

The Holy Eucharist of the People of God
 for Sundays after the Feast of Pentecost
 Saint Peter's Episcopal Church
 Lebanon, Indiana 46052
 12 November 2023 – Proper 27

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Our Entrance into an Awareness of God's Presence

The People stand as they are able.

The Processional Hymn

Signs of endings all around us

WLP 721

1. Signs of end-ings all a - round us— dark - ness, death, and win - ter days
 2. Can it be that from our end - ings, new be - gin - nings you cre - ate?
 3. Speak, O God, your Word a - mong us. Bar - ren lives your pres - ence fill.

shroud our lives in fear and sad - ness, numb - ing mouths that long to praise.
 Life from death, and from our rend - ings, realms of whole - ness gen - er - ate?
 Swell our hearts with songs of glad - ness, ter - rors calm fore - bod - ings still.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part includes triplets and a key signature change to two flats (B-flat, E-flat) in the final section. The lyrics are arranged in two systems, with the first system containing three numbered verses and the second system containing the concluding lines of the hymn.

Come, O³ Christ, and dwell a - mong us! Hear our cries, come set us free.
 Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them in - to hopes for life a - new:
 Let your prom - ised realm of jus - tice blos - som now through - out the earth;

Give us hope and faith and glad - ness. Show us what there yet can be.
 Fad - ing light and dy - ing sea - son sing their Glo - ri - as to you.
 your do - min - ion bring now near us; we a - wait the sav - ing birth.

The Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
 The People: *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen*

The Presider may pray:

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.

The People: *Amen.*


All sing God's praise:

The Gloria


The following is sung, all standing



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly



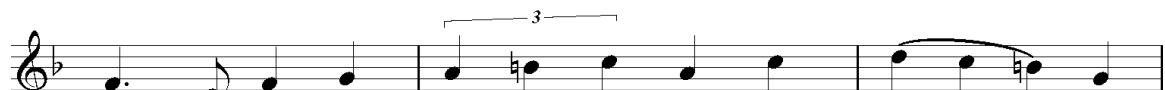
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we




give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus




Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy




on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,



you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the



The Prayer of the Day

The Presider greets the people in Jesus Christ:

The Lord be with you.

The People: *And also with you.*

The Presider: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

The People: *Amen.*

Our Liturgy of the Word of God

Wisdom 6: 12-16

First Reading

All sit.

A Reading from the book of Leviticus.

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one’s thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Remain seated.

Psalm 70

Deus, in adjutorium

- 1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O LORD, make haste to help me.
- 2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.
- 3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.
- 4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the LORD!"
- 5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.
- 6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O LORD, do not tarry.

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

Second Reading

A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

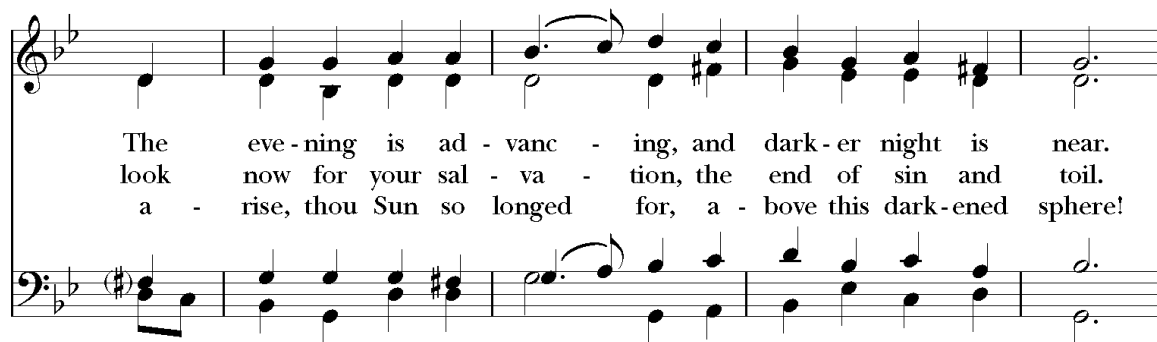
Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Rejoice! rejoice, believers

Hymnal 68



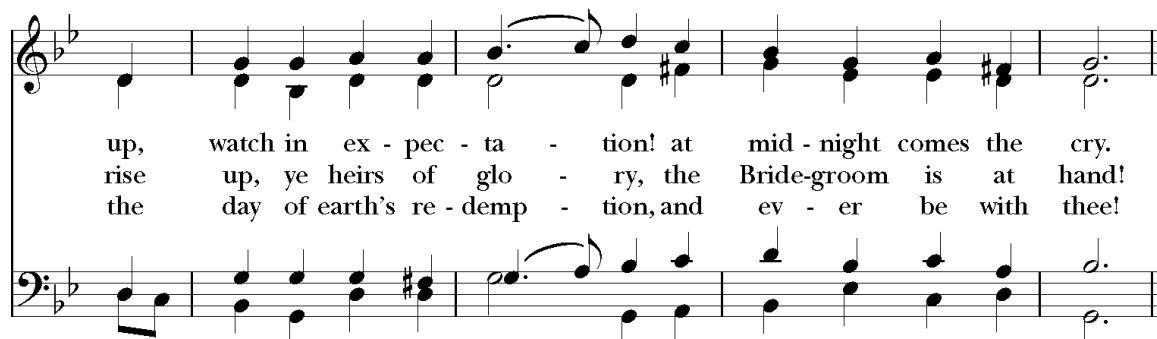
1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Holy Gospel

All stand.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

After the Gospel Reading

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

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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

Prayer is offered with intercession for: the Universal Church, its members, and its mission; the nation and all in authority; the welfare of the world, the concerns of the local community; those who suffer and those in any trouble; and the departed (with commemoration of a saint when appropriate).

