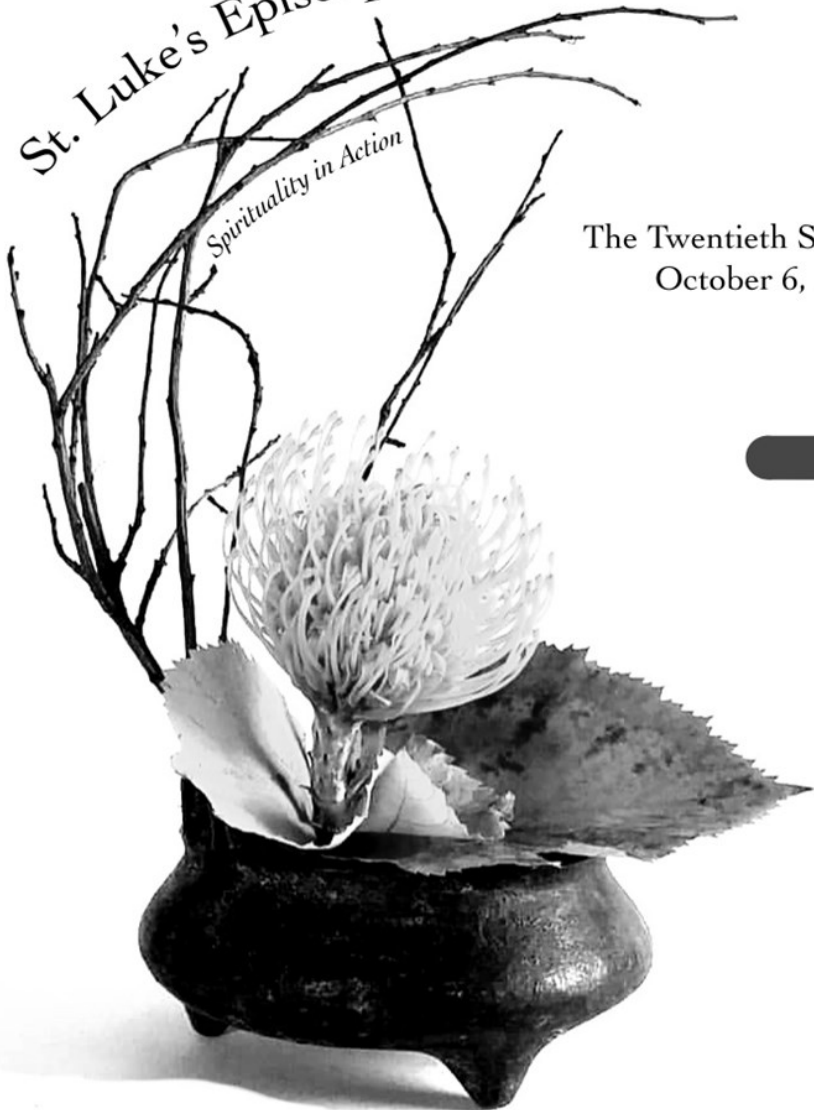


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# The Holy Eucharist: Rite I

## The Word of God

*Please stand at the sound of the bell.*

### Opening Acclamation

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*Assembly* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.  
Amen.

### The Collect for Purity

*Presider* Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

*Assembly* Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest *Please stand.*

*Assembly* Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.  
We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee,  
we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King,  
God the Father Almighty.

○ Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
○ Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

### The Collect of the Day

*Presider*                    The Lord be with you.  
*Assembly*                 And with thy spirit.  
*Presider*                    Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*Assembly*                 Amen.

*Lector*

A reading from *The Book of Genesis*.

And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold, and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

*Assembly*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

A Portion of the Psalter

Psalm 8

- Assembly
- 1 O Lord our Governor,  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
  - 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children  
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
  - 3 You have set up a stronghold  
against your adversaries,  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

- 4 When I consider your heavens,  
the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set  
in their courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him?  
the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels;  
you adorn him with glory and honor;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands;  
you put all things under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen,  
even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O Lord our Governor,  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

The Second Reading

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

*Lector*

A reading from *The Letter to the Hebrews*.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much

superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are humans that you are mindful of them  
or mortals that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while  
lower than the angels;

you have crowned them with glory and honor,  
subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

“I will proclaim your name  
to my brothers and sisters;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

*Assembly*

The Holy Gospel

*Please stand.*

Mark 10:2-16

*Deacon*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*Assembly*

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

*Deacon*

Some, testing him, asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

People were bringing children to him in order that he might touch them, and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.



The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

*Assembly*

The Homily      *Please be seated.*      The Rev. Dr. Gregory L. Flentje

The Nicene Creed      *Please stand.*

*Deacon*      Please stand and join in confessing our faith, which covers the earth and spans the ages, by reciting the Nicene Creed.

*Assembly*      I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
                         maker of heaven and earth,  
                         and of all things visible and invisible;

                         And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
                         the only begotten Son of God,  
                         begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
                         God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
                         begotten, not made,  
                         being of one substance with the Father;  
                         by whom all things were made;  
                         who for us and for our salvation  
                         came down from heaven,  
                         and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost  
                         of the Virgin Mary,  
                         and was made man;  
                         and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
                         he suffered and was buried;  
                         and the third day he rose again  
according to the Scriptures,  
                         and ascended into heaven,  
                         and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;  
                         and he shall come again, with glory,  
                         to judge both the quick and the dead;  
                         whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost  
the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father;  
    who with the Father and the Son together  
        is worshiped and glorified;  
        who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one holy Catholic  
and Apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
    and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
    and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

*Please stand or kneel.*

*Deacon*                    In peace, we pray to you, our God.

