



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE
HOLY COMMUNION

Season after Pentecost

September 9-23 2018



8:00am 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? Yes. Children are invited to participate actively in the service. Coloring pages, crayons, and books are at the entrances to the church. Nursery care is available 9:00am - 12:00pm for children ages 0-3; the Nursery is located through the lounge. And finally, changing tables are located in the downstairs bathrooms and the Nursery. 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.

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 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

Enriching Our Worship

**Wisdom freed from a nation of oppressors
a holy people and a blameless race.
She entered the soul of a servant of the Lord,
withstood dread rulers with wonders and signs.
To the saints she gave the reward of their labors,
and led them by a marvelous way;
She was their shelter by day
and a blaze of stars by night.
She brought them across the Red Sea,
she led them through mighty waters;
But their enemies she swallowed in the waves
and spewed them out from the depths of the abyss.
And then, Lord, the righteous sang hymns to your Name,
and praised with one voice your protecting hand;
For Wisdom opened the mouths of the mute,
and gave speech to the tongues of a new-born people.**



The Ministry of the Word

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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

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1st Lesson *Please be seated*

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After the Lesson the Reader says:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

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:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

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 *Please stand or kneel*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For all who are in authority; for this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble,

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For the Church in El Salvador; [*here the leader prays for a church or ministry in the cycle of prayer of Diocese of Missouri*]; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for George Wayne, our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers.

For all who serve God in the Church.

For those on our prayer list and for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The people may add their own petitions silently or aloud,

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

For those celebrating a birthday this week (*especially...*); we thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life;

The people may add their own petitions silently or aloud.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died (*especially...*), that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The people may add their own petitions silently or aloud.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; **Who put their trust in you.**

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

Have mercy upon us, most merciful God; 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.

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 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*

Offering *The clergy prepare the table as the plates are passed.*

If you would like to know more about our theology of giving, or how our gifts are used, please visit holycommunion.net/giving or speak to a clergy person.

Presentation of the Offering *Please stand*

All things come of thee, O Lord.

And of thine own have we given thee.



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 *pray in the language you prefer*

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.

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre, venga tu reino, hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén

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.*

La Bendición de Dios sea contigo,
la paz de Cristo sea contigo,
la efusión del Espíritu Santo sea contigo,
ahora y por siempre.
Amen.

*God's Blessing be with you,
Christ's peace be with you,
The Spirit's outpouring be with you,
Now and 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.

Liturgical Changes for September

September is “Kick Off Season” in church. Many of the liturgical changes bring us back to our comfort zone, and many of the changes challenge us to continue to live into our hopes that the worship of Holy Communion reflect our value of diversity.

- **Gender Expansive Language:** Holy Communion often intentionally uses liturgical sources that expand upon traditionally gendered language for God and for people. The prayers for this season are from “Enriching Our Worship,” a collection of expansive language worship services which intentionally include male, female, and nonspecific pronouns and imagery for God and the human community.
- **Use of Prayers and Texts from the Order of St. Helena:** This Fall we are also sometimes using prayers and hymn texts from an order of Episcopal nuns, the Order of St. Helena. This group of women religious have been pioneers in gender expansive language in worship.
- **Scripture Readings from the Common English Bible:** We first started using this translation of the Bible over the summer, and have chosen to continue into the Fall. This Bible translation was edited by the most diverse group of translators that have ever come together on a Bible edition, and was written to be accessible for most readers of English. What phrases or changes in translation do you notice?
- **Spanish in the Liturgy:** As more Spanish-speakers and folks with Latino heritage are joining the church, and moving into the area, the Worship Committee decided to intentionally include Spanish in some specific places in our liturgy. You’ll notice that the Lord’s Prayer is printed both in Spanish and English and the Blessing will be given by the priest in Spanish. On October 7, join us for our celebration of our partnership with Cristosal, an El Salvador based justice ministry. The whole service will be bilingual.

When we proclaim a principle in our public witness, it is important to practice it personally. Along with the Diocese of Missouri we ask all gun owners:

Please ensure that all guns in your home are locked and secured against use by children or those suffering agonizing despair.



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