

# Holy Eucharist,

Kenyan rite

## Opening Hymn *The People Stand*

### Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

*Words: W. Chatterton Dix, 1866; Music: Rowland Prichard, 1830*

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

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 am with you evermore"?

## Opening Sentences *The People Stand*

CELEBRANT The Lord is here:

PEOPLE *And his Spirit is with us.*

CELEBRANT The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it:

PEOPLE *Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.*

CELEBRANT I was glad when they said to me:

PEOPLE *Let us go to the house of the Lord.*

CELEBRANT Praise the Lord:

PEOPLE *The name of the Lord be praised.*

CELEBRANT Let us pray:

PEOPLE *Almighty God, you bring to light things hidden in*

*darkness, and know the shadows of our hearts: Cleanse and renew us by your Spirit, that we may walk in the light and glorify your name, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, Amen.*

CELEBRANT Please kneel or stand as we prepare our hearts for confession.

## Confession of Sin *The People Kneel or Stand*

CELEBRANT Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PEOPLE *Almighty God, Creator of all, you marvelously made us in your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged your likeness by rejecting your love and hurting our neighbors. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of your Son; remake us and lead us by your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

CELEBRANT: Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth, remove your sins from you, as far as the east is from the west, strengthen your life in his kingdom and keep you upright to the last day; through Jesus Christ, our merciful High Priest. Amen.

*[The people remain kneeling.]*

PEOPLE *Thank you, Father, for forgiveness. We come to your table as your children, not presuming but assured, not trusting ourselves but your Word. We hunger and thirst for righteousness, and ask for our hearts to be satisfied with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ the righteous. Amen.*

*[Have people stand.]*

## Gloria *The People Stand*

CELEBRANT     Glory to the Father:  
PEOPLE         *Glory to the Son.*  
CELEBRANT     Glory to the Spirit:  
PEOPLE         *For ever three in One.*  
CELEBRANT     Be glorified in the United States:  
PEOPLE         *Be glorified in Austin.*  
CELEBRANT     Be glorified at home:  
PEOPLE         *Be glorified in the Church.*  
CELEBRANT     Be glorified on earth:  
PEOPLE         *Be glorified in heaven.*  
CELEBRANT     Glory to the Father:  
PEOPLE         *Glory to the Son.*  
CELEBRANT     Glory to the Spirit:  
PEOPLE         *For ever three in One.*  
CELEBRANT     Hallelujah!  
PEOPLE         *Amen!*

## Songs 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        *O God, you know that we are set in the midst of many grave dangers, and because of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant that your strength and protection may support us in all dangers and carry us through every temptation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Children's Dismissal

## 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

First Reading *The People Sit*

*Isaiah 56:1–8 (NIV)*

LECTOR     A reading from Isaiah 56.

<sup>56:1</sup> This is what the Lord says:

“Maintain justice  
and do what is right,  
for my salvation is close at hand  
and my righteousness will soon be revealed.

<sup>2</sup> Blessed is the one who does this—  
the person who holds it fast,  
who keeps the Sabbath without desecrating it,  
and keeps their hands from doing any evil.”

<sup>3</sup> Let no foreigner who is bound to the Lord say,  
“The Lord will surely exclude me from his people.”  
And let no eunuch complain,  
“I am only a dry tree.”

<sup>4</sup> For this is what the Lord says:

“To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths,  
who choose what pleases me  
and hold fast to my covenant—

<sup>5</sup> to them I will give within my temple and its walls  
a memorial and a name  
better than sons and daughters;  
I will give them an everlasting name

that will endure forever.  
<sup>6</sup> And foreigners who bind themselves to the Lord  
to minister to him,  
to love the name of the Lord,  
and to be his servants,  
all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it  
and who hold fast to my covenant—  
<sup>7</sup> these I will bring to my holy mountain  
and give them joy in my house of prayer.  
Their burnt offerings and sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar;  
for my house will be called  
a house of prayer for all nations.”  
<sup>8</sup> The Sovereign Lord declares—  
he who gathers the exiles of Israel:  
“I will gather still others to them  
besides those already gathered.”

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

**Psalter** *The People Stand*

*Psalm 16*

LECTOR            Let us pray **Psalm 16** responsively by whole verse.

- 1    Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord,  
my good above all other.”
- 2    *All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
upon those who are noble among the people.*
- 3    But those who run after other gods \*  
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4    *Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.*

- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 *My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.*
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; \*  
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 *I have set the LORD always before me; \*  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.*
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 *For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.*
- 11 You will show me the path of life; \*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

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 Song

### Jesus, Name above All Names

*Naida Hearn, 1974*

Jesus, name above all names  
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord  
Emmanuel, God is with us  
Blessed Redeemer, living Word

# The Gospel

Matthew 19:1–12

DEACON    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
              according to St. Matthew.

PEOPLE    *Glory to you, Lord Christ*

<sup>19:1</sup> When Jesus had finished saying these things, he left Galilee and went into the region of Judea to the other side of the Jordan. <sup>2</sup> Large crowds followed him, and he healed them there.

<sup>3</sup> Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?”

<sup>4</sup> “Haven’t you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’<sup>5</sup> and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’? <sup>6</sup> So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

<sup>7</sup> “Why then,” they asked, “did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?”

<sup>8</sup> Jesus replied, “Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning. <sup>9</sup> I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery.”

<sup>10</sup> The disciples said to him, “If this is the situation between a husband and wife, it is better not to marry.”

<sup>11</sup> Jesus replied, “Not everyone can accept this word, but only those to whom it has been given. <sup>12</sup> For there are eunuchs who were born that way, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by others—and there are those who choose to live like eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. The one who can accept this should accept it.”

