

## THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 1, 2023 10:30 AM

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION



We're so glad you chose to be here at Resurrection today.

Whether you're here for the first time, or are a life-long member, Resurrection is a hopeful, healing, transformation-minded kind of place, a place where everyone is welcome and can grow their relationship with God and with one another.

If you *are* here for the first time (or if you just haven't gotten around to it yet), please fill out a pew card and put it in the offering plate to let us know you were here. To receive our weekly email bulletin, be sure to include your email address. And let us know if you would like to connect with our parish life and ministries; we're happy to help you find your spot!

Our services follow *The Book of Common Prayer*, the red book in your pew rack. If you'd like to use the book to follow the service, we begin on page 355. Unless otherwise marked, our hymns are from the *Hymnal 1982*, the blue books in the pew rack.

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## HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

## The Word of God

#### Prelude

#### **Entrance Hymn**

Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

#### Hymnal 492

All standing, the Celebrant says

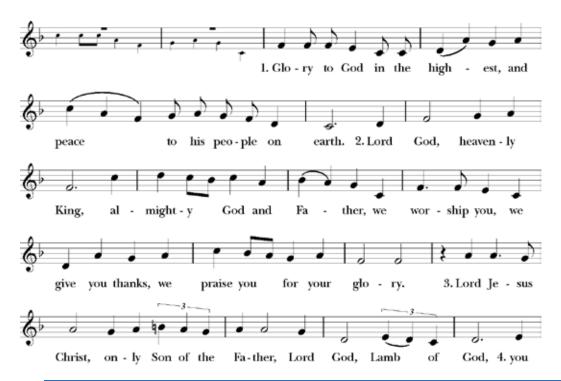
BCP 355

PeopleBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be his kingdom, now and for<br/>ever. Amen.

## The Celebrant says the 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**.

## Hymn of Praise



We prepare for our time together.

We take our places and allow the peaceful quiet to center and calm us.

#### The bold portions

are the parts the congregation says together. Remember that "liturgy" means worshipping together. It is important that we make our responses in a good, strong voice.

The first prayer, said by the celebrant, is the **Collect** for Purity. A collect is a particular form of prayer, which names some attribute of God or something God has done, asks for something specific and then closes with praise to God. For centuries, this collect for purity was said silently by the priest. The Prayer Book of 1552 made this prayer a public one said aloud by the priest for all the people gathered.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II | 1



### The Collect of the Day

**BCP 234** 

	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

The Lessons The First Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

*Lector* A reading from the Book of Exodus

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the

Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

LectorThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

#### Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

#### **BCP 738**

*Lector* We will read the Psalm in unison.

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; \* incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; \* I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, \* we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, \* and the wonderful works he has done.
- 12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, \* in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
- 13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; \*

We respond to each reading: the **Psalm** is our response to the Old Testament, the hymn our sung response to the **Epistle** (the second reading), and the sermon and creed are our response to the **Gospel**. he made the waters stand up like walls.

- 14 He led them with a cloud by day, \* and all the night through with a glow of fire.
- 15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness \* and gave them drink as from the great deep.
- 16 He brought streams out of the cliff, \* and the waters gushed out like rivers.

## The Epistle: Philippians 2:1-13

*Lector* A reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

- who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
- but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.
- And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-even death on a cross.
- Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,
- so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

Sequence Hymn

Rise up ye saints of God

#### Hymnal 551

## The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:23-32

#### All stand

PriestThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus<br/>Christ according to Matthew.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two We stand to indicate the importance we place of Jesus' words and actions. The **Gospel** book comes into the midst of the people and all turn toward the reader. did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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

#### Sermon

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

The Rev. Amy Morehous

BCP 358

A **Sermon** or a shorter teaching called a homily follows the Gospel. Since 1549, a sermon has been required at every Eucharist service.

We use the **Nicene Creed** on Sundays, and the Apostle's Creed for Baptism. Both are ancient statements of faith.

Why do some people bow their head for part of the creed? Some bow at "he came down from heaven" as a sign of reverent respect for Jesus' incarnate presence with us.

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

Brothers and sisters, in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Humbly then, let us approach our God, saying, "To will and work for your good pleasure, O Lord, strengthen us."