*A moment of silence is kept.*

*Intercessor*            We pray for the people of our nation.

*Deacon*  
*Assembly*                For all people in their daily life and work;  
For our families, friends, and neighbors,  
and for those who are alone.

*Intercessor*            We pray for the Executive Branch of our  
government and Joseph our President. We pray for  
the Legislative and Judicial Branches of our  
government, as well as Gretchen, our Governor. We  
pray for all who serve in our armed forces,  
particularly Joe, Nathan, Stephen, Allison, Gordon,  
Andrew, Riley and Kevin.

*Deacon*  
*Assembly*                For this community, the nation, and the world;  
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

*Intercessor* We pray for all those whom it would be easy for us to forget.

*Deacon  
Assembly* For the just and proper use of your creation;  
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice,  
and oppression.

*Intercessor* We pray for all who are sick, suffering, or addicted,  
especially Linda, Lora, Eva, Wesley, Jen and Billy.

*Deacon  
Assembly* For all who are in danger, sorrow,  
or any kind of trouble;  
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless,  
and the needy.

*Intercessor* We pray for all faith communities, particularly  
the Episcopal Church and our diocese.

*Deacon  
Assembly* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
For all who proclaim the Gospel,  
and all who seek the Truth.

*Intercessor* We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sean, Our  
Presiding Bishop-Elect, Skip our Assisting Bishop,  
Randall our Priest, Greg, Micheal, Anne Marie, and  
Barrett our Deacons, Sarah, our Monastic Solitary,  
our staff, parishioners, friends, and visitors.

*Deacon  
Assembly* For all bishops and other ministers;  
For all who serve God in the Church.

*Intercessor* For the special needs and concerns  
of this congregation.

*Members of the Assembly add their own petitions  
either silently or aloud.*

*Deacon  
Assembly* Hear us, Lord;  
For your mercy is great.

*Intercessor* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life,  
offering gratitude for those celebrating birthdays,  
Nate, Haley, Amy and Anja. We also thank you for  
those celebrating baptismal anniversaries, Michael,  
Martha, Jennifer and Michael and those celebrating  
wedding anniversaries, Jan & Andrew, Harry & Gary,  
Sara & Heather.

*Deacon  
Assembly* We will exalt you, O God of Life;  
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

*Intercessor* We pray for all who have died, that they may have a  
place in your eternal realm, remembering especially  
Sandy, Dan, Jan. and Mackie.

*Deacon  
Assembly* Savior, let your lovingkindness be upon them;  
Who put their trust in you.

*Deacon* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Assembly* Have mercy upon us, most merciful Creator;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

*Assembly* Amen.

### The Exchange of Peace

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*Assembly* And also with you.

*Members of the Assembly may greet one another with the peace of Christ.*

## **The Holy Communion**

### Offertory Sentence

*Deacon* All things come of thee, O Lord,  
*Assembly* and of thine own have we given thee.

### Eucharistic Prayer II

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*Assembly* And with thy spirit.

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*Assembly* We lift them up unto the Lord.

*Presider* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*Assembly* It is meet and right so to do.

*The Presider continues, giving voice to this prayer which we are all praying in our hearts and minds.*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

*The Presider inserts a Proper Preface.*

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Assembly*                      Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
  Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
  Hosanna in the highest.

*The Presider continues*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

*Assembly*                      Amen!

The Lord's Prayer

*Deacon*                      And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us,  
we are bold to say,

*Assembly*                      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

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread and, after a moment of silence, says*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*Assembly*                      Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*Presider*                      The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Deacon*                      Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with  
thanksgiving.

*Holy Communion is open to all baptized Christians  
or anyone desiring a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.*

*Postcommunion Prayer*      *Please stand.*

*Presider*                      Let us pray.

*Assembly*                      Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank  
thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy  
mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most  
precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus  
Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and  
goodness towards us; and that we are very members  
incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the  
blessed company of all faithful people; and are also  
heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And



we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Announcements

*Please be seated.*

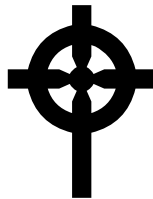
The Blessing

*Please stand.*

*The Presider pronounces a blessing over the Assembly.*

The Dismissal

*A Deacon gives the dismissal, the Assembly responding, Amen.*



## **Resources**

*The Book of Common Prayer, 1979*

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***Those in the Military***

Joe Geiser, Nathan, Stephen Breisach, Allison Meyers, Gordon Hueschen, Andrew Orosz, Riley, Kevin Dechert

***Birthdays this Week***

Nate Oppenneer, Haley Funkey, Anja Barnard, Amy Peterson

***Baptismal Anniversaries this Week***

Michael Dombos, Martha Kaiser, Jennifer James Oppenneer, Michael Duffy

***Wedding Anniversaries***

Jan & Andrew Latham, Harry Tingley & Gary Jensen. Sara & Heather.

***Please Pray for the Departed***

Sandy Heffner, Dan Fife, Jan Fife, Mackie Patton

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