



The Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

July 14, 2024

10:30 am



GOOD MORNING!

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

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Online
Visitor Card

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 *Lift up your heads*

Hymnal 436

All standing, the Celebrant says

BCP 355

People Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for 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.**

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

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.

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 Collect of the Day

BCP 231

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

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Lesson: Amos 7:7-15

Lector A reading from the Book of Amos

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said,

“See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’ “

And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 85:8-13

BCP 708

Lector We will read the Psalm in unison.

- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.**
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,***

We respond to each reading: the **Psalm** is our response to the Old

Testament, in the second service, the hymn is our sung response to the **Epistle** (the second reading), and the sermon and creed are our response to the **Gospel**.

that his glory may dwell in our land.

- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**
- 12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.**
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

The Epistle: Ephesians 1:3-14

Lector A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

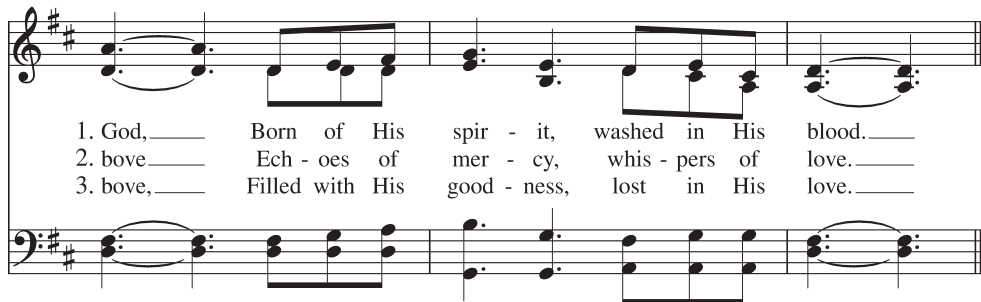
Sequence Hymn



1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! — O what a
2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, — Vi - sions of
3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, — I in my



1. fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! — Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of
2. rap - ture now burst on my sight; — An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -
3. sav - ior am hap - py and blest; — Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -



1. God, — Born of His spir - it, washed in His blood. —
2. bove — Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. —
3. bove, — Filled with His good - ness, lost in His love. —



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, — Prais - ing my



sav - ior all the day long; — This is my sto - ry, this is my



song, — Prais - ing my sav - ior all the day long. —

Words: Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915). Music: Phoebe P. Knapp (1839-1908).

The Gospel Lesson: Mark 6:14-29

All stand

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Prayers of the People

Friends, we have been chosen by God in Christ to be holy and blameless before God in love. Offer your prayers, saying, “O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people; Lord have mercy.”

We thank you, Lord Christ, that you have redeemed us, that you forgive us our trespasses, that you lavish us with grace. Grant to your church understanding that we may accomplish your purposes.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people; Lord, have mercy.

O God, raise up prophets like your servants John the Baptist, Amos, and the prophets of old. Give courage and clarity to those who would speak truth to the world’s power.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people; Lord, have mercy.

God of all creation, the earth is yours and all that is in it, the world and all who dwell therein. Give us wisdom as we steward what belongs to you; give us the will to care for your creation.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people; Lord, have mercy.

O Lord, we acknowledge before you our reliance on the efforts of others. Bless those who labor on our behalf and for our benefit. We pray for the day when all who labor can sustain body, mind and spirit.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people; Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, in your name and by your hand the sick are anointed, the suffering are set free, and the heartbroken are healed. We pray for our sisters and brothers who are in need of your touch, especially **Virginia; Bob; Muriel; Jackie B.; Brandon; Rame & Janey; Grace; Beverly; all who suffer the violence of war and political unrest; and those we add, silently or aloud.**

The congregation may add their petitions or thanksgivings.

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.

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!

**Altar Flowers this week have been given
by Judith Kubesh**



There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall for those who would like to participate in the Saints and Sinners dinner group. We will begin in August and meet through November-December.

Saints and Sinners is a way for our church members to get to know one another on a more personal level. We usually have groups of 6 to 8 people, individuals or couples, who get together once a month to share a meal. People in the group will rotate hosting the group each month and provide the entree and drinks with the rest of the group bringing an appetizer, salad, side or dessert. It doesn't matter what size your house is or whether you are a good cook, please join us for the fun of sharing a meal and getting to know one another.

PINECONE TYING INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Results from a recent parish survey showed a good number of folks who would be interested in helping the Christmas Wreath Sale out by gathering & tying pinecones.

Erllys Ploeger will meet with everyone who's willing to help out on Sunday, July 21st, in the Parish Hall at 9:15am. The quick meeting will explain what's needed and provide how-to information.

In the meantime, stop by the Parish Hall to see examples of the kinds of pinecones needed to make our wreath decorations.