Christ Jesus, strengthen our tongues to declare you as Lord of our lives. May we, your Church, glorify your Heavenly Parent in word and deed.

To will and work for your good pleasure, **O Lord, strengthen us.** 

Christ Jesus, you chose not to exploit your equality with God, but humbled yourself to be with us. Give us your heart for the marginalized and poor. And may all people, especially those in power, follow your example of humility.

To will and work for your good pleasure, **O Lord, strengthen us.** 

Christ Jesus, by your birth in human likeness you blessed all of creation. Remind us that your feet have trod our soil and tasted our waters. Give us the will to care for this beloved planet.

To will and work for your good pleasure, **O Lord, strengthen us.** 

Christ Jesus, you rule the world with love and compassion. Give to our leaders compassion and vision that people might live as neighbors, looking out for each other's interests.

To will and work for your good pleasure, **O Lord, strengthen us.** 

Our prayers change each week, along with the lectionary. Please feel free to add those on your heart, either silently or aloud, at the appropriate place. Christ Jesus, you became obedient to the point of death that we might have abundant life. Work marvels in the lives of the sick and sorrowful, especially **Sharon; Larry, Kathleen; Charles; Dave & Pam; Rick & Mali; Diana N.; Sandy; Peggy Ann; Frank; all who suffer the violence of war and political unrest; and those we add, silently or aloud.** 

May they recount to generations the wonderful deeds you have done in their lives.

The congregation may add their petitions or thanksgivings.

To will and work for your good pleasure, **O Lord, strengthen us.** 

Christ Jesus, through death and resurrection you were highly exalted by God. Continue your good work in those who now rest from their labors. May all the dead find new and lasting life in you.We especially remember Angela Elizabeth Adams, sister of Tony Adams.

To will and work for your good pleasure, **O Lord, strengthen us.** 

### **Confession of Sin**

#### **BCP 359**

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

## Officiant and People together, all kneeling

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 **Confession of Sin** helps us examine our hearts, and hear of God's forgiveness.

## **Parish Announcements**

This center section of your bulletin is for you to tear out & take home with you. Keep the announcements, prayer lists, calendars, & Diocesan news on hand all week!

#### STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

The stewardship committee reports that they have received nine pledges totaling \$54,450 for the 2024 operating budget. Of these pledges, none are new. We are now 19.7% toward achieving our pledge goal of \$277,000. They also want to thank those who have volunteered to give of their time and talent to assist with an important church ministry. If you have not yet made your pledge, we ask that you please do so by November 19th . Pledge cards are available at the back of the church or on request and may be brought or mailed to the church office.

## LUNCHTIME LECTIONARY

Reminder: on Mondays, at noon, we offer a Zoom class to discuss the scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday. This is a great opportunity to engage with our readings in advance, so you can contemplate them throughout the week.

No advance preparation is necessary to attend - all you need to bring is yourself - and your lunch, if that's helpful. We will begin promptly at noon, and finish by 1:00.

If you are interested, please let Amanda in the office know (office@episcopalloudon. com), so we can make sure you're included in the class emails and Zoom links.

#### STEEKEE SECOND SUNDAY

Next Sunday is "Undie Second Sunday!"

We will be collecting children's underwear - boys' and girls', children's sizes small or medium. Thank you for your continuing support of Steekee Elementary!

#### **OCTOBER SERIES**

Have you ever wondered: why does this kind of prayer work for my neighbor, but it drives me crazy? When we look at scripture, why does my spouse see this parable so differently? When we're making decisions in committee, why am I ready to just 'get to a conclusion already!' and this other person still needs more information?

The answers might be related to our personality types! **Beginning on October 8th, at 9:15**, we'll look at the Myers-Briggs Personality Inventory. We'll find our own personality preference (if we don't already know it), talk about what makes us different, and learn from one another about our differences AND our similarities.

Maybe you think there's nothing more to discover about yourself - but I promise, we can still be surprised, no matter how old we are! This learning series will help you not only look at your type from the perspective of relationships with one another, but also your relationship to faith, and to God.

Bring your curiosity, and your willingness to explore, and see what God might want to show you - not only for your own spiritual growth, but also for our growth in relationship with one another AND with God.

