

THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE!

ENTRANCE SONG

See today's insert

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

During Advent:

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People: **You come to your people and set them free.**

From Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost:

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

In Lent and on other penitential occasions:

Celebrant: Blessed be the God of our salvation:
People: **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

SONG OF PRAISE

*Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me,
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.*

OPENING PRAYER:

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

The Celebrant and People together:

Collect/Prayer for the Day *See today's insert*

A Reading: *This reading is either from the Hebrew Scriptures, or the New Testament. After the reading, respond as follows:*

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm for the Day *See today's insert*

SONG AFTER SCRIPTURE *See today's insert*

The Gospel: *This reading comes from one of the four Gospels that tell the story of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. At the announcement of the reading, all reply:*

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

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

At the conclusion of the reading, respond as follows:

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE HOMILY

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A worship leader or member of the congregation will bid prayers for the church, the world, and other needs. The congregation will be invited to offer their requests. You may also fill out a prayer request prior to the service, and your request will be included in the prayers of the people.

The congregation replies to each bidding:

Reader: Lord in your mercy.
People: **Hear our prayer.**

At the conclusion of the prayers, the leader says:

We come seeking forgiveness for all we have failed to be and to do. In God there is forgiveness. Let us confess our sins.

All: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The celebrant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *All stand*

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE OFFERTORY

We offer gifts of money, bread and wine to show that all we have and all that we are comes as a gift from God.

SONG AT THE OFFERING

See today's insert

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is truly right, and good and joyful,
To give you thanks, all-holy God,
Source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with 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):

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

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [_____] and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name.
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours.
now and for ever. *Amen.***

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: [Alleluia.] We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread. [Alleluia.]**

In Lent, Alleluia is omitted.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Come forward and take a piece of bread. You may then sip from the chalice of wine or dip the piece of bread into the wine and then consume it. If you do not wish to receive, but would like a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest as you come forward, and the priest will bless you. For a gluten free wafer hold up two fingers.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All: **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING *The Celebrant blesses the people*

CONCLUDING SONG *See today's insert*

THE DISMISSAL

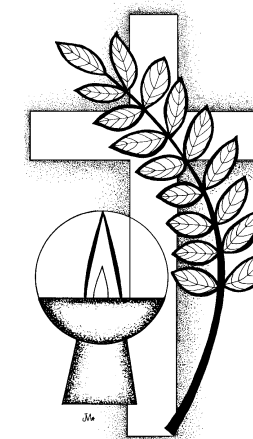
Deacon: Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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