The Presider: Let us pray to the One God, the Holy Trinity in our midst, who in loving, forgiving, and accepting us calls us to new life in Christ and pours out the love of God into our hearts through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Leader: Let us pray for the Church and for all the ministers of the Church: for laity, bishops, priests, and deacons. May each Christian truly live out their vocation of faith and humble service both within the Church and within the world. And may all Christians together give a true witness to the Gospel of love, forgiveness, and

acceptance given to us in the Kingdom of God. We remember especially our companion diocese of Bor and Brasilia, and in our own diocese, we remember _____.

The People: *Hear our prayer.*

The Leader: We pray for the nations of this world and for the leaders of all nations, that justice, peace and freedom might become a reality everywhere; and that the power of oppression, cruelty, injustice, greed, and poverty might be overthrown. We pray especially for those places of conflict in the world that seem hopeless and unending that people everywhere might demand an end to violence, war, and destruction. And we pray that those who hate might discover the humanity of those they hate so that the power of hatred and fear might be broken and that we might not be drawn into hating and fearing in return. O Blessed Trinity, One God,

The People: *Hear our prayer.*

The Leader: We pray for all those who suffer in any way: for the lost, the lonely, and the unloved; for the sick, of body, mind, or spirit; for the homeless, the destitute, and the hungry, for refugees, prisoners, and the tortured; and for all who turn to God for help, sustenance, and relief. We pray especially for: _____, that they might know the healing and comforting presence of the hand of God. O Blessed Trinity, One God,

The People: *Hear our prayer.*

The Leader: We pray for those who have died and for those who grieve that the hope of the resurrection of Jesus might comfort them, renew faith, and lead those who have died home to God's eternity. We remember especially those who are close to our hearts: _____. O Blessed Trinity, One God,

The People: *Hear our prayer.*

Silence for private prayer

The Presider: Holy God in our midst: hear our prayers, not only of our lips, but of our hearts as well. And grant our requests as is best for us and for all for whom we pray. This we ask in the Name of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The People: *Amen.*

The Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Presider says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All kneel as they are able.

Silence for self examination.

The Minister and People then 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.

The People: ***Amen.***

Our Sharing the Peace of Jesus Christ

The Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

The People: *And also with you.*

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord making peace with one another before bringing their gifts to the altar.

Our Liturgy of the Holy Communion

The Offering of Our Lives and of Our Gifts back to God

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
 2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the
 3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
 *4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to
 5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and

1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is
 2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
 3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
 4 thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner
 5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit

1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.
 2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!
 3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.
 5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings to the deacon or Presider of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, as we offer our lives back to God in faith and in faithful life and work.

The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar and sing:

Our Great Thanksgiving Prayer to God

The people remain standing. The Presider, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings:

The musical notation is arranged in four staves. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with the lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with the lyrics: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff is for the People, with the lyrics: "It is right to give him thanks and praise." The music is written in a single melodic line on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C).

The Presider continues on behalf of all who are present:

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with all the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

All sing or say:

The "Holy, Holy, Holy" from Isaiah 6:3

The musical notation is arranged in two systems, each with a treble and bass clef staff. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,". The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm.

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel as the Presider continues:

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the

world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, and sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

The Presider and the People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [_____ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and

glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

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

All say:

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,

forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung the Fraction Anthem. The People repeat the refrain after the priest sings it the first time, and then after each verse.

The Presider: The disciples knew the Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread

The People: The disciples knew the Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

*The Presider: The bread which we break, alleluia,
is the communion of the body of Christ.*

The People: The disciples knew the Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

*The Presider: One body are we, alleluia,
for though many we share one bread.*

The People: The disciples knew the Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

The Presider says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to come to our Lord's table for a blessing. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the blessing of communion. Others may come forward for a blessing from the priest indicating this by crossing their arms over their chest.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

The People: Amen.

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

The People: Amen.

Communion Hymn

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Hymnal 324



1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man
 on the way, as the Light of Light de -
 sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the



mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
 ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
 Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,
 he will give to all the faith - ful
 that the powers of hell may va - nish
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

our full hom - age to de - mand.
 his own self for heaven - ly food.
 as the dark - ness clears a - way.
 Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Our Final Prayer of Thanksgiving to God

The Presider: Let us pray.

The Presider and People pray together:

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and with 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 for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in the world, in the name of the Holy Trinity.

The People: Amen

(Source: Celtic)

Where cross the crowded ways of life

Hymnal 609

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
 2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on sha - dowed
 3 The cup of wa - ter given for thee still holds the
 4 O Mas - ter, from the moun - tain side, make haste to
 5 till all the world shall learn thy love, and fol - low

1 cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
 2 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
 3 fresh - ness of thy grace; yet long these mul - ti -
 4 heal these hearts of pain; a - mong these rest - less
 5 where thy feet have trod; till glo - rious from thy

1 self - ish strife, we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.
 2 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of thy tears.
 3 tudes to see the true com - pas - sion of thy face.
 4 throngs a - bide, O tread the ci - ty's streets a - gain;
 5 heaven a - bove, shall come the ci - ty of our God.

The Sending Forth into the World

The Presider: Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

The People: *Thanks be to God.*

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Please join us to continue our table fellowship
 with refreshments and conversation in the Gathering Area
 as our liturgy continues into a new week
 of God's grace in work and in play.