

Holy Eucharist,

Eucharistic Prayer A

Opening Hymn *The People Stand*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*Words: Joachim Neander, 1680 (based on Psalm 103), translated by Catherine Winkworth;
Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
Praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen sound from his people again,
Gladly, for all we adore him.

Opening Sentences

CELEBRANT Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

PEOPLE *The Lord is Risen indeed! Alleluia!*
CELEBRANT There is one Body and one Spirit;
PEOPLE *There is one hope in God's call to us;*
CELEBRANT One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
PEOPLE *One God and Father of all.*

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.*

Songs of Worship

Great Are You, Lord

David Leonard, Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan

You give life, you are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, you restore every heart that is broken
And great are you, Lord

*It's your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise
It's your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to you only*

Vida das y amor,
Traes luz a tinieblas
Fuerza das; restaurás todo corazón roto
Grande eres, Dios

*Es tu aliento en mi ser
Por eso alabaré, alabaré
Es tu aliento en mi ser,
Por eso alabaré por siempre*

And all the earth will shout your praise

Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are you, Lord

*It's your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise
It's your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to you only*

Reckless Love

Words and music by Caleb Culver, Cory Asbury, and Ran Jackson, 2017

Before I spoke a word, you were singing over me
You have been so, so good to me
Before I took a breath, you breathed your life in me
You have been so, so kind to me

*Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God
Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it, still you give yourself away
Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God*

When I was your foe, still your love fought for me
You have been so, so good to me
When I felt no worth, you paid it all for me
You have been so, so kind to me

There's no shadow you won't light up
Mountain you won't climb up, coming after me
There's no wall you won't kick down
Lie you won't tear down, coming after me

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 ***O God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd of your people: Grant that, when we hear his voice, we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.***

First Reading *The People Sit*

Acts 20:17–38 (The Message)

LECTOR A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

¹⁷⁻²¹ From Miletus he sent to Ephesus for the leaders of the congregation. When they arrived, he said, “You know that from day one of my arrival in Asia I was with you totally—laying my life on the line, serving the Master no matter what, putting up with no end of scheming by Jews who wanted to do me in. I didn’t skimp or trim in any way. Every truth and encouragement that could have made a difference to you, you got. I taught you out in public and I taught you in your homes, urging Jews and Greeks alike to a radical life-change before God and an equally radical trust in our Master Jesus.

²²⁻²⁴ “But there is another urgency before me now. I feel compelled to go to Jerusalem. I’m completely in the dark about what will happen when I get there. I do know that it won’t be any picnic, for the Holy Spirit has let me know repeatedly and clearly that there are hard times and imprisonment ahead. But that matters little. What matters most to me is to finish what God started: the job the Master Jesus gave me of letting everyone I meet know all about this incredibly extravagant generosity of God.

²⁵⁻²⁷ “And so this is good-bye. You’re not going to see me again, nor I you,

you whom I have gone among for so long proclaiming the news of God's inaugurated kingdom. I've done my best for you, given you my all, held back nothing of God's will for you.

²⁸ "Now it's up to you. Be on your toes—both for yourselves and your congregation of sheep. The Holy Spirit has put you in charge of these people—God's people they are—to guard and protect them. God himself thought they were worth dying for.

²⁹⁻³¹ "I know that as soon as I'm gone, vicious wolves are going to show up and rip into this flock, men from your very own ranks twisting words so as to seduce disciples into following them instead of Jesus. So stay awake and keep up your guard. Remember those three years I kept at it with you, never letting up, pouring my heart out with you, one after another.

³² "Now I'm turning you over to God, our marvelous God whose gracious Word can make you into what he wants you to be and give you everything you could possibly need in this community of holy friends.

³³⁻³⁵ "I've never, as you so well know, had any taste for wealth or fashion. With these bare hands I took care of my own basic needs and those who worked with me. In everything I've done, I have demonstrated to you how necessary it is to work on behalf of the weak and not exploit them. You'll not likely go wrong here if you keep remembering that our Master said, 'You're far happier giving than getting.'"

³⁶⁻³⁸ Then Paul went down on his knees, all of them kneeling with him, and prayed. And then a river of tears. Much clinging to Paul, not wanting to let him go. They knew they would never see him again—he had told them quite plainly. The pain cut deep. Then, bravely, they walked him down to the ship.

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

LECTOR Please stand, and let us pray **Psalm 108** together in unison.

*My heart is ready, O God;
my heart is ready.
I will sing, I will sing your praise.
Awake, my soul;
Awake, O lyre and harp.
I will awake the dawn.*

*I will praise you, LORD, among the peoples;
I will sing psalms to you among the nations,
for your faithful love is higher than the heavens,
and your truth reaches the skies.*

*Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;
may your glory shine on all the earth!
With your right hand, grant salvation and give answer;
O come and deliver your friends*

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.*

Second Reading *The People Sit*

1 John 3:16-24 (NIV)

LECTOR A reading from the first epistle of John.

