

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY EUCHARIST



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THE WORD OF GOD

Book Of Common Prayer, pp. 355-60

In the Episcopal Church, the Prelude typically refers to a piece of music that is played immediately before

the beginning of a service and generally reflects the theme, liturgical season,

or occasion of the day.

The Prelude 'The Day of Resurrection' M. Burkhardt (Please stand) The Processional Hymn 'Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain' - Hymn 199 (H-1982) Come, faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness! ye 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son, 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen-dor, Nei - ther might the gates of death, the tomb's dark por - tal, nor God hath brought his Is - ra - el sad - ness: in to joy from and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en; with the al feast of feasts, ren - der; roy comes its joy to nor the watch ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal: Ja - cob's sons loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke and daugh-ters, all the our sins, long and dark, fly - ing win ter of is comes glad Je ru - sa - lem, who with true af fec - tion to stow - ing but - day midst thine own thou didst stand, be led them with un mois-tened foot through the Red Sea from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing. wel-comes in strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion. un wear - ied peace thy which more pass - eth hu - man know-ing. ev er -

Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: St. Kevin, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900).

Worship begins with God. God takes the initiative, calling us together. Our first act of public worship, then, is to heed God's call and to join with others in praising Him. These words remind us that our worship centers in God, not in ourselves.

Sometimes called a Prayer of Illumination, this Collect asks that the Holy Spirit open our minds and our hearts to the Word so that we may not only hear but understand, believe and praise God.

As a Trinitarian acclamation, the Gloria is an appropriate way to acknowledge with thanks and joy that we are the beneficiaries of the unmerited gift of God's grace and mercy.

Welcome

Opening Bidding and Acclamation

■ We meet in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Collect for Purity

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.

People Amen.

Gloria in excelsis Deo



In light of God's great saving work, this prayer asks God to help us serve him faithfully. 'Collect' is from the Latin 'collecta' meaning a gathering together.

At services in the ancient Jewish synagogue, a series of biblical lessons were read, a practice imitated in Christian worship from early times.

For Jews and Christians, this ancient songbook of prayers is one of the primary resources for worship. They were also Jesus' prayers—recall his allusions various psalms throughout the Gospels, such as Psalm 22:1 in Matt. 27:46 and Mk. 15:34, Pss. 42:5, 11, and 43:5 in Matt. 26:38, Jn. 12:27. The psalms are emotive, repetitious, contradictory, earthy, angry and full of wonder at simple things.

The Salutation and Collect

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

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.

(Please sit)

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Acts 5:27-32

The Apostles are persecuted.

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us."

But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29



Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

Refrain

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my savior.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

Refrain

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Second Lesson (often one of the Epistles) is usually read in sequence, and the readings from the Jewish Scriptures are related to either the Gospel or the Epistle readings.

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my savior.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his kindness endures forever.

Refrain

The Second Lesson Revelation 1:4-8

Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)



The reading from the Gospels, the climactic reading, has attracted special ceremonies, such as standing, at least as far back as the late fourth century. The reading of the Gospel and the book itself symbolize the presence of Christ in the liturgy of the word just as the Eucharistic prayer and the Eucharistic elements symbolize His presence in the liturgy of the altar.

The sermon may teach; it may even be therapeutic; it may offer a more profound knowledge of the biblical text, but these are all side effects, not the main point of preaching. Though the reading and preaching of the Word are not a sacrament, it is sacramental. That is to say, by reading and preaching, Christ does indeed become present to the congregation, just as He becomes present in the celebration of the Eucharist.

The Nicene Creed is a statement of belief widely used in Christian liturgy. It is called Nicene because it was originally adopted in the city of Nicaea (present -day İznik, Turkey) by the First Council of Nicaea in 325. In 381, it was amended at the First Council of Constantinople, and the amended form is referred to as the Nicene or the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed. It defines Nicene Christianity. The Oriental Orthodox and Assyrian churches use this profession of faith with the verbs in the original plural ("we believe"), but the Eastern Orthodox and Catholic churches convert those verbs to the singular ("I believe"). The Anglican and many Protestant denominations generally use the singular form, sometimes the plural.

The Holy Gospel John 20:19-31

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When 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." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So 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."

A 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." Then 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." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

(Please sit)

The Sermon

(Please stand)

The Nicene Creed

People

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.

(Please kneel)

The Parish Prayer

Let us pray -

Gracious Father,

People

your loving providence has brought us into

the sacred fellowship of this parish.

Help us to praise you with such holy worship;

serve you with unselfish love;

and to give so generously for the spread of your kingdom

that we may be worthy members

of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church,

faithfully fulfilling our mission: to make known your truth,

help the needy,

and proclaim the abundant life in your name. This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

The Intercessions

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,

People 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.

