

## 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 H-179** “Welcome, happy morning!” *Fortunatus*

### ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen  
People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

*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.*

**GLORY TO GOD** Gloria in excelsis *S280*

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and open to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord’s resurrection, my be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### THE LESSONS

*The people sit for*

**The First Reading:** *Acts 10:34-43*

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on

a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

**The Psalm:** *Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24*

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his mercy endures for ever.

*Let Israel now proclaim,  
“His mercy endures for ever.”*

The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation.

*There is a sound of exultation and victory  
in the tents of the righteous:*

“The right hand of the LORD has triumphed!  
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!”

*I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD.*

The LORD has punished me sorely,  
but he did not hand me over to death.

*Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them;  
I will offer thanks to the LORD.*

“This is the gate of the LORD;  
he who is righteous may enter.”

*I will give thanks to you, for you answered me  
and have become my salvation.*

The same stone which the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

*This is the LORD’s doing,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.*

On this day the LORD has acted;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**The Epistle:** *1 Corinthians 15:19-26*

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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-180** He is risen, he is risen! *Unser Herrscher*

**The Gospel:** *Luke 24:1-12*

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

*Confitemini Domino*

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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: 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.*

*The people are led in*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world  
*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.  
*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.  
*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially... and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.  
*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially...; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially...that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## 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

## CHILDREN’S SERMON

## ALTAR PREPARATION

*The congregation is invited to join in singing*

## HYMN-175

Hail thee, festival day!

*Salve festa dies*

## 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 C

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.*

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord**

Sanctus

S130

*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; 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.

*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 as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray

*Celebrant and people*

*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

**Fraction Anthem**

Christ our Passover

S154

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 H-208**

Alleluia, alleluia

*Victory*

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

*Celebrant and people*

*Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work*

*you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

## THE EASTER BLESSING

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

*The people stand to sing*

**HYMN H-207**

Jesus Christ is risen today

*Easter Hymn*

## THE DISMISSAL

*The Celebrant dismisses the people, and the people respond*

People *Thanks be to God.*

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