



SUNDAY
EUCCHARIST WITH
PRAYER FOR
SPIRITUAL
COMMUNION

EASTER 2

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CHRIST'S CHURCH
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Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Anglican Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words and actions through which public worship is conducted.

*The people's responses are in **bold**.*

As sojourners on this land, we acknowledge the heritage and history of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe nations at the time of the creation of the "Dish With One Spoon" wampum agreement. As partners with them and with all of God's Creation, we honour and respect these nations. We walk together with all whom we meet here justly, mercifully and humbly.

The Gathering of the Community

When the service is accompanied by music, it often begins with an instrumental or vocal piece of music during which the congregation can prepare for worship.

GATHERING MUSIC

Erschienen ist der heilige Tag BWV 629

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

SENTENCE

Have you believed, Thomas, because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.
John 20:29

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
And also with you.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

This prayer was an English rendering of a Latin prayer that began the liturgy in the medieval church before the Reformation. It remains a distinctive part of Anglican worship to this day.

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 GLORIA *(sung by all)*

The Gloria, or some other song of praise, centers the service on the God we gather to praise in our worship.



Glo-ry to God in the high- est, — and peace to his peo-ple on
earth. Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al- might - y God and Fa- ther, — we wor-ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise — you for — your glo - ry. Lord Je- sus_ Christ, on - ly Son of the
Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; you are sea - ted at the right_ hand of the Fa - ther, re - ceive our prayer.
For you a-lone are the ho - ly One,
you a-lone are the Lord, 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 FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that “collects” the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures of the day.

The Lord be with you
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe
and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen,
have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

THE FIRST READING

This reading, taken from the New Testament, is from the Acts of the Apostles which tells of the founding of the Christian Church and the spread of its message to the Roman Empire.

Acts 4: 32-25

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

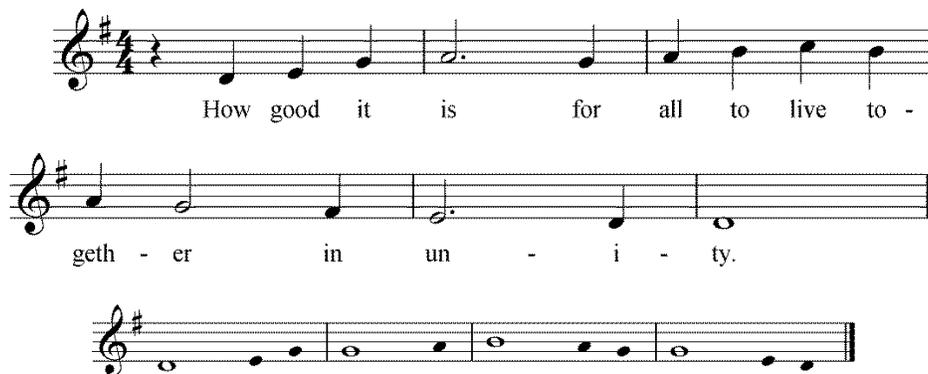
The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM *(Please join with the Cantor in the singing of the Refrain)*

The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another.

Psalm 133



How good it is for all to live to -
geth - er in un - i - ty.

Oh, how good and pleasant **it** is (1)
when families live together in **u**-nity (2)
It is like fine oil upon **the** head (1)
that runs down upon the **beard** (2)
Upon the beard **of** Aaron (3)
and runs down upon the collar of **his** robe (4)

REFRAIN

It is like the dew **of** Hermon
that falls upon the hills of **Zi**-on.
For there God has ordained **the** blessing:
life for ev-**er**-more.

REFRAIN

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung by all)



*You believe in me, Thomas because you have seen me, says the Lord;
blessed are they who have not seen me, but still believe!*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

This reading is taken from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' words and actions.

John 20: 19-31

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SERMON

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The sermon directly follows the Gospel because it is to be grounded in the scriptures. It illuminates the scriptural readings and relates them to daily life.

