

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST
FOR THE GREAT FIFTY DAYS OF EASTER
2023**



10:00 AM

**ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL GULF COAST
FOLEY, AL**

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Before the service speak to God.
During the service let God speak to you.
After the service speak to each other.

St Chad's, Shrewsbury

Announcements

Prelude

Please stand at the ringing of the bell

Entrance Hymn *see weekly insert*

Presider 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

refrain

This is the feast of vic-tor-y for our God. Al-le lu - ia, al-le
lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia. Wor - thy is Christ the Lamb who was slain, whose
Sing - with all the peo - ple of God, and

final refrain

blood sets us free to be peo - ple of God. This is the feast of
join in the hymn of all cre - a - - tion.

vic-tor-y for our God. Al-le lu - ia, al-le lu-ia, al-le - lu - - ia!

Text: Rev. 5: 12-13; adapt. John W. Arthur (1922-1980) Music: *Festival Canticle*; Richard Hillert (b. 1923)
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Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. *see weekly insert*

The Lessons *see weekly insert*

Gospel Alleluia *standing*



Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah!
jah! Hal-le, hal-le-hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le - lu-jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

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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.

Prayers of the People

With joyful confidence in the resurrection of Christ our Savior we claim his promise that whatever we ask in faith will be granted to us. Let us join in heart and mind and offer our prayers for the Church, the world, and all of God's beloved.

Gracious God, your Son prayed that all who follow him would be made one. We thank you that through baptism you have united us to Christ in his death and resurrection and through the promised Spirit you have called us to be your Church. Continue to pour out your Spirit upon us that we may proclaim Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life until he comes again. ***Hear our prayer.***

We pray for your bishops, priests, deacons, and lay people, that in faithfulness we may keep your commandment to love and serve all in Christ's name. ***Hear our prayer.***

We pray for the world which your Son came to save. We lift to you those places torn by war, famine, poverty, or injustice. Send your Spirit upon the leaders of the nations and all in authority that they may remember they are servants of the people and that they may act accordingly for the well being of all people and for the good of your creation. **Hear our prayer.**

Your risen Son gladdened the hearts of those on the road to Emmaus. Grant peace and healing to all who are anxious, despondent and to those who are sick in mind, body, or spirit, especially those whom we now name (*silence is kept for a time*). May their eyes be opened to see Christ's healing presence with them in every moment. **Hear our prayer.**

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, calls to his sheep and they follow because they know his voice. We pray for those have died, especially for those whom we now name (*silence is kept for a time*). May they hear the voice of the Shepherd calling them to eternal life. **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God we confess that we have not always lived the new life to which your Son calls us. **We do those things we know we should not do. We do not do thing we know we should. We do not love our neighbors as ourselves. We are indifferent to the wrongs of the world around us. For the sake of Christ, forgive us for things done and left undone. Strengthen us by your Spirit to live more faithfully as Christ's body. Amen.**

Presider

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and has made us alive together with Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ and by the power of his resurrection I pronounce to you the entire forgiveness of your sins. Rejoice and be glad, your sins are put away. Live joyfully in the resurrected life of Christ. **Amen.**

The People now stand if not already standing.

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn *see weekly insert*

The Presentation *The People stand as the offerings are presented at the Altar.*

All who hun-ger, sing to geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread. Come from wild-er -
ness and wan-d'ring, here in truth we will be fed. Blest are those who from this tab - le
live their lives in grati - tude. Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

The Great Thanksgiving

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 God 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 for ever. 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.

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. —

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The People remain standing or may kneel

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.

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.

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.

Presider and People

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

The Presider continues

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 Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Russell, our own Bishop,
your people here assembled, and 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, with St. Paul 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.**

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 *a period of silence is kept.*

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

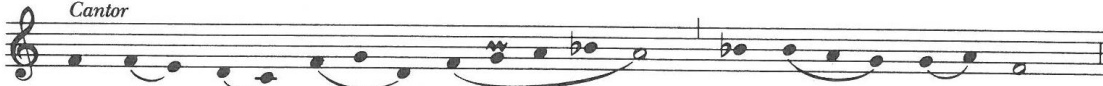
Fraction anthem

Cantor; then All




The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

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Invitation to Communion

Presider

Jesus said: I am the living bread that came down from heaven. He now gives this living bread to you, so that you may dwell in him and he in you. Come, the feast is prepared. Christ, the host, waits to meet you here.

Communion of the People

Communion Hymn *see weekly insert*

Post Communion Prayer

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and the 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 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.

Blessing

Hymn *see weekly insert*

Dismissal

Presider The Risen One has come to us in Word and Sacrament

People **We are nourished by his grace.**

Presider We are sent into the world to share this grace with all.

People **We will seek the face of the Risen One in all whom we serve.**

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ the Risen One. Alleluia. Alleluia.
People ***In the Spirit's power we will go. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

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This is the feast

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Tune: *Festival Canticle*, Richard Hiller, (b. 1923)

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Halle, halle, halle

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All who hunger

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Sanctus

Tune: Robert Powell

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The disciples knew the Lord Jesus

Setting: Mode 6, adapt. Mason Martins

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