



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE  
**HOLY COMMUNION**

Sundays in the first half of Easter

April 8-29, 2018



**8:00 AM Service Bulletin**

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?** 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 or to sign up ([mangell@holycommunion.net](mailto:mangell@holycommunion.net)).

## Gathering

### Opening Acclamation

*The congregation is invited to respond using the words in bold*

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### 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

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 356*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## 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 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 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*

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.*

**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.**

### **Mission and Vision Prayer** *Said by all.*

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the legacy of mission and ministry at Holy Communion. May we heed your call in our own time. Give us the courage to **Welcome** all, inviting and including newcomers. Unite us and teach us to celebrate the rich **Diversity** of the human family. Lead us beyond our walls to better serve the wider **Community**. We offer this prayer in the name of your Son, who shared your vision and mission for the world. **Amen.**

### **Eucharistic Prayer 3**

*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 people are invited to respond to the words:*

we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

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

May Almighty God, who has liberated us and made us God's children through the Resurrection of Christ our Lord, be known to you in the breaking of bread, in the prayers, and as all things are made new. And the Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

## **The Dismissal:**

*our worship has ended, our service in the world continues*

Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### **Liturgical Changes During Easter**

- 1) The Paschal Candle is lighted for every service. This tall candle with its intricate decoration (including wax nails and grains of incense) was blessed during the Easter Vigil. It serves as a reminder of the Resurrection. The candle is used all year for baptisms, confirmations, funerals, and for every service in the Easter Season.
- 2) White frontal color and matching vestments. White is the color of celebration. Easter isn't just a single day, it is a season of celebration. We mark the great 50 days of Easter with celebration.
- 3) No confession of sin. For many years Holy Communion has emphasized the joy of the resurrection, after the long penitent season of Lent.
- 4) Plentiful Alleluias! Throughout the whole season, we use this celebratory word of praise, sometimes repeating the word two or three times.









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