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The Holy Eucharist Rite II

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Wherever you find yourself on your faith journey, you are welcome here.

We invite you to join us for the Word and Sacraments, which are God's gifts. It does not matter who you are, what you look like, what you have done in the past, or who you love. God's grace is not petty nor earned. It is radical, transformative, and universal. As such, we seek to mirror God's healing love by making this a safe place for skeptics, seekers, those whom the church has wounded, those who have never darkened its doors, those who have wandered away, new believers, and those who never left.

As a diverse community in God, we have discovered a unity more significant than our differences. We have come to know that our variety reflects the divine completeness of God. Engaging God is a lifelong process. Wherever you find yourself on your faith journey, God invites you to keep traveling. The Spirit of God drew you here in some subtle or profound way. Our hearts are open to God and to you.



Prelude

Deb Harstine

Welcome

Angie Pugh

Call To Prayer

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All stand

Let us pray. Gracious God, who has created each of us in Your image, we ask for Your presence among us today as we strive to make this faith community a safe place for everyone. Help us to recognize Your face in all those entrusted to our care, as well as in those with whom we work. May our ministries and fellowship be blessed encounters with You and Your people. *Amen*

Processional

“The Church’s One Foundation”

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Opening Acclamation

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

And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever.

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*

Gloria in Excelsis

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Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God, and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. *Amen*

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

The Lessons

All be seated

Old Testament

Exodus 1:8-2:10

A Reading from Exodus.

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore, they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So, the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So, God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong.

And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could no longer hide him, she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the riverbank. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So, the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So, the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because" she said, "I drew him out of the water."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 124

If the Lord had not been on our side, * let Israel now say;

If the Lord had not been on our side, * when enemies rose up against us;

Then would they have swallowed us up alive * in their fierce anger toward us;

Then would the waters have overwhelmed us * and the torrent gone over us;

Then would the raging waters * have gone right over us.

Blessed be the Lord! * he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; * the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord, * the maker of heaven and earth.

Epistles Reading

Romans 12:1-8

A Reading from The Letter of Paul to the Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body, we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

All stand as able

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“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

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The Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Instrumental Music

Deb Harstine

All be seated

The Sermon

The Reverend Les Jackson

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

Kneeling or Standing as able

Heavenly Father, through Christ, you came into the world to be truth and life to all who know you. Give us the insight to claim your kingship in our lives and to proclaim this truth to the world as we pray;

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for our faith community, for those who lead worship, for those who pray, for those who prophecy, for those who teach, for those who serve the world in your name. That together, we might fulfill your mission.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for this nation; for all in authority and for those who strive to better the lives of all people in our country, that it might be a place of promise and possibility.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the welfare of the world; for those who are persecuted and cry for justice; for those who hunger and thirst for knowledge and freedom; for those who work for the common good. That we may know peace and justice in all the world.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the needs of our community, the hopes of families, and the needs of each of us gathered here. That we might live abundantly.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who suffer, for their relief and comfort, and we pray for all who are in need. Asking also that we may be a part of this healing in a meaningful way.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the dying and the deceased, that all may find a loving home in the kingdom promised to us through our Savior. We also pray for those who mourn, that they may be comforted now, in their time of need.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Pray for Trinity Episcopal Church, Atchison, the Reverend Jon Hullinger and their lay leadership.

For the Archbishop of Canterbury, The Right Reverend and Honorable Dame Sarah Mullaly, our Presiding Bishop, Sean Rowe, Father Les, all bishops and ministers, and all God's holy people.

Pray for South-Central Kansas Minster, the Reverend Kitty Shield, Minster Shepherd, St. Jude, Wellington; Trinity, Ark City; Epiphany, Sedan; Grace, Winfield; their clergy and people.

Pray for the search process and election of the next Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas.

We give thanks for the opportunity to gather as a community of skeptics, seekers, and believers and to support the Family Life Center Safehouse, RISE Meals for the Homeless, Priscilla's Pet Pantry, and all outreach ministries of Trinity through our efforts.

The Concluding Collect

We offer all these prayers and praises to you, O God, and ask that they may be granted as may be best for us and for the world. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *Amen*

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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*

The 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

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

Announcements

Birthday Blessing

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Birthday this week: Ted White

Offertory Sentence

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God.

Instrumental Music

Deb Harstine

All things come from Thee, O Lord.

And of Thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Sanctus

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Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might. Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel as able.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures.

When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy, you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you.

Again and again, you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin.

To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose, he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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." +++

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you, and we bless you.

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN** +++

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation

These are the gifts of God for the People of God.

Receive them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are invited to receive from God's Banquet table all the benefits, grace upon grace, of our Lord Jesus Christ's life, death, and resurrection.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty and ever living 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 forever. *Amen*

The Blessing

*Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And now the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. *Amen*

Recessional

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

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The Dismissal

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love, make haste to be kind, and go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

"Go Now in Love and Peace"

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Go now in love, go now in peace;

serve the Lord in all you do. Fol - low the way of the

Lord 'til we meet a - gain. May God's

love guide and pro - tect you, — sur - round you in

all you do; may peace be with - in you 'til we

meet a - gain. Go now in love,

go now in peace; serve the Lord in all you do.

Fol - low the way of the Lord. Go in love, go in

peace. A - men. —————

Ministers of This Service

The Rev. Les Jackson, *Celebrant*

Annette Gurney, *Acolyte*

Annette Gurney, *Counter*

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Deb Harstine, *Organist*

Cherilyn Chiaro, *Flautist*

Carol Turner, *Altar Guild*

Join us for coffee & fellowship following the service.

*The City is My Monastery: A Contemporary Rule of Life, Richard Carter Page 228