

LENT

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# Welcome to Church of the Resurrection

We are grateful that we are able to join together in worship, to enter into the presence of the living God, to bring our sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving, to hear from his Word, to offer our prayers, and to gather in communion with the Lord at his table. Thank you for joining together to make this a time of joyful, reverential worship for everyone.

**FOR OUR GUESTS:** We are so thankful you chose to join us. Please find the CONNECT card on the table close to the entrance. We would love to have the opportunity to say *thank you* for worshipping with us today.

**LITURGY MEANS THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE:** Liturgy is not the deluxe or heavy-duty version of Christian worship. It is for everyone who is spiritually hungry and seeking to grow in their relationship with God. Responding to the grace of God, we worship by participating in ancient Christian practices and spiritual disciplines.

**INFANT, CHILDREN, AND STUDENT MINISTRIES:** Childcare is available for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years during the entirety of the worship service. Children in K-5th grade are welcomed into our main service until after music when they are invited to attend age-specific classes. They return to the service during the passing of the peace. Middle and high school students participate in our primary service with adults. For more information on our children's Sunday curriculum and student ministries visit our website.

**PRAYER MINISTRY:** We have a team of people who are trained to listen, love, and pray for you. Our team is stationed in the back of the room during Communion. Simply make yourself and your request known to a team member who will pray for you.

**COMMUNION:** We invite all baptized followers of Jesus to join us at the altar for Holy Communion. Baptized children who understand how to receive the elements reverently are welcome to receive Communion as well. To receive Communion, extend your hands outward, palms crossed. We offer wine in individual cups. If you are not prepared to receive Communion, you are still welcome to come to the altar. Simply place your arms across your chest and a prayer of blessing will be prayed over you.

# THE LITURGY

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Please join your voices together in reading the words in the service bulletin that are printed in bold.

## Welcome

## Opening Processional

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### THE LITURGY EXPLAINED

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We are used to community parades, graduation processions, and wedding processions. Not everyone is used to a procession in worship at church. What is the point of this ancient, Christian practice? When we gather for worship as the church, we are approaching the very throne of God. Therefore, the cross of Christ leads us into the presence of God. One aspect of the processional is connected to the victory parade. Paul wrote about this in his second letter to the Corinthians, "But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere..." We march into the church in victory, victory over sin and death through Christ on the Cross. As we conclude our time together in worship, we are sent by God into the world on mission. Again, the cross goes before us and sets the pattern of our way of life- a way marked by humility and self-sacrifice for the sake of others.

## The Acclamation

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**People: His mercy endures for ever.**

## 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 Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

(Matthew 22:37-40)

## We Confess Our Sins

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

**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.**

## We Receive God's Forgiveness and Freedom

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# The Comfortable Words

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

(Matthew 11:28)

# The Kyrie

*The Celebrant and people pray*

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

# We Sing Songs of Praise

*Please join with us in worship and follow along on the screen.*

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## THE LITURGY EXPLAINED

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“Oh sing to the LORD a new song, sing to the LORD, all the earth.” (Psalm 91:1)  
We sing songs declaring who God is, who he is in our lives, and who he is calling us to be. There is no higher, holier calling than to give God the honor and glory due his Name by confessing God’s worth and opening our hearts to him so that we might be changed through this time of worship.

# The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*The Celebrant prays the Collect.*

**People: Amen.**

# We Hear God's Word

*The First Reading*

*Reader: The Word of the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*The Psalm Reading*

*Reader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

**People: As it was in the beginning. is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

*The Second Reading*

*Reader: The Word of the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*The Gospel Reading*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ*

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

*Reader: The Gospel of the Lord*

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

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## THE LITURGY EXPLAINED

Anglican worship is marked by the abundance of Scripture read. We attend to the Bible as a living word from God, spoken to his assembled people. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance we place on Jesus' words and his actions. Let God speak to your heart and mind by listening attentively to these words of life. "Speak O Lord, for your servants are listening..."

## The Sermon

# We Proclaim Our Faith

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth  
of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father  
and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.**

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## THE LITURGY EXPLAINED

Early Christians labored prayerfully to clearly state “the faith that was once delivered to the saints--” clearly affirming both Jesus as God and the Holy Trinity. As we joyfully confess it each Sunday, we retell the story of our salvation, confess our faith in Christ, and align ourselves with the faith of the catholic (meaning “universal”) church.

# We Pray For the Church and the World

*Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."*

*For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.*

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

*For Foley, our Archbishop, and Bill, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.*

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

*For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.*

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

*For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.*

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

*For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service.*

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

*For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity*

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

*For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.*

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

**Celebrant Continues:**

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



## THE LITURGY EXPLAINED

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In the Prayers of the People, we both offer intercessions for those in need and become the kind of people whose action in life provides intercession. The point of such prayer is not so much to change God or direct God to something of which God is currently unaware, but rather to change us: to make us people who, after praying for those who suffer, struggle, and need, go out into the world to be God's answer to our prayer, caring for the sick and suffering, supporting those in leadership, and partaking in the healing of the world, in Jesus' name and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## We Share the Peace of Christ

*Celebrant*  
**People**

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.*

## THE LITURGY EXPLAINED

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Sharing the Peace of Christ with one another is much more than just a social break within our Sunday worship. Passing the Peace resonates with the words of Jesus in the Sermon on the mount, where he commands believers to first be reconciled (make peace) prior to bringing a gift before the Lord. We signify the peace that is made among us through the proclamation of God's word and in turn we make peace with one another as a grateful response. Making peace with one another is critical to mending the world, therefore we seek to embody such peace-making beyond our liturgy.

## Announcements

# We Give Cheerfully

*Celebrant:* Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

*People:* **And of your own have we given you.**

(1 Chronicles 29:11, 14)

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## THE LITURGY EXPLAINED

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Giving is a concrete act of worship, an expression of gratitude to God for all we have been given. It is part of the Eucharistic liturgy in that it represents a movement of love and adoration to God, our offering of ourselves, our lives and even the material world that he has placed under our care. Our offering is made through Christ, in remembrance of him who freely offered himself to God for our sake. Furthermore, the offering is the means of spreading the Gospel, building up the Church, and serving the needy.

*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.**

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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:

**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.**

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## THE LITURGY EXPLAINED

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The Sanctus (Latin for "holy") is the hymn sung by the angels around God's throne (see Isaiah 6 and Revelation 4). We sing it as well in faith that with our hearts lifted to the Lord we too share in the eternal worship offered in heaven.

## The Prayer of Consecration

*Please kneel or be seated. The Celebrant continues.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."  
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

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

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

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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. **Amen.**

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## THE LITURGY EXPLAINED

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The primary way we discover a relationship with God, with other Christians, and with our neighbors is through the simple act of sharing a meal. It is here at the Table of our Lord that our public gathering finds its center and climax. Anglicans believe that this is the Lord's Table, and not our own. For this reason, all baptized Christians who can come with faith and repentance are invited to receive communion. We believe that we truly encounter the risen Jesus here, are made one body with him and with one another, and are then sent out into the world to bring Christ's presence to our neighbors. If, for whatever reason, you cannot or prefer not to receive communion this morning, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest, indicating that you would prefer to receive a blessing. To receive the sacrament, simply hold out your hands. This bread will be placed in them with a reminder that this is the body of Christ, to which you may reply "Amen."

# The Lord's Prayer

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

**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

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

**Celebrant:** Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the Cross.

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

# We Receive Christ in Holy Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

# We Give Thanks After Holy Communion

*Let us pray*

**Heavenly Father,  
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 into the world  
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

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always **Amen.**

## Closing Processional

### The Dismissal

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

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**



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