The BCP uses the title "Prayers of the People" for the oratio fidelium or general intercessions in the Eucharist. Such prayers have a long and venerable history. Their existence was first mentioned by Justin Martyr about the year 150, and for centuries they formed a vital part of the Daily Office and Eucharistic liturgy. In the early church they usually included a long series of biddings that were chanted by a deacon, to each of which the people responded with Kyrie eleison.

The Confession of Sin is the corporate acknowledgement of our sin (missing the mark) and our desire to live into the fullness of God's call for us.

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In the Absolution the priest proclaims God's abundant grace and declares forgiveness to all.

The Peace is an ancient practice among Christians. It is a sign of love, affection, reconciliation, and greeting.

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.

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People

Amen.

(Please stand)

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

(We greet one another in the name of the Lord)

The Offertory Hymn 'Christ the Lord is Risen Again' - Hymn 184 (H-1982)



Words: Michael Weisse (1480-1534); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Christ ist erstanden*, melody from *Geistliche Lieder*, 1533; harm. after Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612).

The Offertory Sentence

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

The Offertory Blessing

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory,

the splendor and the majesty;

for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All things come from you and of your own do we give to you.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made.

For us it becomes the bread of heaven.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,

fruit of the vine and work of human hands. For us it becomes the cup of salvation.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Book Of Common Prayer, pp. 361-66

Sursum Corda

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Eucharistic Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion, Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in us the image of your glory.

And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness; while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

In the words of Sursum Corda we give thanks for the life, death and resurrection of Christ, in whom and through whom creation is restored in God's perfect likeness and all creation is united to God and each other. The consecratory prayer concludes with the Great AMEN.

The Eucharistic Preface to begin the Eucharistic Prayer expresses the great richness of the liturgical seasons - Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, and so on. They are theological lyrics, sometimes of great beauty.

In the Sanctus we join with saints and angels and all of creation in a song of praise and

Sanctus and Benedictus



Music: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner, harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983).

Jesus did four important things when he shared bread with the disciples: he took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it. And after he rose from the dead, the disciples recognized Jesus by these same four actions. He did the same when he fed the crowd of five thousand people who had heard him come to preach (Matt. 14).

These Words of Institution ('Do this for the remembrance of me') are addressed not to the congregation, but to God. This is not a reenactment of the Last Supper, but a prayer to God.

The Memorial Acclamation follows the Institution narrative - the words Jesus used at the Last Supper over bread and wine. It is our response to God's coming to dwell among us, particularly in the transformation of bread and wine into Christ's Body and Blood.

The Epiclesis is a liturgical invocation of the Holy Spirit for the purpose of consecrating the Eucharistic elements. It follows the Words of Institution and is regarded as the point at which the eucharistic bread and wine become the body and blood of Christ.

Words of Institution

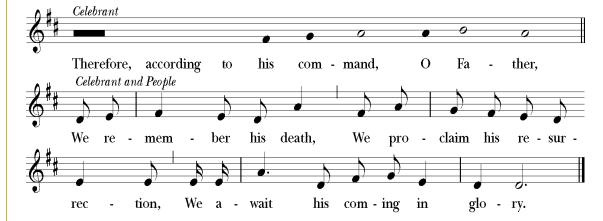
Holy and gracious Father:
in your infinite love
you made us for yourself,
and, when we had fallen into sin
and become subject to evil and death,
you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ,
your only and eternal Son,
to share our human nature,
to live and die as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

The Memorial Acclamation



Epiclesis

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

■ Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

And now.

as our Savior Christ has taught us,

we are bold to say -

People 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.

but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom for ever and ever.

Amen.

And lead us not into temptation,

and the power, and the glory,

The Fraction

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Bread is broken in order to be shared. Symbolically Christians have seen in the breaking of the bread a reminder of the Lord's body broken on the cross and of our own need to be broken in order both to share in the life of Christ and to share that life with others.

The Lord's Prayer forms

the natural climax of our participation in Christ's

self-offering. Our corpo-

rate recitation binds us

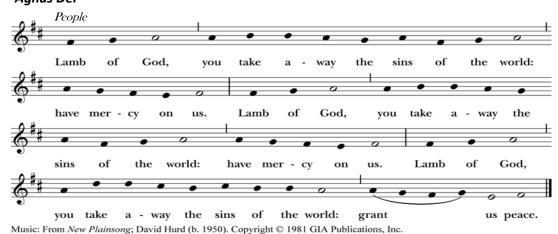
together at a focal point in the celebration and

expresses our unity with

one another in Christ.

Agnus Dei is the Latin name under which the "Lamb of God" is honored within the Eucharist and, by extension, other Christian liturgies descending from the Latin tradition.

