

# HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

*The Sixth Sunday of Easter*

May 14, 2023

## The Word of God

**The Prelude:** Alleluia and Chorale  
O Love of God (Hymn 455)

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**The Processional Hymn: 191 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts and Voices Heavenward Raise** *Stanzas 1, 2, 4, & 5*

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### The Opening Acclamation

*Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355*

**Celebrant:** Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**People:** The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

### 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.**

### The Gloria

*BCP p. 356/Hymnal S 278*

*Celebrant and People*

**Glorify God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### The Collect of the Day

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

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### The First Lesson

**Acts 17:22-31**

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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

**Psalm 66:7-18** *Read responsively by half verse.*

Bless our God, you peoples; \*

**make the voice of his praise to be heard;**

Who holds our souls in life, \*

**and will not allow our feet to slip.**

For you, O God, have proved us; \*

**you have tried us just as silver is tried.**

You brought us into the snare; \*

**you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; \*

**but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.**

I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, \*

**which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**

I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; \*

**I will give you oxen and goats.**

Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*

**and I will tell you what he has done for me.**

I called out to him with my mouth, \*

**and his praise was on my tongue.**

If I had found evil in my heart, \*

**the Lord would not have heard me;**

But in truth God has heard me; \*

**he has attended to the voice of my prayer.**

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \*

**nor withheld his love from me.**

**The Second Lesson**

**1 Peter 3:13-22**

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**The Sequence Hymn: 455 O Love of God, How Strong and True**

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*Stanzas 1 & 2 are sung before the Gospel, stanzas 3 & 4 are sung after.*

**The Gospel**

**John 14:15-21**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you." "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

*Celebrant and People*

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

*Deacon*

Heavenly King, for us you endured the cross and the grave. When we were yet sinners, you redeemed and saved us. May we sing your eternal praises everywhere we go, saying Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Intervenor*

In this Easter season, may we commit ourselves to work for the unity of the church, that Christ’s body may be one, for Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

We pray for our nation, and our world, and for its leaders, that your spirit of peace and renewal may overcome our differences, for Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Comfort all who suffer, and surround them with your grace. Together we pray for...Are there others? May they know your healing love, for Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Give rest to all who have died, and help us to trust that their pain is no more, for Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

May we have the persistent faith of Mary Magdalene and the women at the tomb. Make us your sign of new life in our world, for Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*The Celebrant continues.*

The Exchange of the Peace

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The Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

**The Offertory Anthem:** Christ the Lord Is Risen Again!

Words: Michael Weisse

*The text of the anthem can be found in Hymn 184.*

Music: Anthony Foster

*Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord. To utilize our text-to-give option, simply text "ALBANS" to 73256. Today is our annual collection for Thompson Child & Family Focus.*

The Presentation of Gifts

The Festival Doxology

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

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B

BCP p. 367

## The Sursum Corda

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also 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.**

*Celebrant*

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

*The Celebrant continues...*

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:

## The Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy

*BCP p. 367/Hymnal S 128*

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Alban and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

*Celebrant*

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

## The Lord's Prayer

*BCP p. 364*

*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 Fraction

*BCP p. 364/Hymnal S 154*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## The Ministration of Communion

*BCP p. 365*

### Communion Hymn: 188 Love's Redeeming Work Is Done

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### Communion Hymn: 314 Humbly I Adore Thee, Verity Unseen

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## The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

*This prayer is meant to be prayed by those who are unable to attend in-person worship for any reason.*

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, (and remembering particularly my own parish and those worshipping there) I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

## The Post Communion Prayer

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*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Blessing

### The Recessional Hymn: 182 Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

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## The Dismissal

*BCP p. 366*

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## The Postlude: Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him

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