# Prayers Thanksgivings

## THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

Larry, Kathleen; Charles; Dave & Pam; Rick & Mali; Diana N.; Sandy; Peggy Ann; Frank; and all who suffer the violence of war and political unrest.

#### **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

10/2 - David Morehous 10/4 - Richard Steele 10/9 - Jack Lefler 10/10 - Nancy Heathcote 10/12 - Ann Murphy 10/15 - Cal & Diane Van Koughnett 10/18 - Jackie Buttinelli 10/23 - Bob & Betty Anne Haldi 10/24 - Cath Wilkinson 10/25 - Alice Anderson & Craig Voris **Rob Deaton** Frank & Ruth Hennessy **Rodney & Cindy Hentchel** 10/27 - Stephanie Fiebke 10/29 - Betsy Schwindt 10/30 - Bev Baumgardner

#### **CONTINUED PRAYER LIST**

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Claire	Sandy
Rob & Sherry	Tom & Na
Lynnette	Cheri
the Garretts	Richard
Sara	Jane
Sue	Millie
Shannon	Jim
Donna	Mel
Tammy & family	

#### **DIOCESAN PRAYERS**

St. Francis - Ooltewah, TN St. Michael - Batesland, SD Holy Cross, Pine Ridge, SD

Sunday, October 1, 2023

## **For Your Calendars**

TODAY	Acolyte: EM: Lector: Usher: Chancellor: Coffee Hour: Offering Counters Video: Altar Guild: Flower Guild:	Drew Hawley Jackie Buttinelli Monty Ross Art Stewart & Monty Ross Art Stewart Ginny Tolbert Carolyn Parker & Jean Cardwell David Morehous Jenny Lucas & Dianna Stimpson Rosemary Kitts	Next Week at ResurrectionMonday, 10/2Noon - Lunchtime Lectionary (Zoom)7:00pm - AA (open meeting)Tuesday, 10/310:00am - Open Table Tuesday@Carmichael Inn
Oct 8th	Acolyte: EM: Lector: Usher: Chancellor: Coffee Hour: Offering Counters Video: Altar Guild: Flower Guild:	Monty Ross Jane Mocilac Bob Haldi Garry Lucas & Bree Wallot Nelda Griffith Bill & Virginia Perry S: Nelda Griffith & Dave St. John Bob Cantine Jenny Lucas & Dianna Stimpson Dianna Stimpson	Wednesday, 10/4 11:00 - Bonhoeffer "Discipleship" (Zoom) 6:00pm - Choir Practice Thursday, 10/5 3:30pm - AA (women only meeting)
Oct 15th	Acolyte: EM: Lector: Usher: Chancellor: Coffee Hour: Offering Counters Video: Altar Guild: Flower Guild:	Kelly Johnson Judy Egan Bill Perry Andy Hadjian & Dave St. John Jackie Buttinelli S. Jean Cardwell & Andy Hadjian Ben La Pointe Jenny Luca & Dianna Stimpson Betty Martin	Sunday, 10/8 Steekee Second Sunday 8:00am - Holy Eucharist Service 10:30am - Holy Eucharist Service Email office@episcopalloudon.com to have your ministry or committee's activities or meetings added to the parish calendar (and to let us know if you'd like it to appear here).

## COMING UP ...

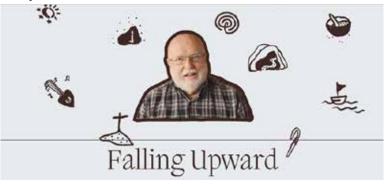
- Oct 8: Myers-Briggs Series Begins; Steekee Second Sunday
- Oct 16: Vestry Meeting
- Oct 21: Daughters of the King Meeting; Resurrection Men

## Check your Parish Tidings and keep a look out for details!

Sunday, October 1, 2023

## Check it out!

## Registration is Now Open for Falling Upward: Life as a Spiritual Journey with Richard Rohr



"The transition from the first half of life to the second half of life is itself a 'falling upward.' Contrary to the idea of climbing a ladder of perfection, the way up is the way down. We can't engineer enlightenment by ourselves. It is done unto us."—Richard Rohr

Discover wisdom for the two halves of life in this NEW online course Falling Upward: Life as a Spiritual Journey, featuring Richard Rohr. Embark upon a heroic journey into a broader and deeper world, where the soul finds its fullness, is finally connected to the whole, and lives inside the Big Picture. Richard steps into his own story and models what it's like to move beyond the first half of life container, sharing insights into the limiting beliefs and worldviews that keep many stuck in a first half of life orientation.

