

# Service of HOLY COMMUNION RITE II

# **EASTER SEASON**

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Welcome to this service of Holy Communion we are glad you have joined us!

## This is the Lord's church and the Lord's table, and all are welcome here.

When it comes time to receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion all who wish to share in the fellowship of Christ are warmly invited to follow others up to the rail where you may stand or kneel.

Hold out your hands and you will be given bread and wine.

Receiving communion 'in one kind', that is receiving only the bread, is full communion. If for any reason you do not want to receive from the common cup please let the chalice administrator know by crossing your hands across your chest or shaking your head.

If you would like to receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine please indicate by holding your service book in your hands or by keeping your hands lowered.

Children may receive either bread and wine, the bread alone, or a blessing as parents or guardians decide. Please indicate to the Celebrant (the priest) your wishes.

If you require a gluten free wafer please let the Celebrant know and one will be give to you.

Liturgy: The Book of Common Prayer of the Episcopal Church, 1979, and Common Worship, The Church of England, 2005 Music: The Hymnal 1982, according to the use of the Episcopal Church

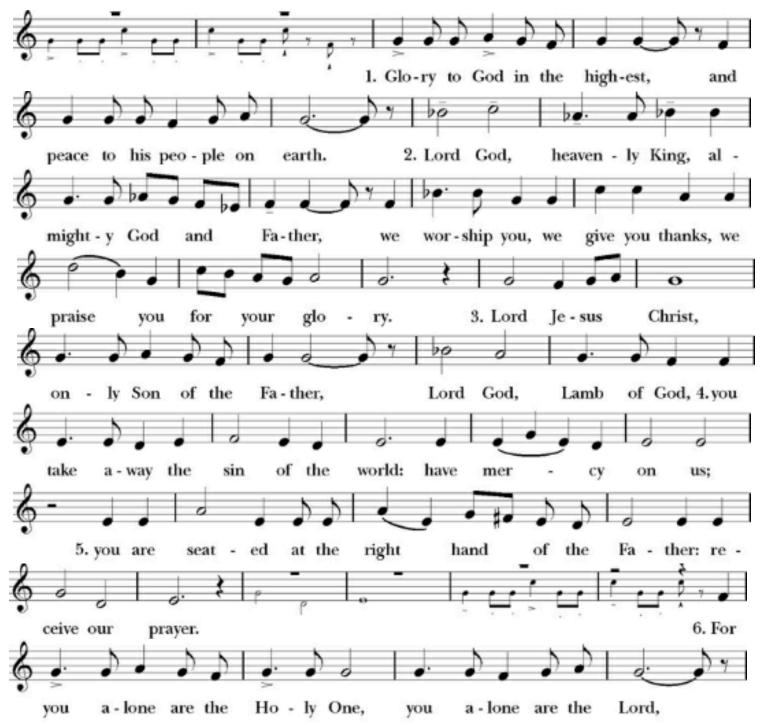
#### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#### Alleluia, Christ is risen! Christ is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit, and made known to every race and nation the way of eternal life; open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Amen.

THE GLORIA





#### THE COLLECT

The Lord be with you.

#### And also with you.

Let us pray.

*The collect prayer which is in the weekly bulletin is said, ending with:* **Amen.** 

#### THE LESSONS

The lessons can be found in your weekly bulletin. One or two Lessons are read, the Reader first saying: A Reading (Lesson) from \_\_\_\_\_

*After each Reading the Reader may say:* The word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.** 

A Psalm, hymn, or anthem may follow each Reading.

#### **SEQUENCE HYMN**

Rising in Body or Spirit

*The Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying:* The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to \_\_\_\_\_\_ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.** 

After the Gospel the Reader says: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.** 

THE SERMON

Sitting

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, was incarnate of 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.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; **That we all may be one.** 

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; **That your Name may be glorified by all people.** 

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.** 

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; **That our works may find favor in your sight.** 

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; **That they may be delivered from their distress.** 

Give to the departed eternal rest;

## Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### THE PEACE

#### Rising in Body or Spirit

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

#### And also with you.

#### **News of our Shared Life**

Sitting

#### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

Rising in Body or Spirit

After the Offertory Hymn, as the offering is received we sing: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; In heaven above and earth below; One God three persons we adore; to God be praise for ever more.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

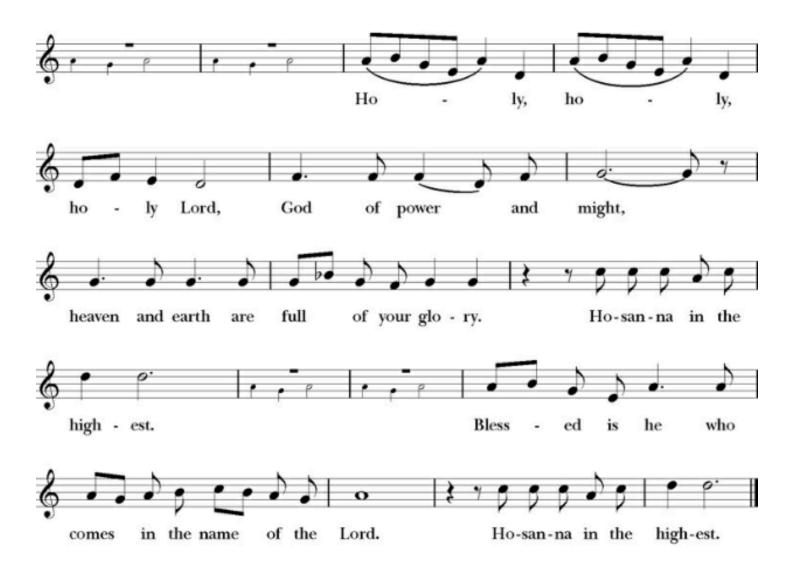
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

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:



#### Then the Celebrant continues:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of 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 Savior 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 before he died for us, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father, We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O 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 may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

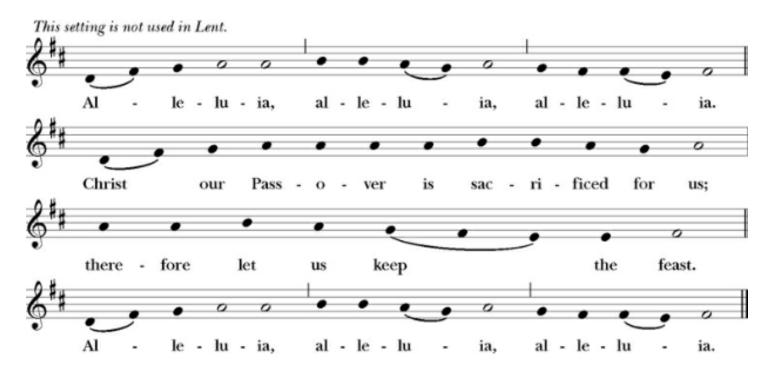
In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By 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.



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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and we sing:



The Celebrant continues:

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.

Bread, Wine and Blessings are shared among the people.

#### After communion:

Let us pray. 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 Celebrant offers this or another blessing...

God the Creator,

by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you the gates of everlasting life.

### Amen.

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith. **Amen.** 

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace. **Amen.** 

And the blessing ...

**CLOSING HYMN** 

Rising in Body or Spirit

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.** 



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