

The Word of God

(Holy Eucharist II BCP)

Prelude

Opening Hymn

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (H56)

3. O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law,
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.

4. O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree,
free them from Satan's tyranny
that trust thy mighty power to save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.

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)

3. When this old world drew on toward night,
you came; but not in splendor bright,
not as a monarch, but the child
of Mary, blameless mother mild.

4. At your great Name, O Jesus, now
all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
all things on earth with one accord,
like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray

Celebrant: Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may

greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; 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

Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Spoken Responsively by half verse

The Song of Zechariah

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;*
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior,*
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies,*
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers*
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father
Abraham,*

**to set us free from the hands of our
enemies,**

Free to worship him without fear,*
**holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.**

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of
the Most High,*
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his
way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation*
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God*
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death, *
**and to guide our feet into the way of
peace.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and
to the Holy Spirit: *
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and
will be for ever. Amen.**

Epistle Reading

Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way

about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best,

so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene,

during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be
made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of
God.'"

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 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 o 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. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his

appearing. 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

On Jordan's Bank (H76)

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.

4. To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.

5. All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
whose advent doth thy people free;
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Spirit evermore.

The Dismissal

Deacon:

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Announcements