Please join us for the 78th Annual Conference of the Episcopal Laymen of Tennessee at St. Mary's Retreat Center in Sewanee on from August 9-11. The theme of this year's conference is "Brothers Dwelling Together in Unity." The beautiful mountaintop setting is the perfect location to host the next generation of Laymen's conferences. Register at <https://tnchurchmen.org>

– The Board of Directors of the Episcopal Churchmen of Tennessee

Sunday, July 14, 2024

Prayers & Thanksgivings

THIS WEEK'S PARISH PRAYER LIST

Virginia; Bob; Muriel; Jackie B.; Brandon; Rame & Janey; Grace; Beverly;
and all who suffer the violence of war and political unrest

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

7/3 - Keith Binkley & Lisa Amelse
Andy and Judy Hadjian
7/5 - Bill Schwindt
Mark Smith
7/6 - Charles Pittman
7/16 - Ginny Tolbert
7/17 - Judy Hadjian
Judith Kubesh
7/20 - Mark Hennes
7/23 - Beverly Cantine
7/25 - Monty Ross
7/26 - Janey Coombes
7/31 - Thomas Fiebke, Jr.

CONTINUED PRAYER LIST

Claire	Sandy
Rob & Sherry	Lynnette
Cheri	the Garretts
Jane	Sue
Millie	Shannon
Jim	Donna
Mel	Kasie
Charles	Wayne
Diana N.	Peggy Ann
Larry	Rame
Jack	Nancy C.
Debbie	Ashley
Ulla	Raynella
Ed & Jean	Kim E.
Joe	

DIOCESAN PRAYERS

For the Human Family (BCP p. 815)

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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For Your Calendars

TODAY

Acolyte: Mark Smith
EM: Drew Hawley
Lector: Betsy Schwindt
Usher: Art Stewart & Monty Ross
Counters: Ginny Tolbert & Monty Ross
Chancellor: David Baumgardner
Coffee Host: Vicky St. John
Altar Guild: Bev Baumgardner & Kathleen Bailey
Flower Guild: Dianna Stimpson
Video: Bob Cantine

July 21st

Acolyte: Seth Reichenbach
EM: Jackie Buttinelli
Lector: Monty Ross
Usher: Andy Hadjian & Dave St. John
Counters: Andy Hadjian & Nelda Griffith
Chancellor: Dave St. John
Coffee Host: Jenny Lucas
Altar Guild: Bev Baumgardner & Kathleen Bailey
Flower Guild: Betty Martin
Video: Bill Schwindt

July 28th

Acolyte: Kelly Johnson
EM: Jane Mocilac
Lector: Tony Adams
Usher: Drew Hawley & Keytha Graves
Counters: Dave St. John & Bill Schwindt
Chancellor: Art Stewart
Coffee Host: Steve & Elizabeth Botica
Altar Guild: Bev Baumgardner & Kathleen Bailey
Flower Guild: Bev Baumgardner
Video: David Morehous

Next Week at Resurrection

Monday, 7/15

Friendship Kitchen
6:30 Vestry Meeting
7:00pm - AA (open meeting)

Thursday, 7/18

3:30pm - AA (women only meeting)
5:30pm - Parish Hall in use by R. Kitts

Friday, 7/19

9:30am - Prayers & Squares
1:00pm - Hagler Burial Service
2:00pm - Hagler Reception

Saturday, 7/13

9:00am - Resurrection Men Meeting

Sunday, 7/21

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).

Check it out!



We welcome the return of the annual Grace Point Day, an East Tennessee tradition featuring fun activities for adults, youth, and kids alike. Who wouldn't want to have just one more day of that summer camp experience, to see the progress made at Grace Point, and to celebrate the continued ministry of Grace Point to the Episcopal community in East Tennessee?

Activities will range from splashing in the pool, hiking on Grace Point's 280 acres, kayaking to the eagle's nest, arts and crafts in the art barn, and more. We'll also be dedicating the Retreat Village as part of the day's festivities. Lunch and drinks will be provided.

There is no charge, but please RSVP for lunch at <https://dioet.org/events/grace-point-day-24/>



Join Bishop Brian Cole as he interviews the Rev. Joseph Ingle on his new book *Too Close to the Flame: With the Condemned inside the Southern Killing Machine*, on Tuesday, August 20, at 7:00 PM at St. James Episcopal Church, Knoxville. We are excited to partner with Union Ave. Books to bring this event to you free of charge. Union Ave. will be on site with copies for purchase. You may order copies ahead from www.unionavebooks.com.

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**O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people;
Lord, have mercy.**

O God, it is your good pleasure, in the fullness of time, to gather all things to yourself. May those who have died enjoy forever the inheritance you have prepared for us in Christ. We remember especially Sally, sister of Jerry Ploeger.

**O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people;
Lord, have mercy.**

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

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

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

In this season, will use **Eucharistic Prayer A**, from the Book of Common Prayer, p. 361.

