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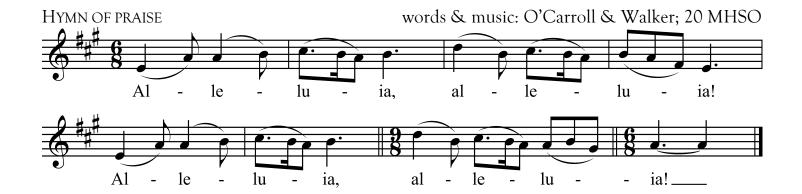
OPENING ACCLAMATION

Remain standing

Enriching Our Worship, p. 50

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Standing

BCP, p. 222

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

The people sit

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Lector The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 104:25-35, 37

Remain seated

Psalter for the Christian People

- Lector ²⁵ O LORD, how manifold are your works! * in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- People 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, * creatures both small and great.
- Lector ²⁷ There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, * which you have made for the sport of it.
- People 28 All of them look to you * to give them their food in due season.
- Lector ²⁹ You give it to them; they gather it; * you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- People 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; * you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.
- Lector ³¹ You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; * and so you renew the face of the earth.
- People 32 May your glory, O LORD, endure for ever; * may you rejoice in all your works.
- Lector ³³ You look at the earth and it trembles; * you touches the mountains and they smoke.
- People 34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; *
 I will praise my God while I have my being.

- Lector ³⁵ May these words of mine please you; * I will rejoice in the LORD.
- People ³⁷ Bless the LORD, O my soul. * Hallelujah!
 - All Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE NEW TESTAMENT Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

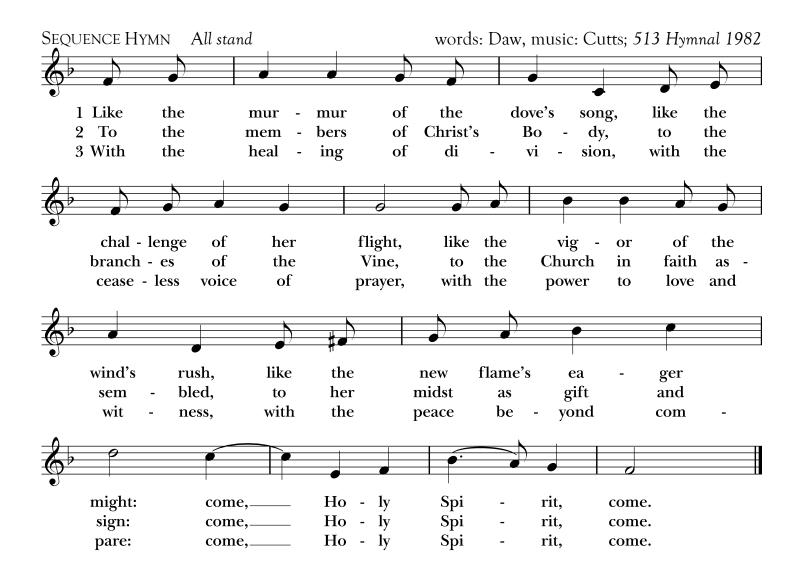
Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Lector The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.



THE GOSPEL

Remain standing.

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

REFLECTION The people sit Lasana Kanneh

THE NICENE CREED All stand EOW, p. 53

All 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. who 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 All stand

Intercessions for the Christian People

- Presider In the peace of the risen Christ let us offer our prayers to the Lord, saying: Hear us, Lord. Alleluia!
- Intercessor The Spirit of peace has been breathed on the church. May the church inspire peace throughout the world. And to this let us say:
 - People Hear us, Lord. Alleluia!
- *Intercessor* Our land has completed its Passover from winter into spring. May the earth be restored to the freshness of creation. And to this let us say:
 - People Hear us, Lord. Alleluia!
- *Intercessor* God appeared on Sinai amid fire and wind. May all people climb the holy mountain and see the face of God. And to this let us say:
 - People Hear us, Lord. Alleluia!
- Intercessor Through the gifts of Pentecost, may our community mature in wisdom as we come to understand the language of the Spirit. And to this let us say:
 - People Hear us, Lord. Alleluia!
- Intercessor Our week of weeks is accomplished. Our Fifty Days are complete. May all of us, both the living and the dead, be raised into the splendor of endless Easter. May we hold before God's life all in need, especially [all speak names printed on our parish prayer list]. And to this let us say:
 - People Hear us, Lord. Alleluia!

Presider Creator God, our Lenten ashes have become life-giving fire. We are whole and new again. Help us, like the disciples in Jerusalem, to spill out into the streets proclaiming your wonderful works. This we ask through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN EOW, p. 56

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

All God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,

the evil we have done,

and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love

and serve only your will. Amen.