THE CREED

The word "creed" comes from the Latin "credo" for "I believe." First formulated at the Council of Nicaea in 325AD and confirmed in 381AD, the Nicene Creed is said at the Holy Eucharist, particularly on special feast days, declaring our loving trust in the Triune God and exploring the relationship between the three "persons" of God – the Creator/Father, Jesus the Christ/Son, and the Holy Spirit..

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**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.**

**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**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for the universal church, the nation and all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are a part of a larger fellowship, the Church – the Body of Christ. Please respond as directed by the Intercessor.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Confessing our sins, receiving forgiveness (absolution) and showing signs of peace to one another prepare us to receive Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

1 Corinthians 5: 7 and 8

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

The presider offers absolution and the people respond

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you.

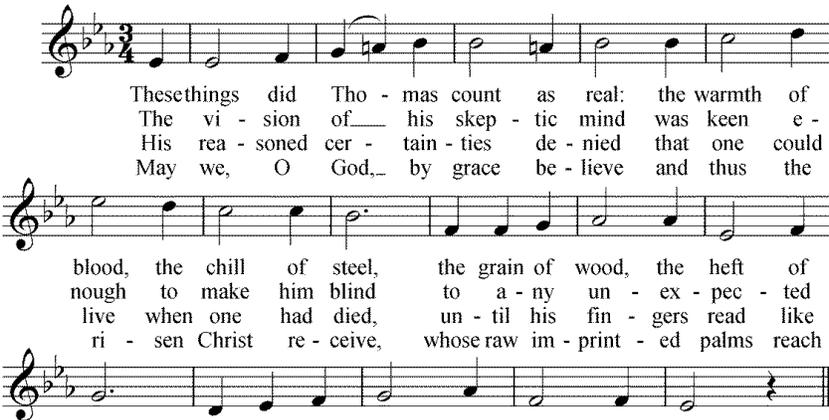
The Celebration of the Eucharist

THE OFFERTORY

Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, confessed our sins, received forgiveness and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the drama and miracle of the Holy Communion. At the offertory we gratefully offer back some of what God has given us, symbolically in the elements, and in our contributions towards the work of the church.

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OFFERTORY HYMN



Thesethings did Tho - mas count as real: the warmth of
The vi - sion of his skep - tic mind was keen e -
His rea - soned cer - tain - ties de - nied that one could
May we, O God, by grace be - lieve and thus the
blood, the chill of steel, the grain of wood, the heft of
nough to make him blind to a - ny un - ex - pec - ted
live when one had died, un - til his fin - gers read like
ri - sen Christ re - ceive, whose raw im - print - ed palms reach
stone, the last frail twitch of flesh and bone.
act too large for his small world of fact.
braille the mar - kings of the spear and nail.
out and be - ckoned Tho - mas from his doubt.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of grace,
you have freed us from our sins
and made us a kingdom in your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Accept all we offer you this day,
and strengthen us in the new life you have given us,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts in adoration