#### Learning Objectives:

Foster a greater awareness of egoic motivations and thought patterns and how they operate in your daily life.

Expand your understanding of the foundational nature of mythology and what is needed to move into the second half of life.

Cultivate a holistic attentiveness of your inner landscape and life as a window to God's presence and love.

Connect and learn with others on the journey toward experiencing life in a more connected, communal, and universal way.

Register Today for Falling Upward! Time Commitment: 4–6 hours a week Registration Ends: October 10, 2023 Financial assistance applications are accepted through October 4, 2023 Course Begins: October 18, 2023

### The Officiant 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**.

#### The Peace

BCP 360

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

PeopleThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.* 

#### Announcements

## **Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5;2* 

## **Offertory Anthem**

The Celebrant invites the people's offerings

#### Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

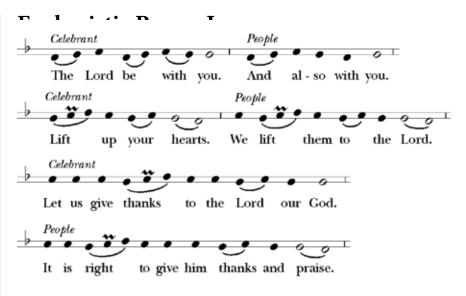
The Great Thanksgiving

The **Peace**, is a very ancient way for people to greet one another. When the celebrant says: "The Peace of the Lord be always with you," everyone responds: "And also with you." Then we share God's peace with one another For this season, we're using **Eucharistic Prayer** I, an alternate Eucharistic Rite approved by General Convention and published in 1991.

#### The Liturgy of the Table

The second part of the liturgy moves to the Table. It is based on Jewish fellowship meals, particularly the Passover observance.

We place the bread and the wine, as well as our collected offerings on the altar in thanksgiving for all God has provided.



Celebrant

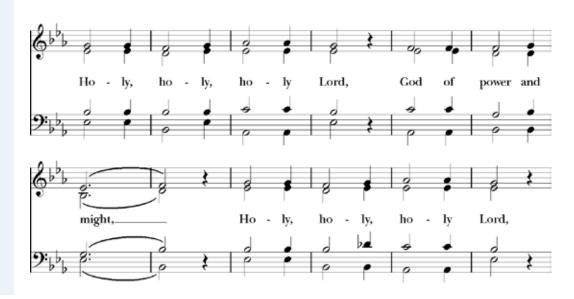
It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

## The Celebrant proceeds

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 the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

## Celebrant and People



#### Holy Eucharist, Rite II | 10



Why are some parts of the liturgy chanted (sung) at the 10:30 service? Chanting - or singing - part of the liturgy dates back to the 9th century. In our liturgy, both the celebrant and the people chant or sing.

## The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant 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 When we gather together we remember Jesus. Through repeating the words and actions of Jesus' last meal with his disciples, we ourselves join the story and make it our own. We don't just watch the drama or listen to it unfold. but we enter into the story as we too take the bread and wine and eat and drink.

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, 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.

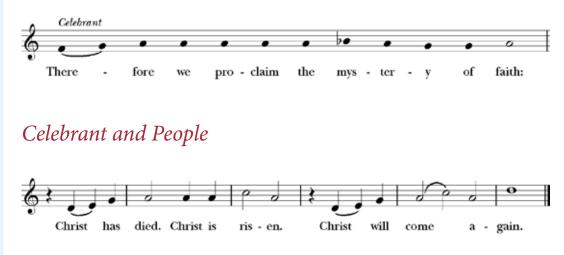
On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:

"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 sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

## Celebrant



## The Celebrant 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 all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.



As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

## Celebrant and People

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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.* 

The Great Amen is the only word in our Book of Common Prayer in all capital letters. It is the people's affirmation of all that has gone before, and has been a practice since the 2nd century. In this service, we sing our Amens.

This prayer of Jesus was given to his disciples as an example of how they should pray. The phrase "**Lord's Prayer**" is not used in the New Testament.

