



# The Holy Eucharist

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER AND CREATION CARE

8:00 a.m. Sunday, April 24, 2016

*Newcomers and visitors, we welcome you warmly.  
May you find here, by the grace of God, that which feeds your soul.  
May you leave here with a heart prepared to serve.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

all stand

*BCP, page 323*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia.**

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

all say together

**Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**GLORIA**

*BCP, page 324*

**Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,**

**we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,**

**O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ,**

**with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

all sit

Acts 11:1-18

## PSALM 148

read responsively by half verse

*BCP*, pp. 805-806

*Laudate Dominum*

## SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-6

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

all stand

John 13:31-35

Response after the Deacon introduces the Gospel

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Response at the end of the Gospel reading

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## THE HOMILY

The Rev. Dr. Deborah White

## THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Nicene Creed*

**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

Leader God of all that has life, we pray for the creatures of land, sky and sea.

People **The heavens and earth tell of your glory.**

Leader God of wisdom, we pray for those in positions of power, that they might cultivate a relationship of generous reciprocity with the earth.

People **Awaken our zeal to care for your creation.**

Leader God of healing and reconciliation, we pray for those who suffer from illness, disease, alienation, and worry.

People **Teach us to be better friends and stewards.**

Leader God of growth, we pray for the vision to work for a world that nurtures and sustains generations to come.

People **Help us to cultivate care and respect for all living beings.**

Leader We remember those who have died in our community, this nation and the world.

People **We give thanks that you bring life out of death and ripen all things in their season.**

Leader We pray for those whose lives are closely linked with our own ...

The Celebrant adds petitions here from the St. Mary's Prayer List  
and invites people to add their own petitions.

Celebrant God of abundance, help us to give of ourselves freely and fearlessly, knowing that life of the Spirit which gives back with magnificent increase, and strengthen our trust in your constant and gracious providence, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

## SANCTUS

*BCP, page 341*

After the Sanctus the People stand or kneel as able, as the Celebrant continues...

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*BCP, page 336*

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

## THE INVITATION

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

all stand and say together

*BCP, page 365*

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

## SENDING OF THE LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR \*

Celebrant N., in the name of this parish family, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts to \_\_\_\_\_. Together we share in the body and blood of Christ.

People **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup.**

## THE BLESSING

## DISMISSAL

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

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

\* when appropriate

