



# SUNDAY EUCCHARIST WITH PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

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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**.*

## **A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit among the People of God**

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*The church-wide leadership of The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (2020)*

## **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

Preludio (*Deuxième Symphonie Op. 26*)

Marcel Dupré

WORDS OF WELCOME

## SENTENCE

The ruler of this world shall now be cast out; and when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself. *John 12.31, 32*

## 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)*

*William Mathias, 1980*

*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 AFTER PENTECOST

*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.

O God,  
you have assured the human family of eternal life  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
Deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in him,  
who lives 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 epistles.*

*2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1*

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

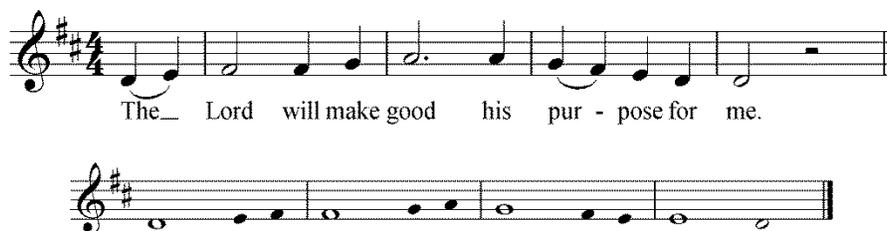
So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

### THE PSALM

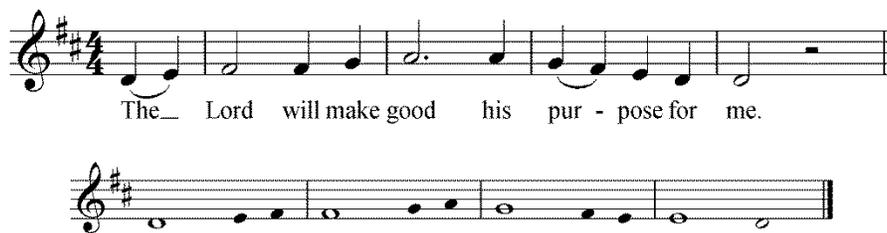
*The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity’s relationship with God and one another.*

*Psalm 138*



I will give thanks to you O God, with my **whole** heart;\*  
before the gods I will sing **your** praise.  
I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise **your** name,  
because of your love and **faith**-fulness.

### REFRAIN



For you have glorified **your** name  
and your word a-**bove** all things.  
When I called, **you** answered me;  
you increased my strength with-**in** me.

REFRAIN

All who reign on earth will praise you, **O** God,  
when they have heard the words of **your** mouth.  
They will sing of **your** ways,  
Your glory, O God, **is** great.

REFRAIN

Though you are high, you care for **the** lowly (1)  
you perceive the haughty from **a**-far (2)  
Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep **me** safe (1)  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of **my** enemies (2)  
your right hand **shall** save me. (2)  
You will make good your purpose **for** me (3)  
O God, your love endures **for** ever (3)  
do not abandon the works of your **hands**. (4)

REFRAIN

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung by all)



*I am the vine, you are the branches says the Lord;  
whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit.*

## 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.*

Mark 3: 20-25

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to Mark

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Then he went home and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## THE SERMON

*The Very Rev. Tim Dobbins  
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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 325 AD and confirmed in 381 AD, 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.*

Lord, hear us.  
**Nourish your people, Lord.**

#### 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.*

Jesus said: Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled. As brothers and sisters in God's family, we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

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

Christ is our peace.  
He has reconciled us to God  
in one body by the cross.  
We meet in his name and share his 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 – Sweet, sweet Spirit

TEXT AND MUSIC: Dores Akers, b. 1922.

There's a sweet, sweet Spi - rit in this place, and I  
bless - ings you can-not re - ceive till you  
say He saved you from your sin, now you're  
know that it's the Spir - rit of the Lord. There are sweet ex -  
know Him in His full-ness, and be - lieve. You're the one to  
weak, you're bound, and can - not en - ter in, you can make it  
press-ions on each face. and I know they feel the pres-ence of the  
pro - fit when you say, "I am going to walk with Je - sus all the  
right if you will yield: you'll en - joy the Ho - ly Spir - it that we  
Lord. Sweet, Ho-ly Spi-rit, Sweet Heav-en-ly Dove,  
way."  
feel.  
stay right here with us, fill-ing us with your love. And for these  
bless- ings we lift our hearts in praise with-out a  
doubt we'll know that we have been re - vived when  
we shall leave this place. 1. 2. There are place.

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Merciful God and Father,  
in Adam's fall we were born to death;  
in the new Adam we are reborn to life.  
In all we offer you this day  
may we share a taste of your eternal kingdom.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 Lord our God

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
by water and the Holy Spirit  
you have made us a holy people  
in Jesus Christ our Lord;  
you renew that mystery in bread and wine and nourish us,  
to show forth your glory in all the world.  
Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the holy people  
who have served you in every age,  
we raise our voices  
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.  
Bles-sed is the One who  
comes in the name of the Lord. 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,

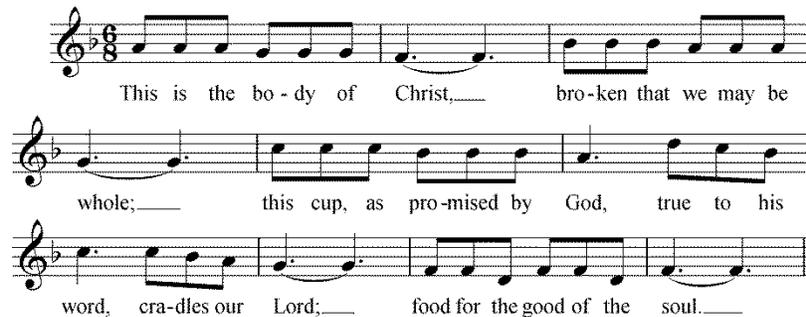
**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and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

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

“I am the bread of life” says the Lord.  
“Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;  
who believes in me will never thirst.”

**Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
happy are they who trust in him!**

## THE FRACTION ANTHEM



This is the bo - dy of Christ,\_\_\_\_ bro - ken that we may be  
whole;\_\_\_\_ this cup, as pro - mised by God, true to his  
word, cra - dles our Lord;\_\_\_\_ food for the good of the soul.\_\_\_\_

## 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.

**Come Lord Jesus and make in my heart your dwelling place and home.**

**I seek to love you with all my heart, mind, soul and strength, and so through your presence of bread and wine**

**I receive you afresh and praise you for you are my God.**

**As you fill me, so may my love for you and for all your people, rise and overflow,**

**that with joy and thanksgiving**

**I may serve you in the world you love. Amen.**

#### MUSIC AT COMMUNION

SOLO: For the flowers are great blessings (*Rejoice in the Lamb*)

Benjamin Britten

*For the flowers are great blessings.*

*For the flowers have their angels, even the words of God's creation.*

*For the flower glorifies God and the root parries the adversary.*

*For there is a language of flowers.*

*For the flowers are peculiarly the poetry of Christ.*

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God,

we have shared in the mysteries  
of the body and blood of Christ.

Nourish us by this feast,  
that we may live the risen life  
and serve you faithfully in the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**Amen.**

#### THE BLESSING

The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

#### THE DISMISSAL

Go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### POSTLUDE

Toccata in F

Dietrich Buxtehude

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