

THE HOLY EUCHARIST IN THE EASTER SEASON

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Spirituality in Action

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The Word of God

Opening Acclamation *Please stand.*

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia,

Collect for Purity

Presider 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.

People Amen.

The Pascha Nostrum

People Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all;
but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin,
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death,
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die,
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

The Presider continues with the Collect found on the day's handout.

People Amen.

The Lessons *Please be seated.*

*A non-scriptural reading from the day's Saint may be read. The reader concluding,
Here ends the reading.*

A scripture lesson is read, the reader concluding,

Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

The Portion of the Psalter appointed for the day is read by all from the day's handout.

The Holy Gospel *Please stand.*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to _____.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Deacon reads the selection from the Gospels appointed for the day.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily *Please be seated.*

Prayers of the People *Please stand.*

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest;

People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence is kept, which the Presider concludes with a collect

The Exchange of Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People may greet one another with the peace of Christ.

The Holy Communion

A Eucharistic Prayer of the Resurrection

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love, you are beyond complete knowledge, above perfect description. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; Source of Life, Living Word, and Bond of Love, you are creative and self-giving, generously moving in all the near and distant corners of the universe. Nothing exists that does not find its source in you.

Through fear-filled days and aching nights when the powers of death have done their worst, your love has never deserted us. Even when we turn away from you, you are with us; your presence never fails us, your gifts of hope and new life transform us.

We praise you for Jesus Christ, risen to life, eternal as your love. With the women at the tomb, we raise the strain of gladness. Hallelujah! Life is stronger than death! The day of resurrection has come, scattering fear and gloom. And so we rejoice with all your people of every time and place, and with angels and archangels, proclaim the glory of your name:

People Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Presider It is Jesus, God incarnate, the Risen Christ, who joins us together as a community of broken but hopeful believers: loving what he loved living what he taught, and striving to be his faithful servants in our time and place. In this meal we remember Jesus, his promises, and the price he paid for who he was, what he said, and what he did.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

Presider As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

We now celebrate, O God, the memorial of Christ our Savior. We remember his life of love, his friendship, his teaching, his dying, and his rising to life again. We call on you to transform these familiar things, as you continually transform the world around us.

Bless the wheat and the grape, the farmer and the harvest, the seed and the sower. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Mary the God-Bearer, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People AMEN!

The Lord's Prayer

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

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 & Invitation to Holy Communion

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People 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 seeking a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

The Postcommunion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

People Loving God, we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The liturgy concludes with a blessing and a dismissal. The response to the dismissal is

People Thanks be to God.