Holy Eucharist

Ordinary Time, Proper 13

Sunday, August 2, 2020

Liturgy of the Word

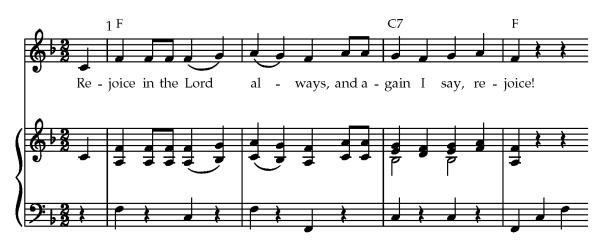
Entrance Rite

At the sound of the bell, all stand for the Entrance of the Ministers into the church.

Processional Hymn

Rejoice in the Lord always

Voices Found 162







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All standing, the Celebrant says

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

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

The Celebrant says

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.*

The following is said, all standing

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.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading Isaiah 55:1-5

The people remain seated.

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Remain seated.

Psalm 145:8-9,15-22

- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, * slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 The LORD is loving to everyone * and his compassion is over all his works.
- 15 The LORD upholds all those who fall; * he lifts up those who are bowed down.
- The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, * and you give them their food in due season.
- 17 You open wide your hand * and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
- 18 The LORD is righteous in all his ways * and loving in all his works.
- 19 The LORD is near to those who call upon him, * to all who call upon him faithfully.
- He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; * he hears their cry and helps them.
- The LORD preserves all those who love him, * but he destroys all the wicked.
- 22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; * let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

Second Reading Romans 9:1-5

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

All stand.

Jesus loves me! Voices Found 163





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Holy Gospel Matthew 14:13-21

Please be seated.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Christopher R. Beasley

Nicene Creed

All stand and together say

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.

Prayers of the People

All remain standing.

Leader: God of all that is good, in Scripture, you give us your vision for the world. In

love, you give us your grace. In wisdom, you give us each other. Through the vision of the Holy Spirit, we learn that your very hope is that we be your presence, your power and your Body in the world. For this, we give you thanks and, as one body, offer ourselves and each other as we pray. We pray for every church in every place and for every community of faith throughout the world where love is proclaimed as the core of our lives and our living. God who unites us all,

People: Bless your holy people.

Leader: Grant us, O Lover of Souls, the grace and wisdom to use new maps when you light up different roads to follow. Help us claim the power of faith shared in community and the gifts that we can use to fulfill the vison of ministry and mission you set before us. God of all holy people,

People: Help us remember the promises we made at our baptisms.

Leader: God of Justice and Truth, we pray for our nation. Teach us humility, open our hearts to those who are different, give us compassion and understanding, forgive us our sins and restore us to health. May all of us learn from the relatedness of God how to live in love for each other. God who calls us to Justice and forgives us,

People: Open our hearts to receive your truth.

Leader: Help us reach out to the world, seeing the beauty of your gifts as well as the urgency of need in all we serve. Show us how to live so that we do not exploit your world or your people in it. Help us to be good stewards of our small piece of your Creation that you have entrusted to us. God who makes power of powerlessness,

People: Make us channels of justice and peace.

Leader: We pray for those who suffer and for their caregivers and companions. Bless those in our midst who are tired or hurting and those who trust us to pray for them. We pray for all on our prayer list* as well as those we name now. God who enfolds us in your own wounds,

People: Open our hearts to know the healing power of your love.

Leader: We pray for those who have died. May we know the presence of that cloud of witnesses around us as we seek to be your people. Bless all those who mourn and

those who, in their grief, know the sure and certain promise of eternal life in you. God of forever and from before time,

People: We praise you for the wonder of eternal life.

All remain standing.

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Confession of Sin BCP p. 360

The priest says,

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silence is observed.

Minister and People together say

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.

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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*.

Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. Please remain in your pew.

