

# The Word of God

**(Holy Eucharist II BCP)**

# *Prelude*

## **Opening Hymn**

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel (H56)*

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel!

2. O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
who orderest all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show,  
and teach us in her ways to go.

***Celebrant:*** Bless the Lord who forgives all  
our sins.

***People:*** His mercy endures for ever.

# 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

## *Creator of the Stars of Night (H60)*

1. Creator of the stars of night,  
your people's everlasting light,  
O Christ, Redeemer of us all,  
we pray you hear us when we call.

2. In sorrow that the ancient curse should doom to death a universe, you came, O Savior, to set free your own in glorious liberty.

# The Collect of the Day

***Celebrant:*** The Lord be with you

***People:*** And also with you.

***Celebrant:*** Let us pray

***Celebrant:*** Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his



glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

***People:*** Amen.

# The Liturgy of the Word

## *First Testament Reading*

### **Jeremiah 33:14-16**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved

and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called:  
"The Lord is our righteousness."

***Reader:*** Hear what the Spirit is saying  
to the Church.

***People:*** Thanks be to God.

# *The Psalm*

*Spoken Responsively by half verse*

## **Psalm 25:1-9**

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you;\*

**let me not be humiliated,**

**nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame;\*

**let the treacherous be disappointed in their  
schemes.**

3 Show me your ways, O Lord,\*  
**and teach me your paths.**

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me,\*  
**for you are the God of my salvation;**  
**in you have I trusted all the day long.**

5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and  
love,\*  
**for they are from everlasting.**

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and  
my transgressions;\*

**remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O  
Lord.**

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord;\*  
**therefore he teaches sinners in his way.**

8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
**and teaches his way to the lowly.**

9 All the paths of the Lord are love and  
faithfulness\*

**to those who keep his covenant and his  
testimonies.**

# *Epistle Reading*

## **1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.



Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

***Reader:*** Hear what the Spirit is saying  
to the Church.

***People:*** Thanks be to God.

# Gradual

## *Rejoice, Rejoice (H68)*

1. Rejoice! rejoice, believers,  
and let your lights appear!  
The evening is advancing,  
and darker night is near.  
The Bridegroom is arising,  
and soon he will draw nigh;  
up, watch in expectation!  
at midnight comes the cry.

2. See that your lamps are burning,  
replenish them with oil;  
look now for your salvation,  
the end of sin and toil.

The marriage-feast is waiting,  
the gates wide open stand;  
rise up, ye heirs of glory,  
the Bridegroom is at hand!

# The Gospel

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

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

## Luke 21:25-36

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the

world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know

that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times,

praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

***Deacon:*** The Gospel of the Lord

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

# Gradual

## *Rejoice, Rejoice (H68)*

3. Our hope and expectation,  
O Jesus, now appear;  
arise, thou Sun so longed for,  
above this darkened sphere!  
With hearts and hands uplifted,  
we plead, O Lord, to see  
the day of earth's redemption,  
and ever be with thee!



# The Sermon

# The Affirmation of Faith

*All:* We believe in God above us,  
maker and sustainer of all life,  
of sun and moon,  
of water and earth,  
of all living things.

We believe in God beside us,  
Jesus Christ, the word made flesh,  
born of a woman,

servant of the poor,  
tortured and nailed to a tree.

A man of sorrows,  
and acquainted with grief,  
he died alone and forsaken.  
He descended into the earth  
to the place of death.

On the third day he rose from the tomb.

He ascended into heaven,  
to be everywhere present throughout all ages,  
and His kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us,  
the Holy Spirit burning with  
Pentecostal fire,  
life-giving breath of the Church,  
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,  
source of all resurrection and of  
eternal life.

Amen

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

**Leader:** In peace, we pray to you, Lord God,  
for our community, the Church, and the  
world...

**Leader:** Creator, we pray for unity within the  
church of God and between all  
traditions;

**Congregation:** That we may be one family in  
You as You are in us.

***Leader:*** Grant that all who know you by any name may truly and humbly serve You and their neighbor;

***Congregation:*** That You may be given all glory and honor by all people.

***Leader:*** We pray for all bishops, priests, deacons, and leaders in all traditions;

***Congregation:*** That they may lead their people in truth and light.

***Leader:*** We pray especially for our clergy team: Lauren, Teri, and Jan;

***Congregation:*** That they remain always in Your care as they share their gifts in ministry to this community.

***Leader:*** We pray for all who govern and hold authority in all the communities, states, regions and nations of the world;