DEACON    The Gospel of the Lord

PEOPLE    *Praise to you, Lord Christ*



## Jesus, Name above All Names (reprise)

Jesus, loving Shepherd

Vine of the branches, Son of God

Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor

Lord of the universe, Light of the world

The Sermon

*The People Sit*

## The Peace *The People Stand*

CELEBRANT     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.*

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

# Offering & Congregational Song

## Always with Me

*Jessica Fox, Kate Bluett, Orlando Palmer, and Paul Zach*

I can make it through the day, when you're with me on the way,  
in my heart and mind you'll stay.  
I can make it through the night, when I'm clinging to your light,  
you will make the darkness bright.

*For you are always, always with me.  
For you are always, always with me.*

In the calm and in the storm, when it seems I'm all alone,  
It's your hand I find to hold.  
In each hour of unrest, when it seems I've nothing left,  
You speak peace in every breath.

In the morning, in the evening,  
When I'm waking, when I'm sleeping.  
When I'm arriving, when I'm leaving.  
You will have me in your keeping.

Even from my mothers womb; never hidden from your view.  
I was always known to you.  
When I fade away in death, you will catch my final breath.  
You will take me to my rest.

## 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.

# The Liturgy of the Table *The People Stand*

CELEBRANT Is the Father with us?

PEOPLE *He is.*

CELEBRANT Is Christ among us?

PEOPLE *He is.*

CELEBRANT Is the Spirit here?

PEOPLE *He is.*

CELEBRANT This is our God:

PEOPLE *Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

CELEBRANT We are his people:

PEOPLE *We are redeemed.*

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 him thanks and praise.*

CELEBRANT

It is right and our delight to give you thanks and praise, Holy Father, living God, supreme over the world, Creator, Provider, Saviour and Giver. From a wandering nomad you created your family; for a burdened people you raised up a leader; for a confused nation you chose a king; for a rebellious crowd you sent your prophets. In these last days you have sent us your Son, your perfect image, bringing your kingdom, revealing your will, dying, rising, reigning, remaking your people for yourself. Through him you have poured out your Holy Spirit, filling us with light and life. Therefore with angels, archangels, and all in heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and saying:

CELEBRANT and PEOPLE

*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.*

CELEBRANT Almighty God, Owner of all things, we thank you for giving up your only Son to die on the cross for us who owe you everything. Pour your refreshing Spirit on us as we remember him in the way he commanded through these gifts of your creation.

On the same night that he was betrayed he took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

PEOPLE *Amen. His body was broken for us.*

CELEBRANT In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying, "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. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

CELEBRANT We are brothers and sisters through his blood.

PEOPLE *We have died together.  
We will rise together.  
We will live together.*

CELEBRANT Therefore, heavenly Father, hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy, and await the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. He died in our place, making a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, the perfect sacrifice, once and for all. You accepted his offering by raising him from death, and granting him great honor at your right hand on high.

PEOPLE *Amen. Jesus is Lord.*

CELEBRANT This is the feast of victory.

PEOPLE *The Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.  
Hallelujah!*

CELEBRANT As Jesus taught us, so we pray:

[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  
Forever and ever, Amen.*

## The Breaking of the Bread

CELEBRANT Christ is alive for ever:

PEOPLE *We are because he is.*

CELEBRANT We are one body:

PEOPLE *We share one bread.*

CELEBRANT Draw near with faith:

PEOPLE *Christ is the host and we are his guests.*

## 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.

## Remembrance

*Matt Maher & Matt Redman, 2009*

Oh how could it be that my God would welcome me  
Into this mystery,  
Say, "Take this bread, take this wine," now the simple made divine,  
For any to receive?

*By your mercy we come to your table.  
By your grace you are making us faithful.*

*Lord, we remember you,  
And remembrance leads us to worship.  
And as we worship you,  
Our worship leads to communion.  
We respond to your invitation;  
We remember you.*

See his body, his blood, know that he has overcome  
Every trial we will face.  
None too lost to be saved, none too broken or ashamed,  
All are welcome in this place.

Dying, you destroyed our death;  
Rising, you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

## We Sing as One

*Eric J. Marshall, 2011*

Father in heaven, we are your children  
You gave us life oh Lord, life eternal  
You hold nothing back from those you love,  
You are Father in heaven, we are your children

First and the Last, oh Lord, you know us deeply  
You search our hearts, we trust you completely  
You lay out our paths and keep us close  
You are First and the Last, oh Lord, you know us deeply

*We sing as one, Lord; we are your children  
Pour out your Spirit upon the broken  
O loving Father, come and draw near us  
We see your glory and know that you hear us*

All ears shall hear, and all eyes will witness  
Redeeming power and grace of your Son Jesus  
For he alone can save and heal the lost  
O, all ears shall hear and all eyes will witness

Holy  
Father, you're holy

## Post-communion Prayer

CELEBRANT & PEOPLE:

*Almighty God, Holy Father, we have sat at your feet, learned from your word, and eaten from your table. We give you thanks and praise for accepting us into your family. Send us out with your blessing, to live and to witness for you in the power of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, the first born from the dead. Amen.*



## The Blessing

CELEBRANT All our problems:

PEOPLE *We send to the cross of Christ.*

CELEBRANT All our difficulties:

PEOPLE *We send to the cross of Christ.*

CELEBRANT All the devil's works:

PEOPLE *We send to the cross of Christ.*

CELEBRANT All our hopes:

PEOPLE *We set on the risen Christ.*

CELEBRANT Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path: and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you, always.

PEOPLE *Amen.*

## Procession into the World *The People Stand*

### Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (continued)

Alleluia! bread of heaven, thou on earth our food and 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.

Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own;

Alleluia! born of Mary; Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne.

Thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest:

Thou on earth both Priest and Victim in the Eucharistic feast!

# The Dismissal

DEACON            Go out into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

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