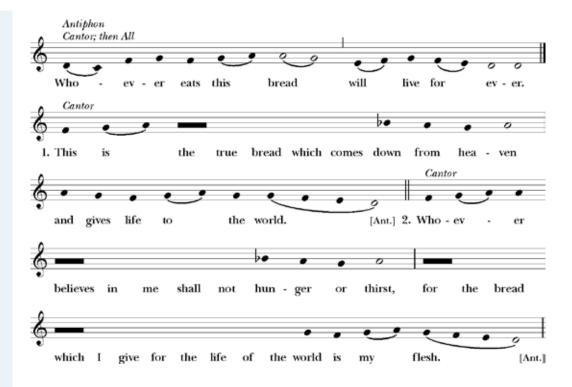
**BCP 364** 

This is the "**Sancta Sanctis**" - the Invitation to Communion.

#### **Receiving Communion**

All are welcome at God's table. Hold out your hands and you will be given the bread. For now, wine is available both in individual cups and from the chalice. Please partake in the way you feel comfortable. Gluten-free wafers are available by request.

You have fully received communion if you receive either the bread or the wine.



## The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## **Communion of the Faithful**

We encourage you to come forward to receive Holy Communion as you feel comfortable. Remain seated, and the usher will direct you forward to the communion rail. Please remain standing to receive communion, and then return to your seat by the side aisle, so that traffic flows one way.

If you would prefer communion be brought to you at your seat, please let an usher know and, as always, we will be happy to do so. If you prefer not to receive communion, please cross your arms over your chest as a sign that you prefer a blessing.

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

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen**. The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen**. **Communion Hymns** 

Rock of ages O God, unseen yet ever near

## **Post Communion Prayer**

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

## Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you

as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## WE GO INTO GOD'S WORLD

The Blessing

The priest blesses the people

#### Postcommunion Hymn

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

#### The Dismissal

BCP 366

Hymnal 344

CelebrantGo in peace to love and serve the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

#### Hymnal 685 Hymnal 332

The Blessing - a priestly blessing first began with Bishops in the 4th century, then spread in practice by priests, when the Bishop was not present.

**Dismissal** - As the celebration ends, we are charged to "Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord." The Eucharist is therefore not an exclusive gathering that separates us from the world, but a challenge to reach out beyond our own church to the world around us in thanksgiving for all God's good and gracious gifts.

## TODAY'S ART



Moses Striking the Rock After 1525 Bacchiacca (Francesco Ubertini, 1494-1557) Italian Oil and gold on panel National Galleries Scotland

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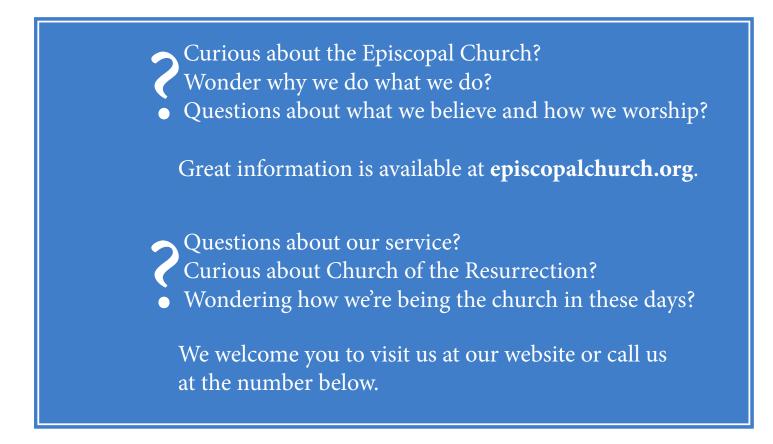
Bacchiacca used this Old Testament subject as a means to include a wide range of exotically clothed figures and various birds and animals in a stylised, rocky landscape. Moses kneels in the centre, before the rock from which water miraculously appears to relieve the thirst of the Israelites as they journey to the Promised Land. This is collected in, and enthusiastically drunk from, beautifully crafted jugs. The picture may well be connected with a commission Bacchiacca received from a Florentine guild of jug-makers to decorate a festival stand in 1525 with scenes from the Old Testament.

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