

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

### Welcome

**Sentence** If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you. *See John 14.23*

### Processional Hymn #399 "Now Thank We All Our God" (V. 1 – 3)

1. Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and nourish us with grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God eternal now be given,  
to Spirit and to Word, who reign in highest heaven:  
our ever faithful God, whom heaven and earth adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

## 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* Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond  
imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving  
you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we  
can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 10:44-48

**Reader** While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

**PSALM 98** *Please remain seated*

**Leader** O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

**People** **The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

**Leader** He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**People** **Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

**Leader** Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

**People** **With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.**

**Leader** Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

**People** **Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy**

**Leader** at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

**All** **Lord God, we see your righteous rule in all your works, and we join our voices with the song of your whole creation in praising you, in and through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

**2nd Reading:** 1 John 5:1-6

*Reader* A reading from the first letter of John

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

**HOLY GOSPEL** **John 15:1-8**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*All* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
*All* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. This I command you, to love one another.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of Christ  
*All* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Homily** The Rev. Bonnie Skerritt

## 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.

*All*

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

*Leader*

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!**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Most merciful God,  
*All* **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 neighbours 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.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*All* **And also with you.**

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

## Offertory Hymn # 309 "Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet" (V. 1 - 2)

1. Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet, praise the Lord with the harp and lute, praise the Lord with the gentle sounding flute.

Praise the Lord in the field and forest, praise the Lord in the city square,  
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.

Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine, praise the Lord in the dark of night,  
praise the Lord in the rain or snow or in the morning light.

Praise the Lord in the deepest valley, praise the Lord on the highest hill,  
praise the Lord never let your voice be still.

2. Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal, praise the Lord with the pipe and string,  
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.

Praise the Lord on a weekday morning, praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,  
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.

Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow, praise the Lord in the time of joy,  
Praise the Lord every moment; nothing let your praise destroy.

Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet, praise the Lord in your work or play,  
Praise the Lord everywhere in every way.

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

*Celebrant*

God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name.

**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 the one 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 has 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, grant us peace.

### **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 & DOXOLOGY**

*Celebrant* Let us pray,  
Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Glory to God,  
*All* **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn #374**

**"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" (V. 1 – 4)**

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne;  
alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus, out of every nation, hath redeemed us by his blood.
2. Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;  
alleluia! he is near us, faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise, "I all with you evermore"?
3. Alleluia! Bread of heaven, though on earth our food, our stay;  
alleluia! here the sinful flee to thee from day to day;  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.
4. Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own;  
alleluia! born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne.  
Thou within the veil has entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest;  
thou on earth both priest and victim in the Eucharistic feast.

**Dismissal**

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

**All**              **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**