Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

After the gifts of bread and wine are offered at the Altar, all say the following

Doxology

All things come of thee, O Lord.

And of thy own have we given thee.

At the conclusion of the Doxology, the Celebrant begins the Eucharistic Prayer.

Eucharistic Prayer A (Expansive Language)

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

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

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 Christ's death he has destroyed death, and by Christ's rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all.

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

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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 Jesus 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:

Celebrant and People

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

People: AMEN!

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional Translation) *The Book of Common Prayer, page 364*

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

All **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. This anthem is said.

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

The Invitation

The Celebrant raises the elements and says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

“If a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but...is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine, the Celebrant is to assure that person that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth.” [The Book of Common Prayer, p. 457]

Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

**All: Lord of the Feast, we thank you for gathering us as your people.
We call to remembrance the many times
we have been fed at your table
and we lament our distance now.
Be present, Lord Jesus,
as you were present with your disciples,
be known to us in the breaking of the bread,
and may your Holy Spirit sustain us and all your Church
until we can gather together again.
We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.**

Blessing

Celebrant: In God you live and move and have your being, for you are God's offspring.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: Because Christ lives, you also will live, for Christ is in the Father and you are in Christ and Christ is in you.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: The Advocate, the Spirit of truth abides with you and lives in you, that you may be alive in the Spirit.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: And the blessing of our ever-present God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and abide in you now and always. Amen.

People: Amen.

Closing Hymn:

Voices Found, Hymn 107

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 His law he en - for - ces, the stars in their cours - es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise, who fash - ioned and
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine; the hills and the

made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who still guides us
moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the deeps of the

on to the end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us, his
o - cean pro - claim him di - vine. We too should be voic - ing our

light goes be - fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the
love and re - joic - ing; with glad a - dor - a - tion a song let us

night, till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is
raise till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks -

ban - ished, as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
giv - ing: "to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**