

The Holy Eucharist of the People of God  
for Sundays after the Feast of Pentecost  
Saint Peter's Episcopal Church  
Lebanon, Indiana 46052  
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Our Entrance into an Awareness of God's Presence

*The People stand as they are able.*

The Processional Hymn

*Not here for high and holy things*

Hymnal 9



\*1 Not here for high and ho - ly things we ren - der thanks to  
\*2 the ro - yal robes of au - tumn moors, the gold - en gates of  
\*3 of faith and hope and love un - dimmed, un - dy - ing still through  
4 A - wake, a - wake to love and work! The lark is in the  
5 Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of  
6 to give and give, and give a - gain, what God hath giv - en



1 thee, but for the com - mon things of earth, the  
2 spring, the vel - vet of soft sum - mer nights, the  
3 death, the re - sur - rec - tion of the world, what  
4 sky, the fields are wet with dia - mond dew, the  
5 praise; see how the gi - ant sun soars up, great  
6 thee; to spend thy - self nor count the cost; to



1 pur - ple pa - gean - try of dawn - ing and of  
2 sil - ver glis - te - ring of all the mil - lion  
3 time there comes the breath of dawn that rus - tles  
4 worlds a - wake to cry their bles - sings on the  
5 lord of years and days! So let the love of  
6 serve right glo - rious - ly the God who gave all



1 dy - ing days, the splen - dor of the sea,  
2 mil - lion stars, the si - lent song they sing,  
3 through the trees, and that clear voice that saith:  
4 Lord of life, as he goes meek - ly by.  
5 Je - sus come and set thy soul a - blaze,  
6 worlds that are, and all that are to be.

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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 - mighty 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  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

### 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.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who 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

Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18

### First Reading

*All sit.*

A Reading from the book of Zephaniah.

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there.

That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

### Psalm

*Remain seated.*

**Psalm 90: 1-8, 9-12***Beatus vir qui non abiit*

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge \*  
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or the land and the earth were born, \*  
from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, \*  
"Go back, O child of earth."
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past \*  
and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; \*  
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; \*  
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 7 For we consume away in your displeasure; \*  
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
- 8 Our iniquities you have set before you, \*  
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
- 9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; \*  
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
- 10 The span of our life is seventy years,  
perhaps in strength even eighty; \*  
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,  
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.
- 11 Who regards the power of your wrath? \*  
who rightly fears your indignation?
- 12 So teach us to number our days \*  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

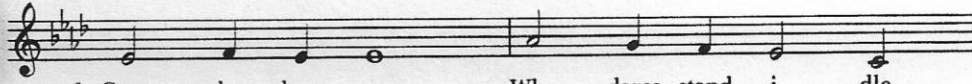
1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

**Second Reading**

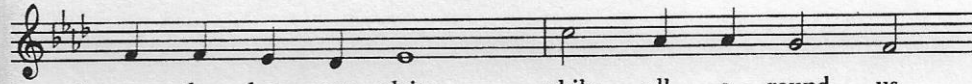
A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

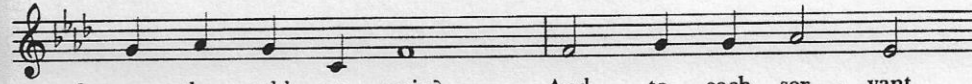
*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            Thanks be to God.



1 Come, la - bor on. Who dares stand i - dle  
 2 Come, la - bor on. The en - e - my is  
 3 Come, la - bor on. A - way with gloom - y  
 4 Come, la - bor on. Claim the high call - ing  
 5 Come, la - bor on. No time for rest, till



1 on the har - vest plain, while all a - round us  
 2 watch - ing night and day, to sow the tares, to  
 3 doubts and faith - less fear! No arm so weak but  
 4 an - gels can - not share— to young and old the  
 5 glows the west - ern sky, till the long sha - dows



1 waves the gold - en grain? And to each ser - vant  
 2 snatch the seed a - way; while we in sleep our  
 3 may do ser - vice here: by feeb - lest a - gents  
 4 Gos - pel glad - ness bear: re - deem the time; its  
 5 o'er our path - way lie, and a glad sound comes



1 does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."  
 2 du - ty have for - got, he slum - bered not.  
 3 may our God ful - fill his right - eous will.  
 4 hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.  
 5 with the set - ting sun, "Ser - vants, well done."

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Matthew 25: 14-30

Holy Gospel

All stand.

Priest

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

*People*

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

*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 \_\_\_\_\_.

O Blessed Trinity, One God,  
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

*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:*

*Before thy throne, O God, we kneel*

Hymnal 574

1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science  
2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to  
3 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious  
4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits

quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the  
all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold, from  
to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare to  
pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame; O

mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and  
 sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us  
 catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for lives be - reft of  
 God, be with us in the flame; a new - born peo - ple

shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.  
 with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.  
 pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O Lord, we cry.  
 may we rise, more pure, more true, more no - bly wise.

### Our Great Thanksgiving Prayer to God

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

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

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**



1 Strength - en for ser - vice, Lord, the hands that ho - ly  
 2 Lord, may the tongues which "Ho - ly" sang, keep free from  
 3 The feet that tread thy hal - lowed courts from light do



things have tak - en; let ears that now have  
 all de - ceiv - ing; the eyes which saw thy  
 thou not ban - ish; the bo - dies by thy



heard thy songs to clam - or nev - er wak - en.  
 love be bright, thy bless - ed hope per - ceiv - ing.  
 Bo - dy fed with thy new life re - ple - nish.

### 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)

Stand up, stand up, for Jesus

Hymnal 561

1 Stand up, stand up, for Je - sus, ye sold - iers of the cross;  
 2 Stand up, stand up, for Je - sus; the trum - pet call o - bey;  
 3 Stand up, stand up, for Je - sus; stand in this strength a - lone;  
 4 Stand up, stand up, for Je - sus: the strife will not be long;

lift high his roy - al ban - ner, it must not suf - fer loss:  
 forth to the might - y con - flict in this his glo - rious day:  
 the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own:  
 this day, the noise of bat - tle; the next, the vic - tor's song.

from vic - tory un - to vic - tory his ar - my shall he lead,  
 ye that are his now serve him a - gainst un - num - bered foes;  
 put on the Gos - pel ar - mor, and watch - ing un - to prayer,  
 To val - iant hearts tri - um - phant, a crown of life shall be;

till ev - ery foe is van - quished and Christ is Lord in - deed.  
 let cour - age rise with dan - ger, and strength to strength op - pose.  
 when du - ty calls, or dan - ger, be nev - er want - ing there.  
 they with the King of glo - ry shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

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.