

# HOLY EUCHARIST

April 11, 2021

10.30 A.M.

**The Second Sunday of Easter**

**Holy Mass**

**Liturgy: The Holy Eucharist Rite Two  
Eucharistic Prayer A**

Celebrant : Fr. George Joseph



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## **PRELUDE**

Please enter the sanctuary quietly. If you are in the sanctuary or attending live stream, this is time to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

**OPENING HYMN** *Good Christians all, rejoice and sing*  
*(Gelobt sei Gott) (H 205)*

**OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)**

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

**COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)**

*The Celebrant may say*

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.*

**INTROIT** *Choir*

***Kyrie eleison (Greek) (BCP p. 324)***

*The following is sung, all standing*

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison  
*Christe eleison, Christe eleison*  
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison  
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy

# GLORIA S 280 *Gloria in excelsis*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty 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 (BCP p. 357)

*Celebrant* **The Lord be with you.**

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* **Let us pray.**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **The Lessons**

### **FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

32 Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.

33 With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

34 There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. 35 They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord

*People*      Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*

### **PSALM: Psalm 133**

*Remain seated.*

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*

when brethren live together in unity!

2 It is like fine oil upon the head \*

that runs down upon the beard,

3 Upon the beard of Aaron, \*

and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

4It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

5For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: \*  
life for evermore.

## **SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1--2:2**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the First letter of John.

1We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—2this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—3we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

5This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. 6If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; 7but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

2:1My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; 2and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*

*All stand.*

## THE GRADUAL THE ALLELUIA

### **GOSPEL: John 20: 19-31**

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

19When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

24But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

26A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." 28Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

30Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON Fr. George Joseph

### THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

*All stand.*

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 (BCP p. 359)**

*All remain standing.*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

## **CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

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 Priest stands and says*

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 (BCP p. 360)**

*All stand.*

*Celebrant*

The peace of the Lord be  
always with you.

*People*

And also with you.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

*As the priest prepares the altar for communion, people prepare their hearts in silence for the Eucharist.*

*All stand.*

### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM - CHOIR**

### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

*Jesus is Lord of all the earth [Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord] (Alleluia No. 1) (H 178)*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 368)

*The People stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, ..... Therefore,  
according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

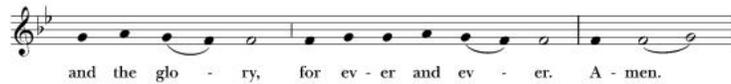
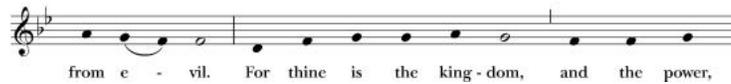
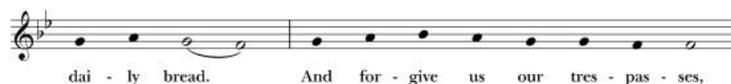
## EPICLESIS (BCP p. 369)

*The Celebrant continues*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363). S-119

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

*People and Celebrant*



## The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

## FRACTION ANTHEM S 158 *O Lamb of God (Willan)*

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -  
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
on us. O Lamb of God, that  
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have  
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of  
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
world, grant us thy peace.

**INVITATION (BCP p. 338)**

**DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)**

**COMMUNION HYMN**

*By all your saints still striving (King's Lynn) (H 231)*

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Celebrant : Let us pray

*The People may join in saying this prayer*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **BLESSING (BCP p. 339)**

*The Priest blesses the people*

## **CLOSING HYMN**

*We walk by faith, and not by sight (St. Botolph) (H 209)*

## **DISMISSAL (BCP p. 340)**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **POSTLUDE**