Prayer A is a modern adaptation of prayers

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

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

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

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

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Celebrant says

People The Lord be with you.
 Celebrant **And also with you.**
 People Lift up your hearts.
 Celebrant **We lift them to the Lord.**
 People Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give him thanks and praise.

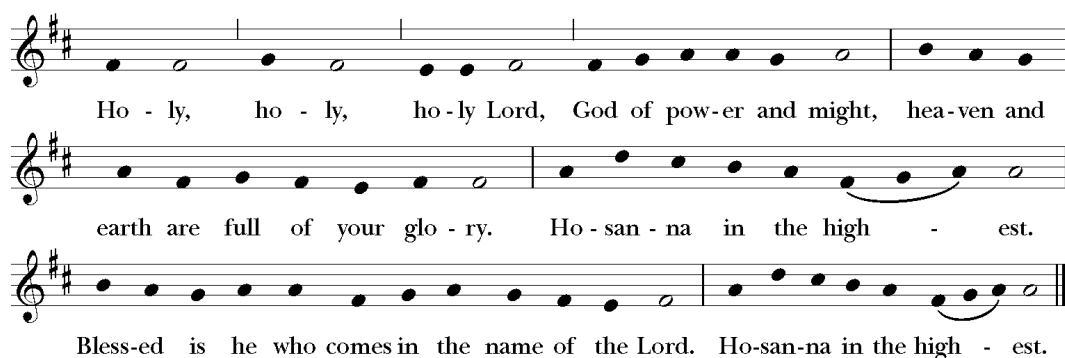
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

The people stand or kneel, and the celebrant continues

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

of previous American Books of Common Prayer.

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.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.



And now, 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.**

“The mystery of faith” echoes 1 Timothy 3:9, and has been used in Eucharistic Prayers since the 7th century.

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.

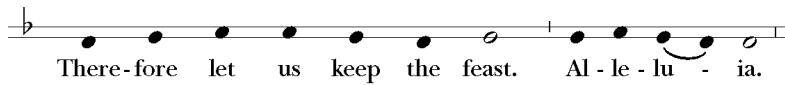
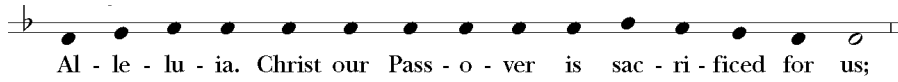
This prayer of Jesus was given to his disciples as an example of how they should pray. The phrase “Lord’s Prayer” is not used in the New Testament. It is similar to Jewish prayers: it begins with an address to God the Father, continues with petitions which ask God to act in a way

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

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



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 Hymn

Come, thou fount of every blessing

Hymnal 686

which would achieve his purposes, and then has petitions which ask for God's help.

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.

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.**

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.

WE GO INTO GOD’S WORLD

The Blessing

The priest blesses the people.

Postcommunion Hymn

Praise to the living God

Hymnal 372

The Dismissal

BCP 366

*Celebrant
People*

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

You are invited to stay following worship for coffee and snacks, and to connect with other parishioners and clergy in the Parish Hall.

TODAY'S ART



Herodias and Salome with the head of John the Baptist

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Once on a charger there was laid
And brought before a royal maid,
As price of attitude and grace,
A guiltless head, a holy face.

It was on Herod's natal day,
Who o'er Judæa's land held sway.
He married his own brother's wife,
Wicked Herodias. She the life
Of John the Baptist long had sought
Because he openly had taught
That she a life unlawful led
Having her husband's brother wed.

This was he, that saintly John,
Who in the wilderness alone
Abiding, did for clothing wear
A garment made of camel's hair;
Honey and locusts were his food
And he was most severely good.
He preached penitence and tears
And waking first the sinner's fears,
Prepared a path, made smooth a way
For his diviner Master's day.

Herod kept in princely state
His birthday. On his throne he sate,
After the feast, beholding her
Who danced with grace peculiar;
Fair Salome, who did excel
All in that land for dancing well.

The feastful monarch's heart was fired,
And whatsoever thing she desired,
Though half his kingdom it should be,
He in his pleasure swore that he
Would give the graceful Salome.
The damsel was Herodias' daughter:
She to the queen hastes, and besought her
To teach her what great gift to name.
Instructed by Herodias, came
The damsel back; to Herod said,
"Give me John the Baptist's head;
And in a charger let it be
Hither straightway brought to me."
Herod her suit would fain deny,
But for his oath's sake must comply.

When painters would by art express
Beauty in unloveliness,
Thee, Herodias' daughter, thee,
They fittest subject take to be.
They give thy form and features grace;
But ever in thy beauteous face
They show a steadfast cruel gaze,
An eye unpitying; and amaze
In all beholders deep they mark,
That thou betrayest not one spark
Of feeling for the ruthless deed,
That did thy praiseful dance succeed.
For on the head they make you look
As if a sullen joy you took,
A cruel triumph, wicked pride,
That for your sport a saint had died.

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