

The Holy Eucharist,

Eucharistic Prayer A

If you have a birthday or anniversary this week (or had one last week), text your name to 512-290-9967 so that we can pray for you by name at the end of the service.

Opening Hymn *The People Stand*

All Creatures of Our God and King

Words: St. Francis of Assisi, ca. 1225; Music: Peter von Brachel, 1623

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,
O praise him! Alleluia!
Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Sentences

CELEBRANT Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

PEOPLE ***The Lord is Risen indeed! Alleluia!***

The Collect for Purity

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

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

LEADER Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

LEADER & PEOPLE

*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.*

CELEBRANT

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Song of Worship

How Great Is Your Faithfulness

Matt Redman

Now unto the King who reigns over all
And never changes or turns
Unfailing justice, unfading grace
Whose promises remain
Yes, your promises remain

*The heavens ring
The saints all sing
Great is your faithfulness
From age to age we will proclaim
Great is your faithfulness
How great is your faithfulness*

Everything changes, but you stay the same
Your word and kingdom endure
We lean on the promise of all that you are
And trust forevermore
We will trust forevermore

From generation to generation,
You never fail us, O God
Yesterday and today and tomorrow,
Until the day you return

The Collect of the Day *The People Stand*

LEADER The Lord is here.

PEOPLE ***And his Spirit is with us.***

LEADER Let us pray.

ALL

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Welcome

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Children's Sermon

Let the Flame Burn Brighter

Let the flame burn brighter
In the heart of the darkness
Turning night to glorious day
Let the song grow louder
As our love grows stronger
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Terrice's Video

First Reading *The People Sit*

Acts 8:26–40

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. ²⁷ And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was

in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship²⁸ and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah.²⁹ And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.”³⁰ So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?”³¹ And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.³² Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴ And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?”³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.³⁶ And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?”³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.³⁹ And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

LECTOR The Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE *Thanks be to God.*

- 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.
- ALL *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

The Gospel

Mark 9:49–10:16

- DEACON The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St.
Mark.
- PEOPLE *Glory to you, Lord Christ*

^{9:49} For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰ Salt is good, but if the salt
has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in

yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

^{10:1} And he left there and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan, and crowds gathered to him again. And again, as was his custom, he taught them.

² And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³ He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴ They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away.” ⁵ And Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. ⁶ But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷ “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, ⁸ and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. ⁹ What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

¹⁰ And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter.

¹¹ And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, ¹² and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

¹³ And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵ Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” ¹⁶ And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

DEACON The Gospel of the Lord
PEOPLE *Praise to you, Lord Christ*

The Sermon

The People Sit

The Nicene Creed

LEADER Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

LEADER AND PEOPLE

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.

* Universal

The Prayers of the People

Father, we pray for the 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, and all who proclaim the Gospel;

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; for the special needs and concerns of this congregation...

Silence is kept.

[Together we ask] ***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

CELEBRANT

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Peace *The People Stand*

On a typical Sunday when we are physically together, we pass the peace of the Lord to each other simply by turning to those around us and saying, "The peace of Christ to you," or "God's peace." We would like to invite you now to pass the peace not only to those who may be sitting with you at home, but also to friends and loved ones who are in other locations, perhaps through a text or other messaging app.

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

The people sit.

Announcements

To receive email updates, make sure you are on our email list by entering your email address into the "Newsletter signup" box at the bottom of the page at christchurchofaustin.org.

Birthday names are read.

PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary names are read.

PRAYER FOR ANNIVERSARIES

O God, you have so blessed the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send your blessing upon these your children, that their lives together may continue to reflect your love and forgiveness and that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

CELEBRANT Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
 an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offering & Congregational Song

We invite you to give online at christchurchofaustin.org/give. If your giving comes in by check, we are still receiving mail.

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

Words: Francis Pott, 1861; Music: Vito Aiuto, 2012

The strife is o'er, the battle done;
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions has dispersed.
Let shouts of holy joy outburst.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped;
he rises glorious from the dead.
All glory to our risen Head.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

He closed the yawning gates of hell;
the bars from heaven's high portals fell.
Let hymns of praise his triumph tell.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Doxology

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

Holy Communion, Prayer A *The People Stand*

CELEBRANT The Lord is here.

PEOPLE *And his Spirit is with us.*

CELEBRANT Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE *We lift them up to the Lord.*

CELEBRANT Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has won for us everlasting life.

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:

*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.

The People Kneel or Stand

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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 sing...

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
Forever and ever, Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

CELEBRANT Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

PEOPLE ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!***

CELEBRANT 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.

If you have consecrated elements in your home, please take communion now and enter into a time of worship. You may administer the sacrament with these words:

“The body of Christ, the bread of heaven,”

“The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.”

If you do not have consecrated elements, we invite you to pray this prayer for spiritual communion:

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.

Communion Music

We Do Not Presume

Music by Andy Piercy & David Clifton

We do not presume to come to your table
Trusting in our own righteousness
For we are not worthy so much as to gather
The crumbs from under your table

But trusting, O Lord, in your great and manifold mercies
For you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy
So cleanse us and feed us with the body and blood of your Son
That we may live in him and that he may live in us
For ever and ever. Amen.

Savior of All

Jen & Marty Reardon, 2013

You became hungry, yet you're the Bread of Life
You became thirsty, yet you're the River of God
You became lowly, yet you're seated on high
You became silent, yet you're the Word of God

*You're the Savior of all
The Word became flesh
Emmanuel
You're God with us*

Jesus, Jesus

Cherry Blossoms

Andy Squyres

Well, I feel a warm wind blowin'
Meltin' all the sadness off of my soul
And I smell the sweet cherry blossoms
Pourin' all their gladness into my soul

*In winter I believe you, in springtime I see you
It's so good to be with you, my hope has come
Lord, you make all things new, your love is my breakthrough
Now I sing, "Hallelujah! My hope has come"*

Now I walk through the valley of the shadow
And I have been tested like silver and gold
Lord, your faith has taught me to cherish
That this light affliction is not my home

Now I'm not gonna give in to this mortal frustration
And I'm not gonna give death any standing ovation
I will lift my soul, God, with no hesitation
'Cause between you and me there is no separation

Prayer for Mission // Vocation Commissioning

[Invite those involved in the vocation of education to stand.]

ALL ***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 our vocations as your ambassadors,
particularly those of us who study, research or work in***

schools and institutions of education and learning at any level, to do the good things you have given us to do, and to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

CELEBRANT The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

Procession into the World *The People Stand*

All Creatures of Our God and King

And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on him cast your care!
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Dismissal

DEACON Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PEOPLE *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

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