

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Ordinary Time

Fall 2021 10:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II



Good morning! This morning's service is taken from The Book of Common Prayer. The music for this service is listed in the colored insert, along with the readings for the day. Hymns are found either in the blue Hymnal 1982 (noted as "Hymnal"), the black and red Lift Every Voice and Sing II (noted as "LEVAS"), or are printed in the insert; the various parts of the liturgy may be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (noted as "BCP"). If you have a question, please ask a neighbor who looks like they might know!

Due to the continuing COVID pandemic, we ask that everyone remain masked while inside the church. We do so out of an abundance of caution and because of our care for one another.

Prelude

We are still in ordinary time—the Sundays between the celebrations of Pentecost and Advent (which marks the approach of Christmas). "Ordinary" refers to the counting of the Sundays following Pentecost. As we gather, you are invited to center yourself and prepare for worship.

First, enjoy three deep breaths

- *The first one to help you fully arrive in your body,*
- *The second one to clear your mind so you may be present to yourself and others,*
- *The third one to open your heart and welcome the Holy Spirit to engage you*

Second, select one of these three entries into worship

Notice whichever one you feel drawn to... then do what you're invited to do with it

Whom did you bring with you on your heart today?

- *Picture this person whole, healthy, restored, reconciled. God is at work in this person's life.*

Are you counting your blessings today?

- *As you get in touch with gratitude, express it now to God.*

Are you anxious this morning?

- *Hear Christ the burden-bearer: "Come to me, all who are over-burdened, and I will give you rest."*

Third, be still until worship begins

Empty your hands,

Close your eyes,

Breathe deeply and slowly,

Empty your mind.

Let sounds pass by you.

Find interest only in silent waiting upon God.

Please stand (as you are able). The Celebrant says

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

People **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p.355

All say the Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays the collect appointed for the day, to which the People respond Amen.

All sit.

First Reading

Insert

At the conclusion of the reading the Reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Insert

Read by all

Second Reading

Insert

At the conclusion of the reading the Reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand to sing the

Sequence Hymn

Holy Gospel

Insert

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to _____.

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

At the conclusion of the Gospel reading the Gospeller will say

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please sit for the

Sermon

Interlude

Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

All stand and together say

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 V

BCP p. 389

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Here and after every petition the People respond

Lord, have mercy.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Doug, our Bishop; for Sam, our Rector; for Jane, our Priest Associate; for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth. We remember especially _____. For all these, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

For those in positions of public trust, especially Joe, our President, and Charlie, our Governor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for immigrants, refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

For this congregation: For those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers, especially _____; for our families, friends, and neighbors, particularly those struggling with substance abuse and addiction; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, especially _____, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Paul, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Silence, after which the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession and Absolution

BCP p. 360

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence, then all pray

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 Celebrant offers the Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The ministers and the People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Please sit for the

Welcome and Announcements

Interlude

The table is prepared for Holy Communion.

Please note: *The clergy and church leadership have taken extra precautions to be sure that the administration of Holy Communion is safe for all. To ensure that safety, you are asked to do the following:*

- *Please remain at your seat throughout the Eucharistic Prayer and distribution of communion*
- *We will take only bread (wafers) at this time.*
- *The bread will be distributed to you at your seat; you may stand or sit to receive.*
- *Please remain fully masked as the bread is dropped into your hands. (No physical contact - if the priest should accidentally touch a hand while distributing the bread, she/he will immediately stop to sanitize hands before proceeding.)*
- *If you do not wish to receive the bread, please fold your arms across your chest; the priest will offer a blessing without touch.*
- *AFTER the priest has given bread to the next separately seated individual/group after yours, you may take off your mask in order to consume the bread.*

Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP p. 369

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord 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.**

Celebrant

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

The Celebrant and the People say the Sanctus
**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.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN**

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

People and Celebrant

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.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The bread will be distributed according to the procedure outlined above.

Please join in singing the

Communion Hymn

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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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.

All stand for the **Blessing**

Sending Forth, to which the People respond, Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Please return this leaflet after the service, so we may use it again.

Sunday Service Schedule

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 *in the church*

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 2, with music *in the church yard.*

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