Holy Communion

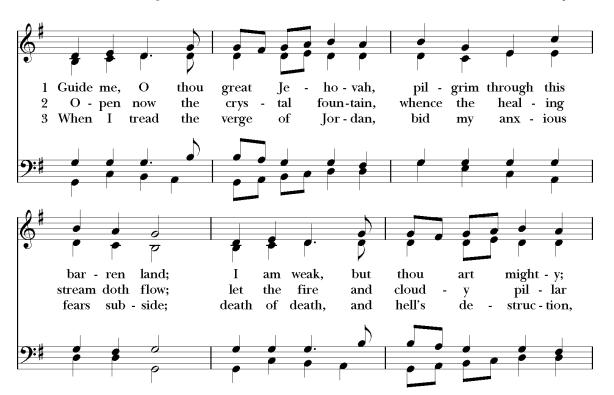
The Celebrant says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. Psalm 50:14

Offertory Hymn

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Hymnal 690





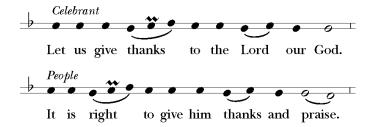
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Holy Communion (Liturgy of the Table)

The people remain standing.

All remain standing.





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:

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. 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 Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; 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 Celebrant then continues

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

People and Celebrant

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.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

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

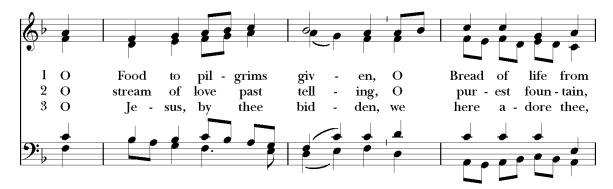
At the invitation to Communion, feed on Christ in your heart by faith as you pray these words:

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Communion Hymn

O Food to pilgrims given

Hymnal 309





After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The Celebrant and People together say

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.

Blessing

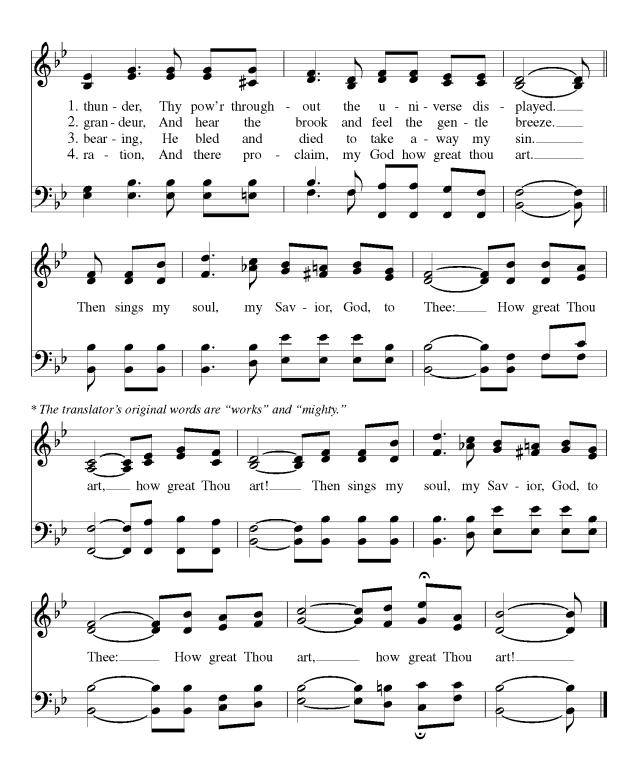
The priest blesses the people, saying

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen*.

Recessional Hymn

How Great Thou Art LEVAS 60





Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ. People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

A Note on Today's Readings

Proper 13: Sunday closest to August 3-Year A

Welcome to our parish. Throughout the Bible, God uses food as a primary means of calling the people together and of revealing the divine Presence to them. Today we have Matthew's account of the feeding of the 5,000. For early Christians, this account's importance lay not so much in the miraculous multiplying of the loaves and fishes as in its resemblance to the Eucharist, their own way (and ours) of experiencing Jesus' continuing presence in their midst.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah brings a vision of God's renewed relationship with the people. The vision used the Old Testament's frequent image of that relationship as God calls all people to eat and drink in fellowship with God and each other.

Having reached the conclusion of his discussion of the glory of God's grace, Paul now tries to deal with the fact that some Jews have not accepted Jesus as the Messiah. Nevertheless, God's promises to them remain.

Religious meals are one of the universal expressions of human religion. All the insights of God's long love affair with humanity are summed up in these meals. Given deeper and fuller meaning by the Passover of Israel and finally used by Jesus to interpret the meaning of his death and resurrection, the Eucharist becomes for us the fullest and most complete revelation of God's love and of His salvation.

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