

Holy Eucharist  
Rite I – Traditional



8:00 a.m.

Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Delmar, NY

## **The Holy Eucharist: Rite One**

### **The Word of God**

#### **The Procession**

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

*People*           **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Celebrant*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Lord have mercy upon us.

**Christ have mercy upon us.**

Lord have mercy upon us.

#### **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*       The Lord be with you.

*People*           **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant*       Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

#### **The First Lesson**

**Amos 5:18-24**

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord:

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals

I will not look upon.

Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Response**

**Psalm 70 BCP p.682**

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; \*

O LORD, make haste to help me.

2 **Let those who seek my life be ashamed**

**and altogether dismayed; \***

**let those who take pleasure in my misfortune**

**draw back and be disgraced.**

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, \*

because they are ashamed.

4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; \***

**let those who love your salvation say for ever,**

**"Great is the LORD!"**

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; \*

come to me speedily, O God.

**6 You are my helper and my deliverer; \***  
**O LORD, do not tarry.**

**The Second Lesson**

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand for the Gospel Proclamation*

**The Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 25:1-13**

*Celebrant*       The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People*           **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

*Celebrant*       The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*           **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*The people sit*

**The Sermon**

Mrs. Patti Gibbons, Licensed Lay Preacher

*The people stand*

**The Nicene Creed**

BCP, p.327

**I believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;**

**And in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father;**

**by whom all things were made;**

**who for us men and for our salvation**

**came down from heaven,**

**and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,**

**and was made man;**

**and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered and was buried.**

**and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,**

**and ascended into heaven,**

**and sitteth on right hand of the Father**

**He shall come again, with glory,**

**to judge both the quick and the dead;**

**whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,**

**who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;**

**Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;**

**who spake by the Prophets.**

**And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;**

**I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;**

**and I look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*The people remain standing*

## The Prayers of the People

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially William our Bishop, Scott our Rector, Harvey and Justine our Deacons, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor those on our parish prayer list all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. We pray especially for the AA Groups, Kama Cooper, Anna DeFlorio, Carolyn St. Denis, our sister church, St. Andre in Flandre & Fr. Deravil & his family, Nancy & Herb S., the Malchow family, Barbara Dominie, Richard Stickley, the Krulcik family, Scott & Stacey Bowman, Ty Delaney, David MacIntosh, Johanna Shetler, Ronan Cassidy, Anne Gibbons, Jim Crum, Jeffrey Bianchine & family, Karen Kermani, Mary Jo Pleat, & Frank & Margaret Batchelor.

*The Celebrant will add a prayer for COVID-19*

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially Henrietta Stickley, William Knott, Phyllis Molinsek, the Rev. Leonard Steele, & Grace Lee, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of St. Stephen and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

*Celebrant & People*

**Parish Prayer for Mission: Heavenly Father, we ask you to help us fulfill our mission, to worship you in a loving community, to support people on their Christian Journey, and to empower disciples for service, so that we can bring Jesus to each other and to the world. Amen.**

### **The Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**Almighty God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker of all things, judge of all men:  
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins  
and wickedness,  
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,  
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.  
We do earnestly repent,  
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,  
the burden of them is intolerable.  
Have mercy upon us,  
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter  
serve and please thee in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of thy Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Priest says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## *Celebrant*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*          **And with thy spirit.**

*The people sit*

## **Announcements**

## **The Holy Communion**

*Celebrant*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*The people stand*

## **The Offertory**

*As a sign of our thanksgiving the Celebrant and people pray responsively*

*Celebrant*      All things come of thee, O Lord

*People*          **And of thine own have we given thee.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

The Lord be with you.

*People*          **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant*      Lift up your hearts.

*People*           **We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
*Celebrant*       Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
*People*           **It is meet and right so to do.**

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

It is very meet, right, and our bounded duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

*Here a Proper Preface is said.*

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make

here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

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

*People and Celebrant*

**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*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### **Prayer of Humble Access**

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

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.

*For those unable to worship in person with us today, or for those who choose not to receive, we include this prayer. A Spiritual Communion is a personal devotion that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

**My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

*(Spiritual Communion Prayer attributed to St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

*Celebrant*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

*Celebrant*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.  
*People*          **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Veterans Day Prayer for Heroic Service

O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts  
the men and women of our country who in the day of decision  
ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy.

Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land  
share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines.

This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Altar Flowers are Given by Lori & Mark Platel  
in Loving Memory of  
Fred & Muriel Webster & Karen Priskey*