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**THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST**  
**(1<sup>ST</sup> HALF)**  
THROUGH PROPER 15

# The Word of God

## Opening Hymn

(See hymn board)

## Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant may say

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.*

## Song of Praise – *Gloria in Excelsis* (Hymnal S-280)

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 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

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant invites the People to pray the Collect together.*

## The Lessons

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

# The Gospel

*Then, all standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to \_\_\_\_\_.

**People**      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

# The Sermon

# The Nicene Creed

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.

## **The Prayers of the People**      *(Diocese of Olympia, 2019)*

Humbled by the bounty and grace of our lives, let us pray without ceasing.

For all the followers of Jesus around the world, that we may be united in sharing God's unfailing love and forgiveness.

***Spirit of truth, set us free!***

For the boundless priesthood of all believers, and the ministry of all lay people, the cornerstone of your holy Church. For AJ our priest and for all priests and deacons. For Bishops Andy, Allen, and Mary, and this diocese, that our hearts may be opened to God's desires for our future.

***Spirit of truth, set us free!***

For our world and our nation, that all who govern and lead tend peace in the land, and labor lovingly for every person entrusted to them.

***Spirit of truth, set us free!***

For rain and sun in seasonable proportions, that the harvest may be plentiful and that no child, elder, or adult goes hungry.

***Spirit of truth, set us free!***

For the will and action to preserve God's creation, so that foxes continue to have holes and birds have places to nest.

***Spirit of truth, set us free!***

For our neighbors who live with hunger and without shelter, for all who feel alone, that we may bear witness to God's love for them.

***Spirit of truth, set us free!***

For those on our congregational prayer list, especially \_\_\_\_\_. and any we name, silently or aloud. ***[the people may add their own petitions]*** That they know the love, comfort, and peace of Divine Love.

***Spirit of truth, set us free!***

For refugees and immigrants, for all who suffer violence at the hands of others and at the hands of our nation, and for those who live with addiction and mental illness. May our selves, our voices, and our community be a place of safety, hope, and compassion for all people

***Spirit of truth, set us free!***

For all the blessings of our lives, that we may continually declare how much God has done for us.

***Spirit of truth, set us free!***

For all who have died, especially [\_\_\_\_\_ and] any we now name, silently or aloud. ***[the people may add their own petitions]***, that they may be welcomed into glory with all the saints and angels.

***Spirit of truth, set us free!***

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds this concluding Collect*

God who sets our hearts on fire, we offer these prayers to you. Accept them as our offering of love and the pledge of our hearts to seek and serve you in all that we do; through Christ, who is all in all. ***Amen.***

## **Confession of Sin**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and 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.**

## Absolution

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.**

## The Peace

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## Announcements

## The Offertory

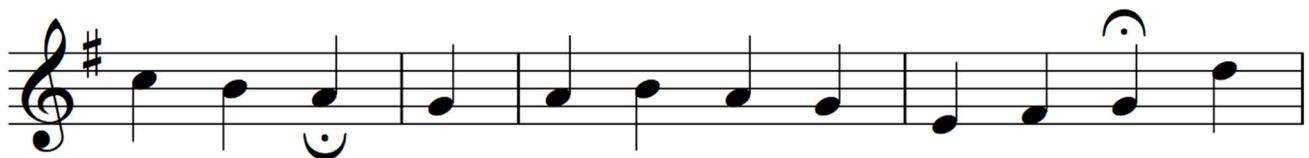
*Offertory Hymn*

*(See hymn board)*

## Doxology



Praise God, from whom all bles-sings flow; Praise Him, all crea tures



here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

# Eucharistic Prayer 1 (from Enriching our Worship 1)

*The People remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and says*

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 our thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

*Celebrant and People*

## *Sanctus (Hymnal S-129)*

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.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four staves of music. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and'. The second staff contains 'might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -'. The third staff contains 'san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who'. The fourth staff contains 'comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above a bracket) over the notes 'heaven and earth', 'san - na', and 'comes in the name of the Lord'.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us (✠) your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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. **AMEN!**

## **The Lord's Prayer**



## **Post Communion Prayer** (from *Enriching our Worship 1*)

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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.

## **The Blessing**

*Closing Hymn*

*(See hymn board)*

## **The Dismissal**

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People Thanks be to God.**