

Holy Eucharist,

BCP 2019 Renewed Ancient Text

Opening Hymn *The People Stand*

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Words: Ignace Franz (based on the Te Deum), 1744; trans. Clarence Walworth, 1858

Music: Allgemeines Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1774

Holy God, we praise thy name; Lord of all, we bow before thee.
Saints on earth thy rule acclaim; All in heaven above adore thee.
Infinite thy vast domain; Everlasting is thy reign.

Hark, the loud celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heavens with sweet accord: “Holy, holy, holy Lord!”

Lo, the apostolic train Joins thy sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the loud refrain, And the white-robed martyrs follow;
And from morn to set of sun, Through the Church the song goes on.

Opening Sentences

CELEBRANT For unto us a child is born.

PEOPLE ***Unto us a son is given.***

from Isaiah 9:6

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.*

Gloria — Song of Worship

God with Us

Words & music by Leslie Jordan & Jason Ingram, 2012

You've come, to bring peace
To be love, to be nearer to us
You've come, to bring life
To be light, to shine brighter in us
Oh, Emmanuel, God with us

*Our Deliverer, you are Savior
In your presence we find our strength
Over everything, our redemption
God with us, you are God with us*

You've come, to be hope
To this world, for your honor and Name
You've come, to take sin
To bear shame, and to conquer the grave
Oh, Emmanuel, God with us

You are here, and you are holy
We are standing, in your glory

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, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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*

Jeremiah 31:7–14 (NIV)

LECTOR A reading from Jeremiah 31.

^{31:7} This is what the Lord says:

“Sing with joy for Jacob;
shout for the foremost of the nations.
Make your praises heard, and say,
‘Lord, save your people,

the remnant of Israel.'

⁸ See, I will bring them from the land of the north
and gather them from the ends of the earth.

Among them will be the blind and the lame,
expectant mothers and women in labor;
a great throng will return.

⁹ They will come with weeping;
they will pray as I bring them back.

I will lead them beside streams of water
on a level path where they will not stumble,
because I am Israel's father,
and Ephraim is my firstborn son.

¹⁰ "Hear the word of the Lord, you nations;
proclaim it in distant coastlands:

'He who scattered Israel will gather them
and will watch over his flock like a shepherd.'

¹¹ For the Lord will deliver Jacob
and redeem them from the hand of those stronger than they.

¹² They will come and shout for joy on the heights of Zion;
they will rejoice in the bounty of the Lord—
the grain, the new wine and the olive oil,
the young of the flocks and herds.

They will be like a well-watered garden,
and they will sorrow no more.

¹³ Then young women will dance and be glad,
young men and old as well.

I will turn their mourning into gladness;
I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow.

¹⁴ I will satisfy the priests with abundance,
and my people will be filled with my bounty,"
declares the Lord.

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

LECTOR Let us pray **Psalm 84** antiphonally by whole verse,
beginning with the east side of the room.

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 *The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; **
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 *Happy are the people whose strength is in you! **
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find
it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 *They will climb from height to height, **
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 *Behold our defender, O God; **
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than
a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10 *For the LORD God is both sun and shield; **
he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the LORD withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.

12 *O LORD of hosts,*
happy are they who put their trust in you!*

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*

Ephesians 1:3–14 (NIV)

LECTOR A reading from Ephesians 1.

^{1:3} Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹ he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

¹¹ In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. ¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

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 2:1–12

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

^{2:1} After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶ “But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said,

"Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

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 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, we pray especially for: David Bennett, Jan Bennett, Gail Blanchard, Diana Bridgeman, Rachel Chisolm, Nate Gabrysich, Eric Kaufman, Samantha Lesan, Amanda McCamant, Verlea Pierce, Diane Thompson, Christine Warner, Thomas Whitlock, and others you have laid on our hearts.

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.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

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 neighbours 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.*

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.

Offertory

Come See a Child of Low Estate

Words: W.D. Springett, 1899; Music: Karl Digerness, 2014

Come, see a child of low estate,
in manger bed reclining;
Yet on his humble dwelling place
bright stars in heav'n are shining

This little babe is Christ the Lord,
whom saints have long expected,
for man he comes to live and die,
despised, betrayed, rejected

For man he comes to rend the veil
which hides death's gloomy portal,
and make a home where man with him
in peace may dwell, immortal

He comes to triumph o'er the grave,
and rise on Easter morning,
and reign in heav'n at God's right hand,
until the last Day's dawning

So may we all his grace partake:
from Jesus, meek and lowly,
may we his faithful servants be
kept by his Spirit holy!

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, *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, our duty and joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary his mother, was made truly man, yet without the stain of sin, that we might be cleansed from sin and given the right to become your children.

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:

[say]

*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 sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection

he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given 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.”

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for 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 in 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, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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...

[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 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.

Christmas Communion Song

Paul Zach & Kate Bluett

Lay the gift into our hands:
God-with-us here in our world
bread and wine, God-become-man
We receive your mercy, Lord.
Even the hands that we're holding you with,
even the eyes that behold:
All that we have and we hold is your gift;
all that we're made of is yours.
Give us the body and give us the blood;
give us the heartbeat and breath.
Give us, Love, yourself.

Nothing here won by our hands;
all is grace, nothing we've earned.
Here like poor shepherds we stand:
We receive your mercy, Lord.
Even the songs that we're praising you with,
even the off'rings we bring:
All that we make and we do is your gift,
all that we give to our King.
You are the body and you are the blood;
you are the heartbeat and breath.
You are Love, itself.

Let your gifts flow through our hands,
from your heart into the world,
reaching out to every land.
We receive your mercy, Lord.
Even the roads that we travel today,
even the gold and the myrrh,
even the smoke rising up as we pray:
These are the gifts you confer.
Live in our bodies and live in our blood;
live in our heartbeat and breath,
Jesus, live in us.

One Blood

*Words & music by Ryan Flanigan, Eddie Kirkland,
Marty Reardon, Patrick Schlabs, and Wes Crawford, 2018*

O God, you have made us all of one blood
And sent us your blessed Son
Proclaiming your kingdom: justice and peace
You're calling to everyone
The far and the near may come

Let the nations of the earth
Seek after you and find you
Let our neighbors see in us your love

*Pour out your Spirit,
Pour out your Spirit
Pour out your Spirit on all people
Hasten the coming,
Hasten the coming
Hasten the coming of your kingdom*

Prayer for Mission

ALL *Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Blessing

CELEBRANT May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; 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*

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name thee;
While in essence only One, Undivided God, we claim thee;
Then, adoring, bend the knee And confess the mystery.

Christ, thou art our glorious King, Son of God enthroned in splendor;
But, deliverance to bring, Thou all honors didst surrender,
And wast of a virgin born, Humbly on that blessed morn.

Thou didst take the sting from death, Son of God, as Savior given;
On the cross thy dying breath Opened wide the realm of heaven.
In the glory of that land Thou art set at God's right hand.

As our judge thou wilt appear, Savior, who hast died to win us.
Help thy servants drawing near. Lord, renew our hearts within us.
Grant that with thy saints we may Dwell in everlasting day.

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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