^{3:16} This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

¹⁹ This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰ If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²² and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴ The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

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

The Gospel Song

Send Your Word, O Lord

Marty Reardon

Send your Word, O Lord
We long to see your healing in the earth
Send your Word, O Lord
We long to see the broken heart restored

The Gospel

Matthew 9:35–38

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

^{9:35} Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had

compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

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

Send Your Word, O Lord (reprise)

Send your Word, O Lord
We long to see your healing in the earth
Send your Word, O Lord
We long to see the broken heart restored

The Sermon *The People Sit*

The Ending of a Pastoral Relationship

Just before the Peace, the Minister addresses the Bishop and the congregation with these or similar words

On the _____ day of _____, 19____, I was inducted by Bishop N. as rector of _____. I have, with God’s help and to the best of my abilities, exercised this trust, accepting its priveleges and responsibilities.

After prayer and careful consideration, it now seems to me that I should leave this charge, and I publicly state that my tenure as rector of Christ Church ends this day.

(The Minister may, if desired, briefly state his plans for the future.)

The Bishop says

Do you, the people of Christ Church, recognize and accept the conclusion of this pastoral relationship?

PEOPLE ***We do.***

Then the Minister may express thanksgiving for the time of the tenure, with its joys and sorrows, and state hopes for the future of the congregation.

The Minister may present to the warden the parish altar service book (the 1979 missal), the green parish register, and other symbols fitting to the occasion.

The Minister may also express his thanks to the representatives of parish organizations and offices, and indicate that those organizations will continue to function.

The Minister may then be joined by members of his family, who may express what life with the congregation has meant to them. One or more representatives of the congregation may briefly respond to the Minister and family, and bid them godspeed. If it is appropriate, representatives of diocesan and community organizations in which the Minister or members of his family have been active may also speak.

The Bishop may then indicate what provision has been made for the continuation of the ministries of the parish. He may declare the name of the locum tenens, senior warden, or other person who is to have ecclesiastical responsibility, and may request, if it seems appropriate, other leaders in the parish to continue their leadership until a new incumbent is installed. He may express his feelings about the ministry now coming to its end.

The departing Minister and the congregation then say together the following prayer

O God, you have bound us together for a time as priest and people to work for the advancement of your kingdom in this place: We give you humble and hearty thanks for the ministry which we have shared in these years now past.

Silence

We thank you for your patience with us despite our blindness and slowness of heart. We thank you for your forgiveness and mercy in the face of our many failures.

Silence

Especially we thank you for your never-failing presence with us through these years, and for the deeper knowledge of you and of each other which we have attained.

Silence

We thank you for those who have been joined to this part of Christ's family through baptism. We thank you for opening our hearts and minds again and again to your Word, and for feeding us abundantly with the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of your Son.

Silence

Now, we pray, be with those who leave and with us who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

The people are invited to stand. The departing Minister then says

The peace of the Lord be always with you

PEOPLE *And also with you.*

The people sit.

Announcements

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.

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.

MATT: *Mention the note cards, and invite people to write notes on them during the offering.*

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

Offering & Congregational Song

Canticle of the Turning

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
That the God of my heart is great
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things
That you bring to the ones who wait
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight
And my weakness you did not spurn

So from east to west shall my name be blest
Could the world be about to turn?

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring
Let the fires of your justice burn
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near
And the world is about to turn!*

Though I am small, my God, my all
You work great things in me
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past
To the end of the age to be
Your very name puts the proud to shame
And to those who would for you yearn
You will show your might, put the strong to flight
For the world is about to turn

From the halls of power to the fortress tower
Not a stone will be left on stone
Let the king beware for your justice tears
Every tyrant from his throne
The hungry poor shall weep no more
For the food they can never earn
There are tables spread, every mouth be fed
For the world is about to turn

Though the nations rage from age to age
We remember who holds us fast
God's mercy must deliver us
From the conqueror's crushing grasp
This saving word that our forebears heard
Is the promise which holds us bound
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God
Who is turning the world around

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, through the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages.

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:

[sing]

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full, O Lord, of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

*Heaven and earth are full, O Lord, of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. 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 pray...

[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.

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.

Trinity Song

Sandra McCracken

Holy Father, Son, and Spirit
Holy communion, Three-in-One

Come, with your peace, with your invitation
Bind us together in holy love

Psalm 27 (I Will See Your Goodness)

Greg LaFollette

You are my light, my light, Lord
You are my salvation
You are my rock, my rock, Lord
You're my firm foundation

*O Hallelujah
O you are good, good
O Hallelujah
Bless you, God
O bless you, God*

So in my day of trouble
I will hope and trust
Hide me in your shelter

Defend and lift me up

I am sure of this: that I will see your goodness

In the land of the living

I am sure of this: that I will see the goodness of the Lord

Cherry Blossoms

Andy Squires

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

Matt invites Cliff and his family up, and says final words of sending.

MATT & PEOPLE

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants of your Word and Sacraments. We thank you especially for the work of Cliff Warner among us, and the presence of his family here. Grant that both he and we may serve you in the days ahead, and always rejoice in your glory, and come at length into your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

CELEBRANT (CLIFF)

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*

O Love that Will Not Let Me Go

George Matheson (1882), Christopher Miner (1997)

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

Oh light that followest all my way
I yield my flickering torch to thee
My heart restores its borrowed ray
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day

May brighter, fairer be

Oh joy that seekest me through pain
I cannot close my heart to thee
I trace the rainbow through the rain
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be

Oh cross that liftest up my head
I dare not ask to fly from thee
I lay in dust life's glory dead
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be

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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