



## WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD!

Whoever you are, wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we are glad you have found your way here. Our mission is to restore all persons to God and each other through Christ. We carry out this mission through prayer and worship, proclaiming the Gospel, and advocating for justice, peace, and love.

- You are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you have not been baptized, please inform a minister so we can arrange it.
- You are invited to stand in body or spirit for those items marked with a †.
- Your child is welcome in worship and we offer a soft space to help little ones settle in. Don't fret about their busyness; we are glad they're here!

## V Easter, 28 April 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS, UTO OFFERING, PRELUDE

† HYMN 376

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

† ACCLAMATION & COLLECT

+ Alleluia! Christ is Risen! The Lord is risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Then the Celebrant says the Collect for Purity; the People respond Amen.

#### † HYMN OF PRAISE



### † COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray... ... Amen.

## READING(S) & RESPONSE

Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 22:24-30, 1 John 4:7-21

After each reading, the following is said.

Hear what God's Spirit is saying to God's people. Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 22:24-30

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: "May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the Lord;

he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done.

† HYMN 529

In Christ There Is No East or West

† Gospel

John 15:1-8

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to \_\_\_. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the reading, the following is said.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY

The Rev. Dr. J. Eric Thompson

## † NICENE CREED

Unison

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.

Continued...

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 your 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.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions. The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

#### † RECONCILIATION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept, then:

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.

The Celebrant declares forgiveness.

#### † THE PEACE

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

#### **OFFERTORY**

#### † Doxology

Sung to "Old Hundredth"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### † THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

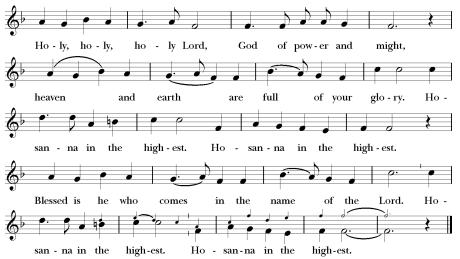
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

#### It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... 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:



... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

... 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**.

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

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

## † Invitation & Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Congregation may now sit until directed to go to the chancel for Communion.

All are welcome to receive Communion.

#### PRAYER FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING REMOTELY

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people gathered throughout the world, I offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. As I behold the blessed sacrament, I invite you to come into my heart. Inspire and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

#### † Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray. Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### † BLESSING

The Priest blesses the assembly, which responds Amen.

#### † HYMN 662

Abide with Me

#### † DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

# IN OUR PRAYERS

The Backus Family, Jan Blum, Ginger Buck, Rodney Button, Lois Costanza, The Cuddeback Family, Michael K., Jeannie M., Merlyn Hann, Kay Howe, Rose Jacob, Mary Sahrle, Bill Shaver, Joyce Sliker, David Smith, Maile Thompson, Jim Wagner, the Wall Family

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Wednesday, 6PM, Bible Study & Potluck St. Peter's Parish Hall
- Bishop Lane will be with us Mother's Day, May 12th. We will celebrate jointly with St. Paul's, beginning with Breakfast in the Parish Hall at 9:30am., followed by Eucharist here at 10:30.
- The Dogwood Festival will be May 18th. Volunteers are needed to staff the 50/50 table and assist with general hospitality. Also, the Clara Barton Statue will be dedicated that day; as St. Peter's has assumed the lead on the project we look forward to a solid member turnout.
- Pentecost Sunday will be in the Park under the tent on May 19th.

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