

forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

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

**The Psalm: Psalm 118:14-29**

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.

*Hosannah, Lord, hosannah!  
Lord, send us now success.*

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;  
we bless you from the house of the Lord.

*God is the Lord, he has shined upon us;  
for a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.*

Your are my God, and I will thank you;  
you are my God, and I will exalt you.”

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

**The Epistle: Revelation 1:4-8**

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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-209** We walk by faith, and not by sight *St. Botolph*

**The Gospel: John 20:19-31**

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

**THE SERMON**

The Rev. Nancy L. Roth

*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

**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-203** O sons and daughters, let us sing! *O fili et filiae*

**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.*

*The people stand to sing*

**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 and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ’s Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**THE LESSONS**

*The people sit for*

**The First Reading: Acts 5:27-32**

When the captain and the temple police had brought the apostles out of the temple, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and

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

## THE CHILDREN’S SERMON

## ALTAR PREPARATION

*The congregation is invited to join in singing*

## HYMN H-178

Alleluia, alleluia

*Alleluia No.1*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY

*The people stand to sing*

**At the Presentation:** The Doxology (Hymn 380, verse 3)

*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

### 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.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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.*

*The congregation is invited to join in singing*

**COMMUNION H-328** Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord

*Song 46*

## 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 forever. *Amen.*

*The people stand to sing*

## HYMN H-208

The strife is o’er, the battle done

*Victory*

## THE DISMISSAL

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

People

*Thanks be to God.*

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