

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn # 450 You Call Us, Lord, to Be

You call us, Lord, to be a people set apart,
to feel with thoughtful mind and think with tender heart.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.

You call us, Lord, to care for self and neighbour too,
to take the risk, and dare to show what love can do.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.

You call us, Lord, to be good stewards of the earth;
to tend it as a place of blessedness and worth.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.

You call us, Lord, to serve: to die that we might live,
to know we best receive when faithfully we give.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.

THE GREETING

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

Celebrant May his grace and peace be with you.
People **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known
and from you no secrets are hidden.
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.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of
bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming
work, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now
and for ever. **AMEN.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

1st Reading: Acts 3:12-19

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Peter saw the crowd running to them, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. "And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah^[e] would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

Reader The word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 4 *Please remain seated*

Leader Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

People **"You mortals, how long will you dishonour my glory;
how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false
gods?"**

Leader Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

People **Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

Leader Offer the appointed sacrifices
and put your trust in the Lord.

People **Many are saying,
"Oh, that we might see better times!"
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.**

Leader You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

People

**I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

Faithful defender, do not let our hearts be troubled, but fill us with such confidence and joy that we may sleep in peace and rise in your light; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

Reader

A reading from the first letter of John

See what love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Reader

The word of the Lord

People

Thanks be to God

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24: 36b-48

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

All

And also with you.

Celebrant

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

All

Glory be to thee, O Lord

While the disciples were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning

from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Celebrant

All

The Gospel of Christ

Praise be to thee, O Christ

Homily

The Rev. Canon Gloria Master

THE CREED

Celebrant

All

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader

In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying, **“Hear us, Lord of glory!”**

Leader

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

All

Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord. Hear us, Lord of glory! That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

All

Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader

That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.

All

Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader

That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

All

Hear us, Lord of glory!

Leader That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Leader That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins to almighty God.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things and judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word and deed, Against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

The members of the community greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Offertory Hymn # 377 To the Name of Our Salvation

**To the name of our salvation, laud and honour let us pay,
which for many a generation hid in God's foreknowledge lay,
but with holy exultation we may sing aloud today.**

**Jesus is the name we treasure, name beyond what words can tell;
name of gladness, name of pleasure, ear and heart delighting well;
name of sweetness passing measure, saving us from sin and hell.**

**'Tis the name that who-so preaches speaks like music to the ear;
who in prayer this name beseeches finds a comfort ever near;
who its perfect wisdom reaches, heavenly joy possesses here.**

**Jesus is the name exalted over every other name;
in this name, whene'er assaulted, we can put our foes to shame:
strength to them who else had halted, eyes to blind and feet to lame.**

**Therefore, we in love adoring, this most blessed name revere,
holy Jesus, thee imploring so to write it in us here,
that hereafter heaven-ward soaring, we may sing with angels there.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant

**God of grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us a
kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer
you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given
us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 3

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

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name

All

**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, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling 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 Saviour 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 he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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."

All

Therefore, Father, according to his command,
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, 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, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all 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 whom, and with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant

And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

All

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of Bread

Celebrant Lord, we died with you on the cross.
All Now we are raised to new life.

Celebrant We were buried in your tomb.
All **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Celebrant Live in us, that we may live in you.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.
All **Thanks be to God.**

AGNUS DEI

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
All Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Celebrant Those wishing to do so may make their spiritual communion by joining in this prayer with me now:

People: **I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, present in the Holy Sacrament and in your people, who are gathered in spirit. In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart, and in our community. May you, enthroned on the altar, now be enthroned in my heart; may you who give yourself to us again, fill us with grace, and heavenly blessing. Even as I am fed, may my hunger for you and for your reign of justice and peace increase, that I may, with your Spirit, work for that day when your reign shall come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant All your works praise you, O Lord.
All **And your faithful servants bless you.**

Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

#460 Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining

**Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness shining:
Jesus, light of the world shine upon us;
set us free with the truth you now bring us,
shine on me, shine on me.**

***Shine, Jesus, shine fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze: set our souls on fire.
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.***

**Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness: shine on me;
search me, try me, consume all my darkness
shine on me, shine on me.**

***Shine, Jesus, shine fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze: set our souls on fire.
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.***

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness
so our faces display your likeness;
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story
shine on me, shine on me.**

***Shine, Jesus, shine fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze: set our souls on fire.
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.***