

## THE PEOPLE GATHER

*This service is based on the Order for Holy Eucharist: Rite Two found in the red Book of Common Prayer. It is customary for the people to prepare for worship in quiet and prayer.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

*The people stand to sing*

**HYMN L-111** Come, Thou fount of every blessing *Nettleton*

### ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
People *His mercy endures for ever.*

*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. Amen.*

**HOLY GOD** Trisagion *S102*

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
People *And also with you.*  
Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### THE LESSONS

*The people sit for*

**The First Reading:** **Joshua 5:9-12**

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Reader The Word of the Lord.  
People *Thanks be to God.*

**The Psalm:** *Psalm 32* *Beati quorum*

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,  
and whose sin is put away!

*Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!*

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,  
because of my groaning all day long.

*For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.*

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and did not conceal my guilt.

*I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"  
then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.*

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers  
to you in time of trouble; when the great waters  
overflow, they shall not reach them,

*You are my hiding-place;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.*

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you  
should go; I will guide you with my eye.

*Do not be like horse or mule, which have no  
understanding; who must be fitted with bit and  
bridle, or else they will not stay near you."*

Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but  
mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord,  
*Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.*

**The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.  
People *Thanks be to God.*

*The people stand for the singing of the Sequence Hymn and the reading of the Gospel. Verses 1 & 2 are sung before the readings and verses 3 & 4 are sung after.*

**HYMN H-641** Lord Jesus, think on me *Southwell*

**The Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke.  
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I

will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.  
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

### THE SERMON

The Rev. Stephen Secaur

*The people stand to say*

### 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.*

*The people are led in*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM I

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop Michael, for our bishop Mark, for Steve and Caroline our priests, Lydia our deacon and for all the clergy and people.

*We pray for the Church.*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

*We pray for justice and peace.*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

*We pray for those in any need or trouble.*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

*We pray that they may find and be found by him.*

I ask your prayers for the departed...

*We pray for those who have died.*  
 I ask your prayers for...  
*We pray for our families and friends.*  
 I ask your thanksgiving for...  
*We thank God for all of our blessings.*  
 Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.  
*We pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.*  
*The celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

*The people kneel for*  
**CONFESSION OF SIN**  
 Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant and People*  
*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 pronounces 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.*  
*All greet one another in the name of Christ.*

**PRAYERS OF SPECIAL INTENTION**  
*The people may come forward to receive a special prayer or blessing*

*The people are seated for the*  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Children’s Sermon**

**ALTAR PREPARATION**  
*The congregation is invited to join in singing*  
**HYMN H-674** “For give our sins as we forgive” *Detroit*

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**OFFERTORY**  
*The people stand to sing*  
**At the Presentation:** The Doxology (Hymn 380, verse 3) *Old 100th*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:** Eucharistic Prayer A  
 Celebrant The Lord be with you. *S120*  
 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 him thanks and praise.*

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

Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.  
 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*  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord** *Sanctus* *S125*

*The Celebrant continues*  
 Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:.  
*Celebrant and People*  
*Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

*Celebrant*  
 We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him.

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 your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,  
*Celebrant and people*  
*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sin as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.*

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**  
**Jesus Lamb of God** *Agnus Dei* *S164*

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**  
*All baptized people—whether Episcopalian or not—are welcome to join in the sacrament of Holy Communion. Children of all ages are included in this invitation. If you wish to receive a healing blessing from the Celebrant, when you come to the rail for Communion, fold your hands in prayer.*

**COMMUNION L-137** Just as I am, without one plea *William B. Bradbury*

**THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER**  
 Celebrant Let us pray.

*Celebrant and people*  
*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.*

**THE PRAYERS OVER THE PEOPLE**  
 Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.  
 Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The people stand to sing*  
**HYMN H-690** **Guide me, O thou great Jehovah** *Cwm Rhondda*

**THE DISMISSAL**  
*The Celebrant dismisses the people, and the people respond*  
 People *Thanks be to God.*

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