



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE
HOLY COMMUNION

The Season after Pentecost

July 8-August 5, 2018



8:00 AM Service Bulletin

Please leave this order of service booklet in the entryway
as you leave. It will be reused in the coming 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? 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 are coloring sheets and quiet books at the back of the church. 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. Read more on the website or email the rector with questions or to sign up (mangell@holycommunion.net).

Gathering

Opening Acclamation

The congregation is invited to respond using the words in bold

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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

Enriching Our Worship

**Splendor and honor and royal power
are yours by right, O God Most High,
For you created everything that is,
and by your will they were created and have their being;
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation,
a royal priesthood to serve our God.
And so, to the One who sits upon the throne,
and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor,
for ever and for evermore.**

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect of the Day

see insert

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

see insert

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 Gospel Reader 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*

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 Prayers of the People *Please stand or kneel*

Gracious God, 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 our president, the members of Congress, the Supreme Court, 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*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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 the Lord 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.

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:

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 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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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 ancestors; God of Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar.

Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob and Rachel and Leah,

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.

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*

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Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing *The people stand or kneel as the presider proclaims the final blessing.*

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.

Liturgical Changes for Mid-July

Many of the liturgical changes for this July reflect the meeting of the General Convention in Austin, Texas where decisions will be made about liturgy and music that could affect our own worship life. We will be hearing and using pieces of our Book of Common Prayer and authorized texts that may be less familiar.

1. **Male-Gendered Language for God:** Holy Communion often intentionally uses liturgical sources that balance gendered language, or use more fluid language for God. Our 1979 Prayer Book always uses male pronouns when speaking about the divine. We have adapted the prayer book a bit to remember not only our male ancestors (The prayer from 1979 only remembered the “God of our Fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. We’ve added in Sarah, Hagar, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah.) Many say inclusive language is the strongest argument for a newly revised prayer book. Do you agree?
2. **Eucharistic Prayer C** is not used often at Holy Communion. It was composed by the late Howard E. Galley, a liturgist and officer on the Presiding Bishop’s staff during the last Prayer Book Revision. With phrases like “the vast expanse of interstellar space,” some say this is the most specific prayer to the late 60s and early 70s when the Prayer Book was composed. Do you think it should be in our next prayer book?
3. **Scripture Readings from the Common English Bible**, which was the most recently “authorized” translation by General Convention (in 2012). This text was edited by the most diverse group of translators that have ever come together on an Bible edition, and was written to be accessible for most readers of English. What phrases or changes in translation do you notice?
4. **“We are Marching in the Light of God,”** the hymn we are using for our Gathering song and as the tune for our “Alleluia” and “Great Amen,” comes to us from South Africa. Perhaps more than any other contemporary piece of Anglican music this song has become a theme for the Anglican Communion. It appears in our hymnals in three different languages, and is sung across the global church.



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