

The Word of God

Prelude *Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above* (arr. Wagner)

Processional Hymn *All hail the power of Jesus' Name*

Hymnal 450

Easter Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer 355

Celebrant Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Hymnal S280



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly



King, al - mighty - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we



give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray together.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (17: 22-31)

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 68: 1-10, 33-36

Simplified Anglican Chant

BCP 676

Exurgat Deus

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be **scattered**;
let those who hate him flee **before him**.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it **away**;
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of **God**.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before **God**;
let them also be merry and **joyful**.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the **heavens**;
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice **before him!**
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of **widows**,
God in his holy **habitation!**

6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into **freedom**;
but the rebels shall live in dry **places**.

7 O God, when you went forth before your **people**,
when you marched through the **wilderness**,

8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of **Sinai**,
at the presence of God, the God of **Israel**.

9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your **inheritance**;
you refreshed the land when it was **weary**.

10 Your people found their home **in it**;
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the **poor**.

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the **earth**;
sing praises to the **Lord**.

34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient **heavens**;
he sends forth his voice, his mighty **voice**.

35 Ascribe power to **God**;
his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the **skies**.

36 How wonderful is God in his holy **places**!
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be **God**!

A reading from the first letter of Peter (4: 12-14; 5: 6-11)

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will

himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn *See the Conqueror mounts in triumph*

Hymnal 215

Holy Gospel

John 17: 1-11

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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 worshipped 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.

Prayers of the People - Easter

Leader Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God who has delivered his people from sin
and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, let us lift our voices and
pray,

Leader Risen Lord,
People Hear our prayer.

Leader Let us give thanks to God for the multitude of blessings he showers upon us:
For our lives and for those whom we love,
For the beauty of this home God has created for us,
For our families and our friendships,
Let us give thanks to the God of Life.

We give thanks for those whose birthdays were last week: Chuck McDonnell, Will McMillan, Perrin Roper, Camilla Cathcart, Patrick Craven, and Charlie Long.

We give thanks for those who celebrated their wedding anniversary last week: Sarah and Erich Normandia and Sarah and George McKinney.

Leader Risen Lord,
People Hear our prayer.

Leader Let us pray for the Church, that it may carry forward the redemptive works of God:

For our clergy and our bishops,
For the many lay people who serve the church,
And serve the world through the church.
For those gathered here in worship and prayer.

Leader Risen Lord,
People Hear our prayer.

Leader Let us pray for all people, that the joy of Easter may ever grow within them, and that the Spirit may guide them in lives of active faith.

Leader Risen Lord,
People Hear our prayer.

Leader Let us pray for the nations and peoples of the world, that the powers that oppress and destroy may decline, and that justice, peace, and prosperity be lifted up.

Leader Risen Lord,
People Hear our prayer.

Leader Let us pray for those who are sick and those who suffer, especially Bill Arnold, Karen Bright, Jim Bright, Larry Carson, Paul Criswell, Carol Dean, Albert Faden, Mary Joe Ferguson, Jim Gobble, Nan Hines, Diane Lawson, Rita Marshall, Patricia Mellette, Mary Jane Mobley, Erich Normandía, Bette and Burl Ricker, Domer Ridings, Greg and Ross Ann Steifle, Mary Jo Tolbert, Carol Wynne, Linda Criswell, Riley Gillam, Joan Grist, Cheri Hutchison, Ian Kelso, Jeanette Little, Carol Myers, Carol Ann Pry, Mason Shirley, Doris Snelling, Stacey Spillum, Philip Bell, Rodney Cleveland, Vicki Hart, Melody Johnson and our neighbors at Macedonia Church.

Leader Risen Lord,
People Hear our prayer.

Leader We pray for those in our nation's service, especially Justin Gough, Cameron Roberts, Grant Roberts, and Noah Woodiwiss.

Leader Risen Lord,
People Hear our prayer.

Leader We give thanks for our acolytes, their parents and the acolyte leaders, for whom the altar flowers are given.

Leader Risen Lord,
People Hear our prayer.

Leader We give thanks for the life of Charlotte Perosino, for Claudette McKinney, and for all mothers, in whose honor the presence candle burns.

Leader Risen Lord,
People Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

The Peace

BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The ministers and the people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Celebration of Birthdays

Blessings and Thanksgiving for Volunteer Tutors

Jesus, we were created in the image of your love. Even now you call your church to be your hands and feet, to offer loving service to one another in your name.

We give you thanks for the spirit you send to sustain and strengthen us in our works of love. We give you thanks for the members you raise up to respond with special service, each in their own way, to the needs of our local communities.

Please bless all who freely labor for your love, especially the volunteers who have dedicated themselves to our tutoring program. Grant these volunteers your grace, sustain them with your living spirit, empower them to accomplish more than they ever dreamed of, and let their labor leave a long-lasting impact on our communities.

May we all be inspired to serve with a heart of love. Amen.

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Offertory anthem *Thine is the Glory* (Handel)

At the Presentation - Doxology (Old Hundredth) (verse 3)

Hymnal 380

*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.*

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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 your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

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:

Sanctus

Hymnal S129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 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,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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 Hymns

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor

Hymnal 307

For the bread which you have broken

Hymnal 341

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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 grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing *The people claim the blessing with their “Amen!”*

Recessional Hymn *Crown him with many crowns*

Hymnal 494

Dismissal *The People reply “Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!”*