***Congregation:*** That they use their authority to benefit all the peoples of the world.

**Leader:** Give each of us gathered here grace,  
strength and courage to be examples of  
Your Love in all that we do;

**Congregation:** That our words and deeds  
may bring Your Spirit to others.

**Leader:** May our care for this world, our  
island home, show the gratitude and  
respect given by welcome guests;

**Congregation:** That our descendants may  
also celebrate and rejoice in Your  
creation.



***Leader:*** Have compassion on your people who are suffering from grief or troubles;

***Congregation:*** That they know You walk beside through these challenges.

***Leader:*** Give to our beloved departed, especially Barbara Joanne Mink, eternal rest;

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

***Leader:*** Let us pray, out loud or in silence, for  
our needs and the needs of others;

***Congregation:*** Grant us these blessings oh  
Lord.

***Celebrant:*** (concluding collect)

# The Confession of Sin

***Deacon:*** Let us confess our sins against God, our neighbor, and the creation.

***All:*** 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.

***Celebrant:*** 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.

***People:*** Amen.

# 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

# Hymn During Collection

## *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People (H67)*

1. Comfort, comfort ye my people,  
speak ye peace, thus saith our God;  
comfort those who sit in darkness  
mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.

Speak ye to Jerusalem  
of the peace that waits for them;  
tell her that her sins I cover,  
and her warfare now is over.

2. Hark, the voice of one that crieth  
in the desert far and near,  
calling us to new repentance  
since the kingdom now is here.  
Oh, that warning cry obey!  
Now prepare for God a way;  
let the valleys rise to meet him  
and the hills bow down to greet him.

3. Make ye straight what long was crooked,  
make the rougher places plain;  
let your hearts be true and humble,  
as befits his holy reign.

For the glory of the Lord  
now o'er earth is shed abroad;  
and all flesh shall see the token  
that the word is never broken.



# Doxology



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures



here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye



heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

***Celebrant:*** For all things come of you, O Lord,  
***People:*** and of your own have we given you.

# The Liturgy of the Table

## Holy Eucharistic Prayer B

***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:*** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

*All (H362)*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God  
Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall  
rise to thee:

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and  
mighty,

God in three Persons, blessed  
Trinity.

***Celebrant:*** 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 God,

***All (spoken):*** We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

***Celebrant:*** 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 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 God, now and for ever.

***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**

# 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

## *Blest be the King (H74)*

1. Blest be the King whose coming  
is in the name of God!  
For him let doors be opened,  
no hearts against him barred!  
Not robed in royal splendor,  
in power and pomp, comes he;  
but clad as are the poorest,  
such his humility!

2. Blest be the King whose coming  
is in the name of God!  
By those who truly listen  
his voice is truly heard;  
pity the proud and haughty,  
who have not learned to heed  
the Christ who is the Promise,  
who has atonement made.



3. Blest be the King whose coming  
is in the name of God!  
He only to the humble  
reveals the face of God.  
All power is his, all glory!  
All things are in his hand,  
all ages and all peoples,  
till time itself shall end!

4. Blest be the King whose coming  
is in the name of God!  
He offers to the burdened  
the rest and grace they need.  
Gentle is he and humble!  
And light his yoke shall be,  
for he would have us bear it  
so he can make us free!

# Post Communion Prayer

***Celebrant:*** Let us pray.

***All:*** Eternal God, heavenly Creator, 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:***

God bless you and keep you;  
God make God's face to shine upon you, and  
be gracious to you;  
God lift up God's countenance upon you,  
and give you peace.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the  
Creator, The Reconciler, the Redeemer be  
among you and remain with you always.

***People:*** Amen

# Closing Hymn

## *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending*

1. Lo! he comes, with clouds descending,  
once for our salvation slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord returns to reign.

2. Every eye shall now behold him,  
robed in dreadful majesty;  
those who set at nought and sold him,  
pierced, and nailed him to the tree,  
deeply wailing,  
shall the true Messiah see.

3. Those dear tokens of his passion  
still his dazzling body bears,  
cause of endless exultation  
to his ransomed worshipers;  
with what rapture  
gaze we on those glorious scars!

4. Yea, amen! let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Savior, take the power and glory;  
claim the kingdom for thine own:  
Alleluia!  
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.



# The Dismissal

***Deacon:***

***People:*** Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Postlude***

**Announcements**