

## ***The Word of God (Holy Eucharist II BCP)***

### **Prelude**

### **Opening/Processional Hymn**

Hymn: *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* (H616 vv. 1-3)

1. Hail to the Lord's Anointed,  
great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression,  
and rule in equity.

2. He comes with succor speedy  
to those who suffer wrong,  
to help the poor and needy,  
and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing,  
their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying,  
were precious in his sight.

3. He shall come down like showers  
upon the fruitful earth,  
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,  
spring in his path to birth:  
before him on the mountains  
shall peace, the herald, go;  
and righteousness in fountains  
from hill to valley flow.

***Celebrant:*** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

***People:*** The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Collect for Purity

***Celebrant:*** 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.

***People:*** Amen.

## Hymn of Praise

Hymn: *That Easter Day with Joy was Bright (H193 vv.1-3)*

1. That Easter day with joy was bright,  
the sun shone out with fairer light,  
when, to their longing eyes restored,  
the apostles saw their risen Lord.

3. O Jesus, King of gentleness,  
do thou thyself our hearts possess  
that we may give thee all our days  
the willing tribute of our praise

2. His risen flesh with radiance glowed;  
his wounded hands and feet he showed;  
those scars their solemn witness gave  
that Christ was risen from the grave.

## The Collect of the Day

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Let us pray

**Celebrant:** Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**People:** Amen.

## The Liturgy of the Word

*Second Testament Reading:*

### Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.  
In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God

### **Psalm 22:24-30**

*(The Psalm Spoken Responsively by half verse)*

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 for ever!"

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.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*

all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him;

my descendants shall serve him; \*

they shall be known as the Lord'S for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

*Epistle Reading*

**1 John 4:7-21**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God

**Gradual**

*Hymn: Now the Green Blade Riseth (#204 vv. 1-2)*

1. Now the green blade riseth  
from the buried grain,  
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
love lives again,  
that with the dead has been:  
Love is come again  
like wheat that springeth green.

2. In the grave they laid him,  
love whom hate had slain,  
thinking that never he would wake again,  
laid in the earth  
like grain that sleeps unseen:  
Love is come again  
like wheat that springeth green

## The Gospel

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark.

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

### John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ

## Gradual

*Hymn: Now the Green Blade (#204 vv. 3-4)*

3. Forth he came at Easter,  
like the risen grain,  
he that for three days  
in the grave had lain,  
quick from the dead  
my risen Lord is seen:  
Love is come again  
like wheat that springeth green.

4. When our hearts are wintry,  
grieving, or in pain,  
thy touch can call us  
back to life again,  
Fields of our hearts  
that dead and bare have been:  
Love is come again  
like wheat that springeth green.

## The Sermon

### The Apostles Creed

*All:* I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **The Prayers of the People (Form III)**

**Deacon:** Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

**People:** That we all may be one.

**Deacon:** Grant that every member of the Church may truly and  
humbly serve you;

**People:** That your Name may be glorified by all people.

**Deacon:** We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**People:** That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and  
Sacraments.

**Deacon:** We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations  
of the world;

**People:** That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

**Deacon:** Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**People:** That our works may find favor in your sight.

**Deacon:** Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**People:** That they may be delivered from their distress.

**Deacon:** Give to the departed eternal rest.

**People:** Let light perpetual shine upon them.

**Deacon:** We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**People:** May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

**Deacon:** Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

**Celebrant:** (concluding collect)

### **Comfortable Words**

**Celebrant:** Hear the word of God to all who turn to God

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. *John 3:16*

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

### **The Peace**

**Celebrant:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

### **(The Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries)**

### **Offertory Sentence**

**Celebrant:** Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

### **The Liturgy of the Table**

#### ***Holy Eucharistic Prayer C***

**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.

**People:** Glory to you for ever and ever.

**Celebrant:** 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.

**People:** By your will they were created and have their being.

**Celebrant:** 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.

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

**Celebrant:** 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.

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

**Celebrant:** 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:

**All (S-125):**

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.

**Celebrant:** 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.

**Celebrant:** 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,

**People:** We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

**Celebrant:** Lord God of our Mothers: God of Sarah, Rebekah, and Rachel and Leah; Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; 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.

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

**Celebrant:** 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.

*All:* AMEN!

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

*All (spoken):* 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**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*All:* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

### **The Fraction**

*Sung by All:*

# Fraction Anthem



Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not  
hun - ger. Je - sus Christ, Ri - sen Lord,  
those who trust in you will not thirst.

**Celebrant:** Holy Gifts for Holy People

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for  
you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## Communion Music

*Let There Be Peace on Earth (Nativity Songbook #97)*

1. Let there be peace on earth  
and let it begin with me;  
Let there be peace on earth,  
The peace that was meant to be,  
With God as our Father,  
Brothers all are we,  
Let me walk with my brother  
in perfect harmony

2. Let peace begin with me,  
Let this be the moment now.  
With ev'ry step I take,  
Let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment  
and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth  
and let it begin with me

## Post Communion Prayer

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

**All:** 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.

## Blessing

**Celebrant:** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

**People:** Amen

## Closing/Recessional Hymn

*Hymn: How Firm a Foundation (H637 vv. 1-3)*

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?
2. “Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to  
stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
3. “When through the deep waters I call  
thee to go,  
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;  
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.”

## The Dismissal

**Deacon:**

**People:** Thanks be to God

## Postlude