



EPISCOPAL CHURCH
OF THE RESURRECTION



*Contemplative
Mass*

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- THE WORD OF GOD -

Today's liturgy is adapted from *Enriching our Worship*
The people's responses are in **bold**

PRELUDE | HYMN 309: O FOOD TO PILGRIMS GIVEN | J. G. Walther, b.1684

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

A Song of Christ's Goodness

Anselm of Canterbury

Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you; *
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.
Often you weep over our sins and our pride, *
tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgment.
You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds, *
in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us.
Jesus, by your dying, we are born to new life; *
by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.
Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; *
through your gentleness, we find comfort in fear.
Your warmth gives life to the dead, *
your touch makes sinners righteous.
Lord Jesus, in your mercy, heal us; *
in your love and tenderness, remake us.
In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness, *
for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us.

SALUTATION

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
People **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: JEREMIAH 11:18-20 (NRSV)

Reader A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

*J*t was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew;

then you showed me their evil deeds.
But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.
And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,
"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!"
But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 54

Deus, in nomine

- S**ave me, O God, by your Name; *
in your might, defend my cause.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God; *
give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life, *
those who have no regard for God.
- 4 Behold, God is my helper; *
it is the Lord who sustains my life.
- 5 Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.
- 6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice *
and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.
- 7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, *
land my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

SECOND LESSON: JAMES 3:13-4:3, 7-8A (NRSV)

Reader A Reading from the Letter of James.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will

draw near to you.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL: MARK 9:30-37 (NRSV)

People The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Christ.

*J*esus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

People The Gospel of our Savior.
Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

| Rev. Birch Rambo

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,
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

Deacon Christ calls us to a life of peace and humility. Let us pray for strength to live this baptized life, saying: Lord, have mercy.

For all the baptized people of God, that having been called by our Lord we may gladly wait on those in need, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all in authority in nation and church, that they may learn humility, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all countries at war, that the peace of Christ may come among them, and for all who suffer the ravages of wartime, that they may find comfort and refuge, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who minister in this and in every Christian community, that they may find strength for their tasks, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all children, that they may be welcomed, fed, housed, and loved and may grow with self-confidence and joy, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all in any need, the sick, the suffering, the oppressed; and for those who serve others against their own will, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For what else shall we pray or give thanks?

The people may offer their own intercessions and thanksgivings.

Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all the saints who have willingly served others, we praise our Servant God. That we may join them in a life of service, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant Receive us, O God, as you received the child in Capernaum, for we yearn for your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**[Adapted from: Ramshaw, Gail. *Intercessions for the Christian People: Prayers of the People for Cycles A, B, and C of the Roman, Episcopal, and Lutheran Lectionaries*. Pueblo.; 1988.]*

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty 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.
Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY | CHRIST WHO IS THE LIGHT AND THE DAY | J P Sweelinck, b.1562

- THE HOLY COMMUNION -

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 2

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant 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 **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**
& People **heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

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.

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 ever blessed Virgin Mary 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.**

As our Savior, Christ, has taught us, we now pray,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People and Celebrant

**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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said.

Celebrant Alleluia. We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread. Alleluia.**

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in one kind, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread is given to the communicants with these words

Celebrant The Body and Blood of Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Silence.

Celebrant and People

**God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

(Source: Celtic)

The Wisdom of God
the Love of God
and the Grace of God
strengthen you
to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,
in the name of the Holy Trinity.

People **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people, to which they reply:

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE | PRAELUDIUM G MINOR

| F Tunder, b.1614