Presider God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS





THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Remain standing

Prayer 1, EOW, p. 57

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

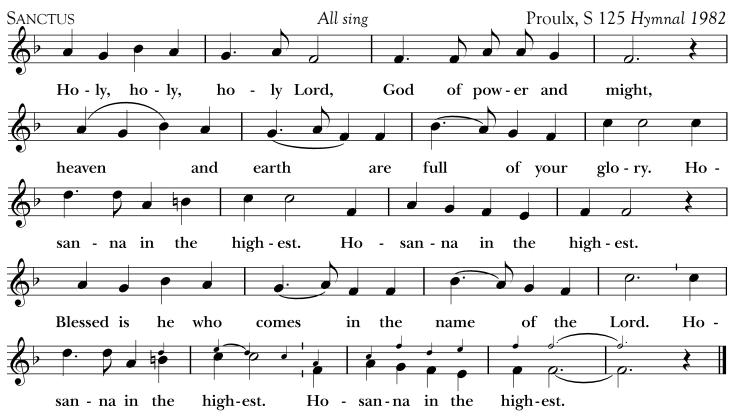
People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider It is right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. 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 sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:



Presider Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

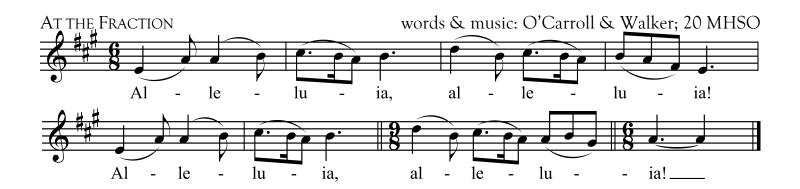
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

All AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider And now, as Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All 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.



Invitation to Communion

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All who are drawn to the Lord's Table are welcome.

To receive a blessing instead of Holy Communion, cross your arms in front of your chest. Gluten-free bread and de-alcoholized wine are available; please ask.

We do not practice intinction (dipping bread into the wine). To abstain from the common cup, cross your arms in front of your chest, consecrated wine will be presented, but not served to you.

If you have never been baptized, let's talk about that.



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All stand

EOW, p. 70

Presider Let us pray.

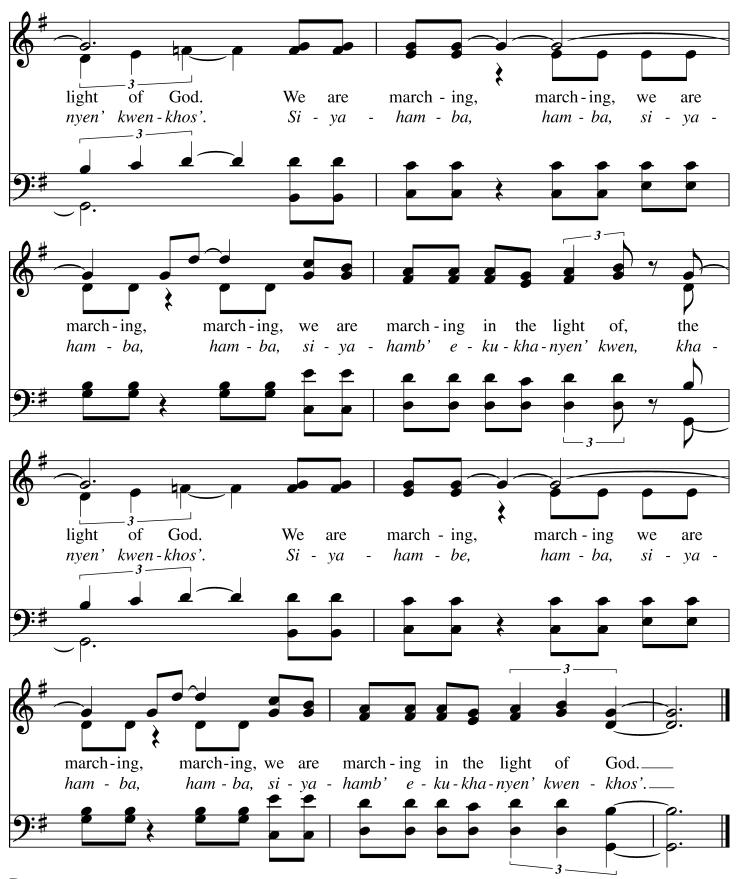
All Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

Presider May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God, the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

All Amen.



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Presider Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!. People Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Weekday Morning Prayer, 8am, sanctuary

EVENING PRAYER, WEDNESDAYS AT 5 PM, SANCTUARY with piano meditations by Jennifer Goodenberger

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