

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-412 Earth and all stars David N. Johnson

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.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen..

A Prayer for Mother's Day

Almighty God and Father we give you thanks for Mothers. We give you thanks for wrapping the loving arms of motherhood around your creating, nurturing and sustaining work in the world. We give you thanks for the wonder, grace and blessing that transform women to mothers and all the teeming life that is part of that wonder. We give you thanks for the fears and challenges of motherhood and for the courage, bravery and sacrifice it requires. We celebrate motherhood as you envision it as an expression of the most tender, unyielding, uncompromising, unconditional love within the capacity of humanity. Amen.

THE LESSONS

The people sit for

The First Reading: Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: Psalm 98

Cantate Domino

Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm
has he won for himself the victory.

The Lord has made known his victory;
his righteousness has he openly shown in
the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to
the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the
victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,
the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world
and the peoples with equity.

The Epistle: 1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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 verse 3 is sung after.

Hymn H-705 As those of old Forest Green

The Gospel: John 15:9-17

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

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: Chris Kingsbury
...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-383 Fairest Lord Jesus St. Elizabeth

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 people stand or kneel as 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-581 Where charity and love prevail Cheshire

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-344 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing Sicilian Mariners

THE DISMISSAL

The Celebrant dismisses the people, and the people respond

People Thanks be to God.

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The sanctuary lamp
is given by Elssy Lawrence in
memory of loved ones.

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