Agnus Dei



Ecce Agnus Dei ('Behold the Lamb of God') was spoken by John the Baptist immediately before he baptized Christ.

The final part of Holy Communion proclaims our going out. Unlike all other prayers in the service, here we proclaim our readiness to go out into the world to love and to serve God. Nourished with the body and blood of Christ, we are ready to do God's work in the world.

The Blessing is not a closing prayer but God's blessing pronounced by the priest on the congregation as it is about to leave. We go out to meet joys and obligations, pleasures and troubles, secure in the shelter of God's trustworthy Word, and strong in its power.

The term 'Dismissal' comes from the Latin Ite, missa est, "Go, it is the sending."

Postlude is the lesser-known counterpart to "prelude". At the root of both terms is the Latin verb 'ludere' ("to play"), and a postlude is essentially "something played afterward."

Ecce Agnus Dei

Behold the Lamb of God,

behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Happy are we who are called to his supper.

People Lord, I am not worthy to receive you;

but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

The Invitation

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.

Come.

The Post-communion Prayer

Let us pray -

People 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.

The Blessing

The peace of God,

which passes 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, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People Amen.

(Please sit)

Welcome, Parish Announcements

The Recessional Hymn (see next page)

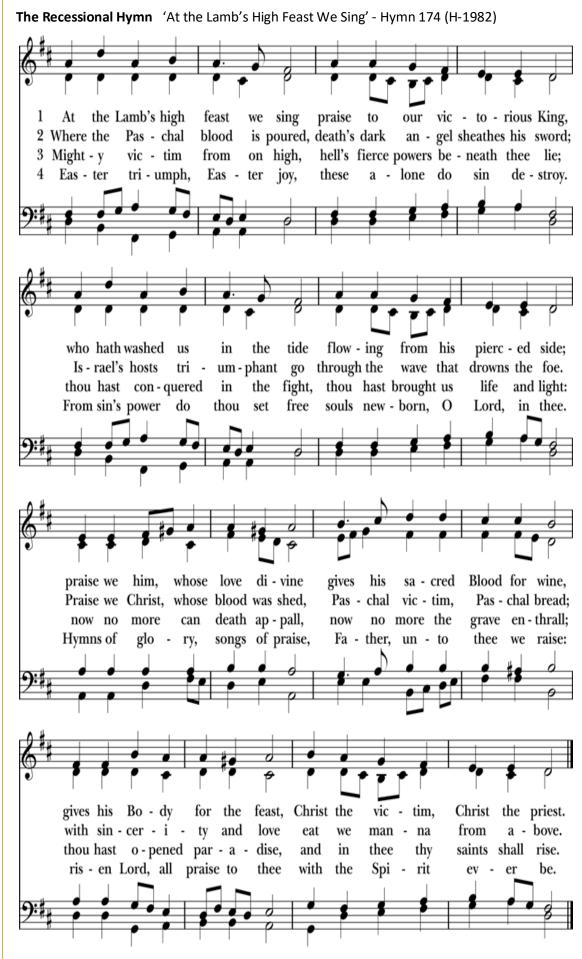
The Dismissal

Alleluia, alleluia, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

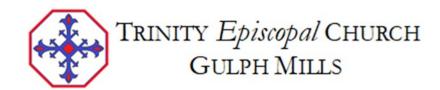
People Thanks be to God, Alleluia, alleluia.

The Postlude 'Christ lag in Todesbanden'

J.S. Bach



Words: Latin, 1632; tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868), alt. Music: Salzburg, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).



WELCOME TO TRINITY

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Everyone at Trinity welcomes you and rejoices in sharing together. For more than a century this congregation from Gulph Mills, King of Prussia and Conshohocken has been worshiping, celebrating, and serving this community. We hope you will come again and join us in our faith-inspired hospitality and discipleship.

OUR CALLING

Trinity welcomes all, gathering in faith, serving in love, and proclaiming the abundant life with hope through Jesus Christ.

OUR VALUES

Trinity is a church that values: reverent sacramental worship, gracious hospitality and care, generous and spontaneous outreach and comprehensive Christian formation.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We hold before God our parish, praying especially for those who are sick, homebound, or in pastoral need, especially Patty McBride, Lorna Nixon, Agnes Rash, Fatima Wall, and Sally Abbruzzi.

We also remember in our prayers relatives and friends in need – Ronald James Spence, Beverly Hamilton, Brody Matthew Beasley, David Shoemaker, and Christopher Prante.

LAY LEADERS

Celebrant & Preacher Usher Lectors Today
Fr. David Green
Anne Trumpler
Barb Linnenbaugh
Lorna Nixon

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