

# Holy Eucharist,

Eucharistic Prayer A

## 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

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.*

## Songs of Worship

### His Mercy Is More

*Matt Boswell, Matt Papa*

What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

*Praise the Lord, his mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father so tender is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor  
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

What riches of kindness he lavished on us  
His blood was the payment, his life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many, his mercy more

### **Lord, I Need You**

*Daniel Carson, Matt Maher, Christy Nockels, Jesse Reeves, and Kristian Stanfill*

Lord, I come, I confess  
Bowing here, I find my rest  
Without you I fall apart  
You're the One that guides my heart

*Lord, I need you, oh, I need you  
Every hour I need you  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need you*

Where sin runs deep, your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where you are  
And where you are, Lord, I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me  
And where you are, Lord, I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me

Teach my song to rise to you

When temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on you  
Jesus, you're my hope and stay  
'Cause when I cannot stand I'll fall on you  
Jesus, you're my hope and stay

## 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.*

## Welcome / 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

LECTOR            A reading from Acts 6 & 7.

<sup>6:1</sup> In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. <sup>2</sup> So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, “It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. <sup>3</sup> Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them <sup>4</sup> and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.”

<sup>5</sup> This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. <sup>6</sup> They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

<sup>7</sup> So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

<sup>8</sup> Now Stephen, a man full of God’s grace and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup> Opposition arose, however, from members of the Synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called)—Jews of Cyrene and Alexandria as well as the provinces of Cilicia and Asia—who began to argue with Stephen. ...

<sup>7:2</sup> To this he replied: “Brothers and fathers, listen to me! ...

<sup>51</sup> “You stiff-necked people! Your hearts and ears are still uncircumcised. You are just like your ancestors: You always resist the Holy Spirit!

<sup>52</sup> Was there ever a prophet your ancestors did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him— <sup>53</sup> you who have received the law that was given through angels but have not obeyed it.”

<sup>54</sup> When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious

and gnashed their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup> But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> “Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”

<sup>57</sup> At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, <sup>58</sup> dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

<sup>59</sup> While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup> Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep.

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

**Psalter** *The People Stand*

*Psalm 23*

LECTOR            Let us pray **Psalm 23** together in unison.

- 1 *The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.*
- 2 *He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.*
- 3 *He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.*
- 4 *Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*
- 5 *You spread a table before me in the presence of those  
who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.*
- 6 *Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days  
of my life, \**

*and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.*

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

### All Things Rise (bridge)

*Words & music by Sam Yoder, 2015*

Just as you promised, God, your Son was raised up.  
In him we'll follow; in him we'll all be raised up

## The Gospel

*John 10:1–11*

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

PEOPLE *Glory to you, Lord Christ*

<sup>10:1</sup> “Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup> The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” <sup>6</sup> Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

<sup>7</sup> Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the gate; whoever enters through

me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

<sup>11</sup> “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

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

### All Things Rise (bridge)

Just as you promised, God, your Son was raised up.  
In him we'll follow; in him we'll all be raised up

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

LECTOR     Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.”

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

*Silence is kept.*                     + Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

For Jeff Bailey & Brian Wallace, our Bishops; and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

*Silence is kept.*                     + Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

*Silence is kept.*                     + Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

*Silence is kept.*

✦ Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service.

*Silence is kept.*

✦ Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially David & Jan Bennett, Gail Blanchard, Diana Bridgeman, Rachel Chisolm, Ollie & Sawyer Dunham, Eric Kaufman, Quinn Kenney, Samantha Lesan, Amanda McCamant, Bill Taylor, Diane Thompson, Christine Warner, Thomas Whitlock,, and others you have laid upon our hearts.

*Silence is kept.*

✦ Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

✦ Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

CELEBRANT

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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.

## Offering & Congregational Song

### Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

*Words & music by Brian Ortize, Dorothy Ann Thrupp, Katelyn Clampett, & William Batchelder  
Bradbury*

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;  
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way;  
Keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;  
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.

## 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:

[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 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.

## **My Shepherd Will Supply My Need**

*Words: Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: North American traditional*

My Shepherd will supply my need: the Lord God is his Name;  
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.  
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,  
And leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, your presence is my stay;  
One word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.  
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;  
My cup with blessings overflows, your oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.  
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;  
No more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

## Satisfied

*Words: Clara T. Williams, 1875; Music: Karl Digerness, 1997*

All my life long I had panted  
For a drink from some cool spring  
That I hoped would quench the burning  
Of the thirst I felt within

*Hallelujah! He has found me,  
The one my soul so long has craved!  
Jesus satisfies all my longings,  
Through his blood I now am saved*

Feeding on the filth around me  
'Til my strength was almost gone  
Longed my soul for something better  
Only still to hunger on

Poor I was and sought for riches,  
Something that would satisfy  
But the dust I gathered 'round me  
Only mocked my soul's sad cry

Well of water ever springing,  
Bread of Life so rich and free  
Untold wealth that never faileth,  
My Redeemer is to me

## Teach Me to Pray

*Words & music by Marty Reardon, 2011*

Lord, teach me to pray  
Not just words, not what to say  
But my heart and where it should lay

O Lord, teach me to pray

*Let your kingdom come  
Let your will be done  
Here on earth and in my life  
As it is in heaven, as it is in heaven*

## Prayer for Mission

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 peace and mission, and grant us strength and courage 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*

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

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

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