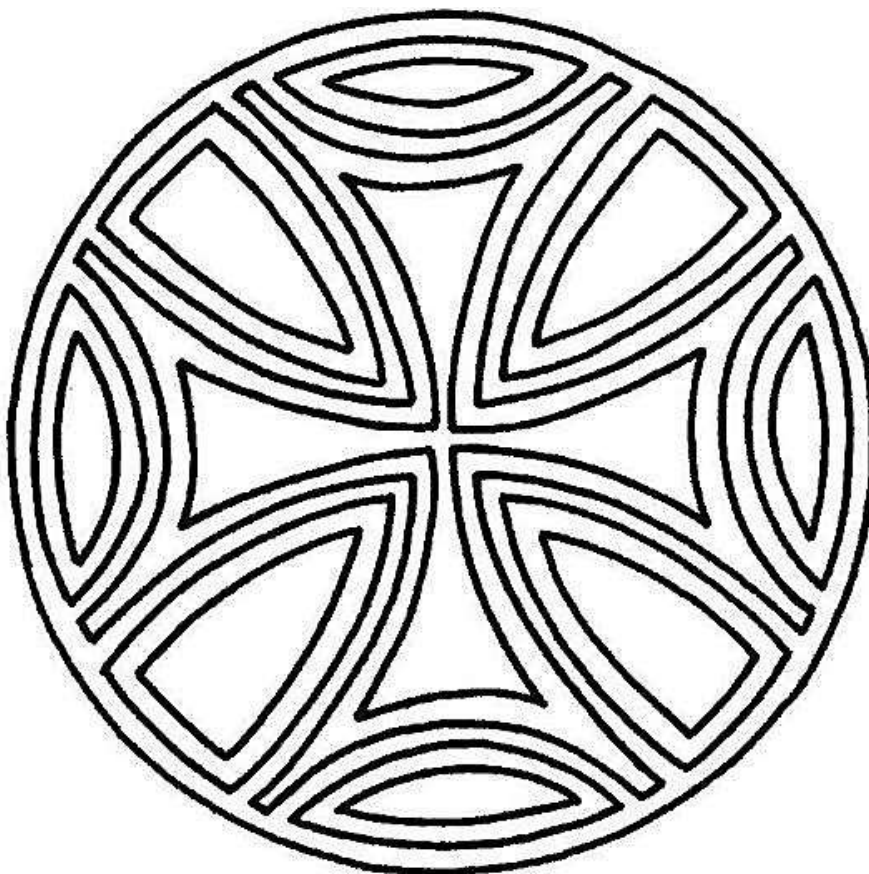




THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

8:00 AM Service Bulletin

Season after Pentecost (July and August 2017)



Please leave this booklet in the basket in the entryway as you leave; it will be reused throughout the next weeks.

Our Mission Welcome to The Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion, a welcoming and diverse community seeking to walk in the way of Jesus and to reveal Christ's reconciling love in our city, nation, and world.

Can I receive Communion? Yes. Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome to receive the bread and wine made holy.

Are children welcome? Children are especially welcome at Holy Communion. We like to say we expect *everyone* to act their age. Acting your age as a little one can mean restlessness in worship. Wiggles and giggles are welcome too! Children learn by watching adults worship. There is a soft space at the back of the church, with coloring sheets, colored pencils and quiet books. Our chapel is a sound-proof place to bring a crying infant, or a boisterous toddler, with windows into the church and speakers broadcasting the sound from the service. Ask an usher if you need any assistance.

How do I find my way around? There is a map by the Welcome Table in the main entryway (on the East side of the church). Also, feel free to ask anyone around you for directions, or help navigating the service.

Where are the restrooms? There are single-user, all-gender restrooms in the Lounge, through the main (East) door, and through the next glass door. There are gendered, larger restrooms downstairs (take the elevator or stairs at the end of the long hallway in front of that entrance). Changing tables are available in the downstairs restrooms or in the nursery.

Is there wheelchair accessibility? Yes. Our entrances have auto-open buttons, and our elevator is ADA compliant. Both the downstairs restrooms and one of the upstairs restrooms are accessible. Everyone is invited to remain seated during the service as they need.

What about hearing assistance? We can help there, too. Hearing assistance devices are available from the ushers. Just ask.

How do I get involved? If you begin by filling out a "Connect Card" in your pew, or at the Welcome Table, we'd be glad to keep you up to date with all that goes on here. You can also use the Connect Cards to update your information, request prayers, or to ask a question.

Become a member. All are welcome to be here and to explore. If you would like to learn more and meet interesting people, consider joining in Pilgrimage, the Rector's classes for newcomers and explorers. Our next class begins in September. Email the rector for more information (mangell@holycommunion.net).

Gathering

Opening Acclamation

The congregation is invited to respond using the words in bold

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Glory to God for ever and ever.

Collect for Purity

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.**

Song of Praise

A Song of the Wilderness

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weary hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to the anxious, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God, coming with judgment to save you." Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf be unstopped. Then shall the lame leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert; The burning sand shall become a pool and the thirsty ground, springs of water. The ransomed of God shall return with singing, with everlasting joy upon their heads. Joy and gladness shall be theirs, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect of the Day

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

The presider prays the prayer of the day. The People respond: Amen.

1st Lesson *Please be seated*

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After the Lesson the Reader says:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm *We read the psalm responsively, the congregation reading the verses in bold.*

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2nd Lesson

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After the Lesson the Reader says:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Lesson the Gospeller says:

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon *Please be seated at the invitation of the Preacher.*

The Nicene Creed

Please stand as we recite a modern translation of the ancient formula for faith.

**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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and
became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 Prayers of the People *standing or kneeling*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

We pray for the Church in El Salvador; in the Diocese of Missouri we pray for [*here the leader prays for a church or ministry in the cycle of prayer of Diocese of Missouri*]. Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Michael, our presiding bishop, George Wayne our bishop and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

We pray for Donald our president, the members of Congress, the Supreme Court, Eric our governor, and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

We give you thanks for all the blessings of this life; especially *those* celebrating birthdays this week. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

[*We pray especially for...*] Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

[*For _____ who died on _____*] Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

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

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

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

The people may add their own petitions silently or aloud.

The Celebrant may add a concluding collect.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence*

God of all mercy,

**we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will.**

Amen.

Celebrant

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

The Peace *standing*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

You are invited to greet those around you by saying "Peace be with you" or simply "Peace."

Welcome and Announcements *please be seated for a few brief announcements*

Presentation of the Offering *Please stand*

All things come of thee, O Lord.

And of thine own have we given thee.

Eucharistic Prayer 2

Enriching Our Worship

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The presider offers thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ. In response all say:

**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.

The presider gives thanks to God for Christ's redeeming work, and remembers Jesus' last supper with his disciples.

The presider concludes with prayer for the Holy Spirit to sanctify the bread and wine, and the gathered congregation. The Eucharistic prayer concludes with a plea for the coming of God's reign.

We worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

**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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Administration of the Sacrament

You are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, the consecrated bread and wine. If you would rather receive a blessing, please come forward to the altar rail during communion and cross your arms across your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available, on request, from the minister.

Post Communion Prayer *please stand or kneel*

Enriching Our Worship

**God of abundance, you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

Enriching Our Worship

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Dismissal: *our worship has ended, our service in the world continues*

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.



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