

# HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

*The Feast of Independence Day*

July 4, 2021

## The Word of God

**The Prelude:** This Is My Song, O God of All the Nations  
Praise Our Great and Gracious Lord

Stone, Harkness & Sibelius  
Hebrew melody, arr. Eric Werner

**The Processional Hymn: 414 God, My King, Thy Might Confessing**

STUTT GART

**The Opening Acclamation**

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

**Celebrant:** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**People:** Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

**The Collect for Purity**

*BCP p. 355*

*Celebrant*

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-280*

*Celebrant and People*

**Glorify to 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.

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; 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**

**Deuteronomy 10:17-21**

The LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the LORD your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

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

**Psalm 145** *Read responsively by half verse.*

I will exalt you, O God my King, \*  
**and bless your Name for ever and ever.**  
Every day will I bless you \*  
**and praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; \*  
**there is no end to his greatness.**

One generation shall praise your works to another \*  
**and shall declare your power.**

I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty \*  
**and all your marvelous works.**

They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, \*  
**and I will tell of your greatness.**

They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; \*  
**they shall sing of your righteous deeds.**

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
**slow to anger and of great kindness.**

The Lord is loving to everyone \*  
**and his compassion is over all his works.**

All your works praise you, O Lord, \*  
**and your faithful servants bless you.**

They make known the glory of your kingdom \*  
**and speak of your power;**

That the peoples may know of your power \*  
**and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; \*  
**your dominion endures throughout all ages.**

The Lord is faithful in all his words \*  
**and merciful in all his deeds.**

The Lord upholds all those who fall; \*  
**he lifts up those who are bowed down.**

The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, \*  
**and you give them their food in due season.**

You open wide your hand \*  
**and satisfy the needs of every living creature.**

The Lord is righteous in all his ways \*  
**and loving in all his works.**

The Lord is near to those who call upon him, \*  
**to all who call upon him faithfully.**

He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; \*  
**he hears their cry and helps them.**

The Lord preserves all those who love him, \*  
**but he destroys all the wicked.**

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; \*  
**let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.**

## The Second Lesson

Hebrews 11:8-16

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

## The Sequence Hymn: 597 O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines

JERUSALEM

*Stanza 1 is sung before the Gospel, stanza 2 is sung after.*

### The Gospel

Matthew 5:43-48

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

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

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### The Sermon

The Reverend Carmen Germino

### The Nicene Creed

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*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, Form III](#)

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*Please read together the names on our prayer list, when prompted.*

Together we pray for: *Anne, Anthony, Caroline, Courtney, Deanna, Florence, Gray, Hilary, Jason, Jean, Joe, Mason, Michael, Sandy, Schlachter family.*

### The Exchange of the Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

### The Greeting and Announcements

## The Holy Communion

### The Offertory: 488 Be Thou My Vision, O Lord of My Heart

SLANE

*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.*

### The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B

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### 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.

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**

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*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**

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*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*

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

## **The Ministration of Communion**

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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: 718 God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand**

NATIONAL HYMN

### **The Dismissal**

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**Priest:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### **The Postlude:** Postlude on National Airs

arr. Charles Callahan