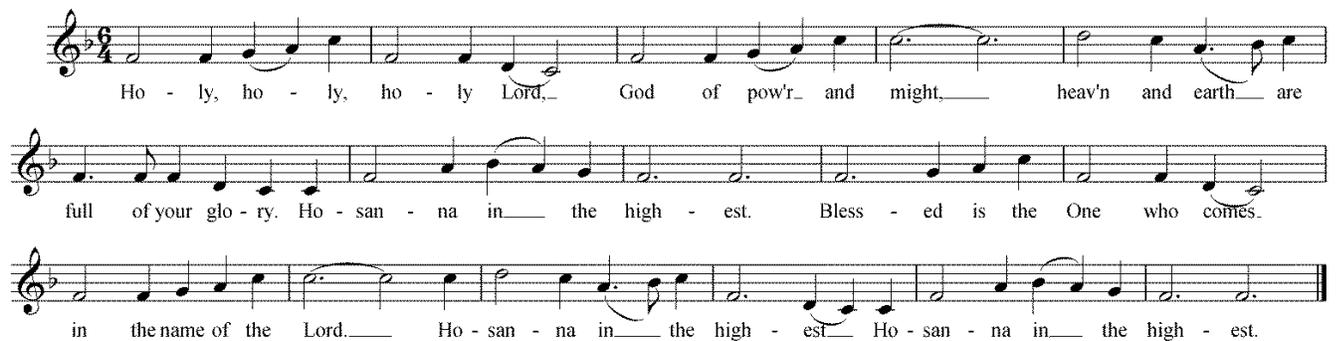
We lift them up to God

Let us give thanks to the Living God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise
for the glorious resurrection of your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord;
for he is the true paschal lamb
who has taken away the sin of the world.
By his death he destroyed death,
and by his rising to life again
he has won for us eternal life.

Therefore, joining our voices
with the whole company of heaven,
we sing our joyful hymn of praise
to proclaim the glory of your name.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the One who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation;
in calling 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 Saviour 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 he was handed over to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted, 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, Father, according to his command,

**we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you,
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, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all 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 whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

Amen.

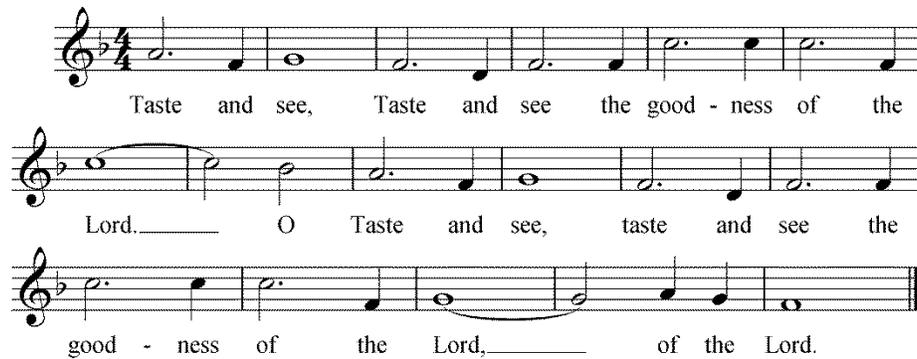
THE LORD’S PRAYER

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection.

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE FRACTION ANTHEM



Taste and see, Taste and see the good - ness of the
Lord, _____ O Taste and see, taste and see the
good - ness of the Lord, _____ of the Lord.

THE INVITATION TO SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Dear friends, I invite you in this moment,
wherever you may be, to receive Christ,
in communion with the saints,
and the gathering of God's people,
unseen and yet present with us now.

Many are made one

We receive you Lord Jesus Christ,
We welcome your presence in us,
And together proclaim our love for you;
With our hearts, minds, our souls and our strength,
With the saints we worship you,
With the angels we adore you,
With your whole Church, we proclaim your reign,
Come to us, though many, and make us one in you

Amen.

I invite you in the silence of your own hearts to make your own act of Communion with Christ.

I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ,
Present in bread and wine and present in your people who are gathered in spirit.
In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart and in our community.
May you, enthroned on the altar, be now enthroned in my heart,
May you, present in bread and wine, feed and renew my soul,
May you who gives yourself to us again
Fill us with grace and heavenly blessing.
Even as I am fed, may my hunger for you and for your reign of justice and peace increase,
That I may, with your Spirit, work for that day
when your kingdom shall come on earth as it is in heaven.

Amen.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

How beautiful are the feet (*Messiah*)

G.F. Handel

How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things. (Isaiah 52:7)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Father,
we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands
the bread of life.
Strengthen our faith
that we may grow in love for you and for each other;
through Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

Amen.

THE BLESSING

God the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

Amen.

God the Son,
who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

Amen.

God the Holy Spirit,
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

Amen

THE DISMISSAL

We are raised to new life with Christ
Go in his peace. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

POSTLUDE

Christ lag in Todesbanden

J.S. Bach

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