

him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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 and 2 are sung before the readings and verses 3 & 4 are sung after.

**HYMN H-512** Come, Gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove Mendon

**The Gospel:** John 15:1-8

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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

in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

**The Psalm:** Psalm 22: 24-30

My praise is of him in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:

"May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the Lord;

he rules over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down

in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him.

My soul shall live for him;

my descendants shall serve him;

they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done.

**The Epistle:** 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from

### 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-379** God is Love, let heaven adore him Abbot's Leigh

### 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, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps In the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### THE LESSONS

The people sit for

**The First Reading:** Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get

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 #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-323** Bread of heaven Jesu, Jesu

### 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-529** In Christ there is no East or West McKee

### THE DISMISSAL

The Celebrant dismisses the people, and the people respond

People Thanks be to God.

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