

# *THE SUNDAYS IN EASTERTIDE*

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## The Word of God

### *Opening Hymn*

*(See hymn board)*

### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ (✝) is risen!

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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-278)



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



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



might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we



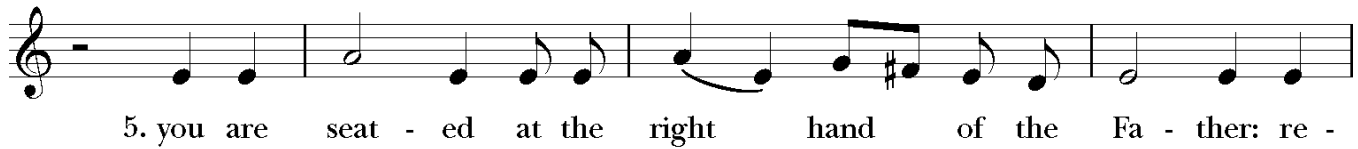
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



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



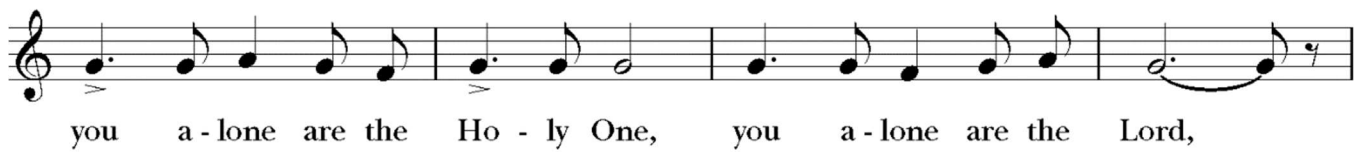
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



ceive our prayer. 6. For



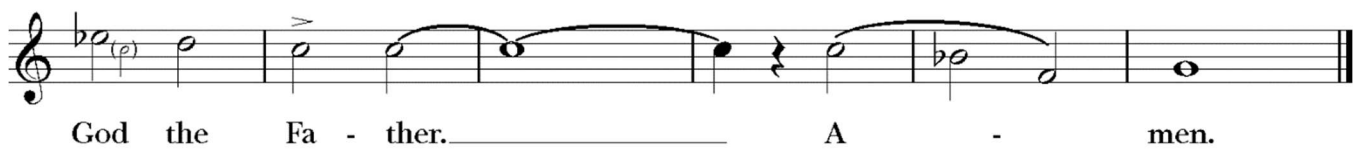
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



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

*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.**

## *Sequence Hymn*

*(See hymn board)*

## The Gospel

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 Renewal of Baptismal Vows

*Celebrant* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People* **I do.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, is only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. ***Amen.***

## **The Prayers of the People**

*(Adapted from Plater, Ormonde. *Intercession: A Theological and Practical Guide*. Cambridge, MA: Cowley Publications, 1995.)*

*Celebrant*

Filled with joy in this Easter season, let us offer prayers to God who raised Christ from the dead and sent the Spirit to dwell among us.

*Prayer Leader*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

For peace from on high and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

***Hear our prayer, Lord of glory!***

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

***Hear our prayer, Lord of glory!***

For this holy gathering and for those who enter with faith and reverence, let us pray to the Lord.

***Hear our prayer, Lord of glory!***

For those who have recently been illumined by the light of Christ through Baptism, let us pray to the Lord.

***Hear our prayer, Lord of glory!***

For Andy, Allen, and Mary our bishops; for priests, deacons, and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God, let us pray to the Lord.

***Hear our prayer, Lord of glory!***

For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people, let us pray to the Lord.

***Hear our prayer, Lord of glory!***

For all those in need, the suffering and the oppressed, travelers and prisoners, let us pray to the Lord.

***Hear our prayer, Lord of glory!***

For those for whom our prayers are requested, especially \_\_\_\_\_ and any we now name, silently or aloud [*the people may add their own petitions*]. Let us pray to the Lord.

***Hear our prayer, Lord of glory!***

For those who have died, especially [\_\_\_\_\_ and] any we now name, silently or aloud [*the people may add their own petitions*]. Let us pray to the Lord.

***Hear our prayer, Lord of glory!***

That our Savior Jesus Christ may grant us triumph over the temptations of our visible and invisible enemies, let us pray to the Lord.

***Hear our prayer, Lord of glory!***

That we may crush beneath our feet the prince of darkness and all evil powers, let us pray to the Lord.

