

Weekday Holy Eucharist

Wednesdays in Ordinary Time, 2020

For online participants: the Scriptures appointed for the day may be found at <https://episcopalchurch.org/lectionary-calendar>

THE GATHERING

Grace and peace be with you.

And keep you in the love of Christ.

Creating God, your reign of love makes all things new: Plant seeds of confidence and gladness in our hearts, so that, trusting your word, we may live no longer for ourselves but for the one who died and was raised for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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O God, our mothering father: you show compassion for all your children. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

O Jesus, you teach us to embody your faithful love. Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

O Spirit of truth, you lead us to constancy in service. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

And also with you.

The Presider prays the Collect of the Day.

THE FIRST READING

The response following the reading is

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

The psalm for the day is announced by the Reader.

THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ according to _____.

Glory to you, O Christ.

After the Gospel the Reader says

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Presider offers a brief reflection on the Gospel.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The People respond as the Intercessor prays:

As we respond to the tasks before us this day,

Fill us, gracious Lord.

In making faithful choices, great and small,

Guide us, gracious Lord.

As we seek to notice and serve those in need,

Teach us, gracious Lord.

The intercessor invites the people to remember their own particular intercessions and thanksgivings. Then:

As we offer our lives to you,

Hear us, gracious Lord.

With our hearts ready to serve,

Accompany us, gracious Lord.

The Presider concludes with the following, or with some other collect.

Generous Giver, you pour forth your extravagant bounty without measure upon your whole creation: Teach us such generosity, that the fruits of our spirits and the works of our hands may build your commonwealth of blessing. Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Those online may greet one another in the comments panel, and those onsite greet one another with a bow or some other socially distanced gesture.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Holy One.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, fire, and water, and every living thing.

You made us creators in your image and taught us to walk in your love. But we rebelled against you, wandered far away, and used your gifts for evil.

And yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in your light and the fullness of your love.

So this day we join with all the earth and heavens in a chorus of praise that rings through eternity, as we proclaim:

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.

All glory be to you, holy and living God. You looked with favor on Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus, the holy child of God. Living among us Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world into the heart of God, but we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

When the time came to complete the offering of his life, Jesus was eating supper with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, saying: "Take and eat; this is my Body, offered to heal you and the whole world. Whenever you eat it, do this to remember me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, offered it to his friends and said, "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, a promise of eternal love poured out for you and for all creation. Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me."

Now gathered at your table, remembering that we are one with you and all creation, we offer to you from your own hand these gifts of bread and wine – and our own bodies as a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts, that they, and we, may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Fill us with your breath, O God, opening our eyes and renewing us in your love. Send your Spirit over the whole earth, making everything a new creation.

And in the fullness of time bring us, with all your children from every people and tribe and faith and language and nation to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, we give glory to you, O God, now and forever. 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 forever. Amen.

The Presider breaks the bread, saying

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread.

Luke 24:35

THE COMMUNION

The Presider invites the people to receive the bread of Communion. Then all pray the closing prayer together:

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Wisdom of God the Love of God and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in the world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. Amen.

Let us go in peace to love God and serve our neighbor.
Amen. We go in the name of Christ.