***Hear our prayer, Lord of glory!***

That Christ may raise us up with him, making us to rise from the tomb of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

***Hear our prayer, Lord of glory!***

That he may fill us with the joy and happiness of his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

***Hear our prayer, Lord of glory!***

That we may enter the chamber of his divine wedding feast, let us pray to the Lord.

***Hear our prayer, Lord of glory!***

That we may rejoice without limit with angels and saints in the church at rest, let us pray to the Lord.

***Hear our prayer, Lord of glory!***

Remembering the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Thomas, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

***To you, O Lord.***

*Celebrant*

O Lord our God, receive the prayers we offer this day, and grant that we who have received new life in baptism may live forever in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

¶ *The entire season of Easter is a reminder of the grace and forgiveness we are gifted through Jesus Christ's death and resurrection. There is, therefore, no corporate Confession of Sin during Eastertide.*

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant*      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 blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

All whom God draws to the Table are welcome to participate in Holy Communion. As you approach the altar rail, you may either stand or kneel.

The Sacraments may be received in several ways. You may:

- eat the Bread and drink the Wine directly from the chalice
- receive just the Bread or Wine
- the Eucharistic Minister can dip the Bread in the Wine and place it on your tongue (intinction)

If you would rather receive a blessing from the Priest instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest to indicate this.

The Bread is gluten-free.

## Eucharistic Prayer B

*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 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.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

## *Sanctus (Hymnal S-128)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven 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 Celebrant continues*

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.

*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 wine to be consecrated.*

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!**

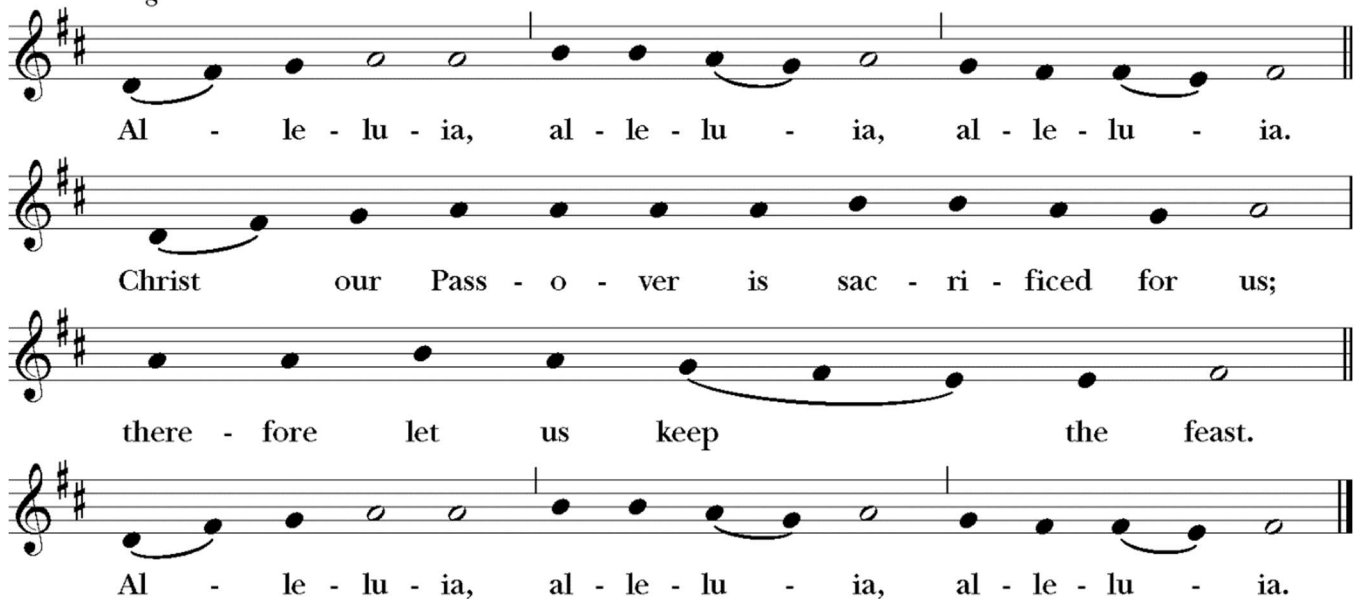
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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. Then may be sung or said

*This setting is not used in Lent.*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

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.

*The Celebrant and other ministers receive the sacrament and then it is immediately distributed to the People.*

## Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

# The Blessing

*The Celebrant blesses the people*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, (✠) the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

## ***Closing Hymn***

*(See hymn board)*

# The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!  
Alleluia!

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**