

Grace Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist Rite II • Wednesday after Epiphany • January 7, 2004

Preparation for Worship

“Be Thou My Vision”

Greetings from the President of the Institute for Worship Studies, Dr. Robert E. Webber

The Word of the Lord

Processional Hymn 518

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

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.

The Celebrant and People pray together

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.

Songs of Praise and Worship

“Mighty Is Our God”

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

“In Christ Alone”

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the People

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom: Enlighten by your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship you and serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lessons *The People sit as the appointed lessons are read.*

First Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-10

Pew Bible p. 529

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 2 *Quare fremuerunt gentes?*

1 Why are the nations in an uproar? *
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot to gether, *
against the Lord and against his Anointed?

3 “Let us break their yoke,” they say; *
“let us cast off their bonds from us.”

4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; *
the Lord has them in derision.

5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, *
and his rage fills them with terror.

6 “I myself have set my king *
upon my holy hill of Zion.”

7 Let me announce the decree of the Lord: *
he said to me, “You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.

8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance *
and the ends of the earth for your possession.

9 You shall crush them with an iron rod *
and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”

10 And now, you kings, be wise; *
be warned, you rulers of the earth.

11 Submit to the Lord with | fear, *
and with trembling bow be | fore him;

12 Lest he be angry and you | perish; *
for his wrath is quickly | kindled.

13 Happy are they | all *
who take refuge in | him!

(Bowing)
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy | Spirit:*

(Rising)
as it was in the beginning, is | now, and will be forever. A | men.

Second Lesson Colossians 1:15-23 Pew Bible p. 897

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Then, all standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel Luke 10:38-42 Pew Bible p. 794

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon Dr. Lester Ruth
IWS Professor

All standing

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.

The Prayers of the People

After each petition a period of silence is kept. Thereafter, the Leader and People pray responsively using the following form:

Celebrant: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Let us pray for the church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal you glory in the world.

Silence

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all the saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

A period of silence is kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant pronounces the absolution.

The Peace

The Celebrant says to the People

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Tonight's offering will benefit the ongoing ministry of the Institute for Worship Studies.

Checks should be made payable to the Institute, not Grace Episcopal Church.

Anthem

"Agnus Dei"

Choir and piano

John Leavitt

The Doxology

The People stand.

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

*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.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen.*

The Great Thanksgiving *The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings*

Sanctus and Benedictus

Priest *Todd*

The Lord be with you *People* and al - so with you 3

Priest *People*

Lift up your hearts 3 We lift them to the Lord

Priest

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People

It is right to give Him Thanks and praise

Priest

It is right and a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you

3

Fa - ther Al - might - y, cre - a - tor of heav - en and earth 3

All

There - fore we praise you join - ing our voic - es with

an - gels and arch - an - gels and with all the com - pa - ny of heav - en

who for - ev - er sing this hymn to pro - claim the glo - ry of your Name

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 kneel.

The Prayer of Consecration

Then the Celebrant continues

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

The Acclamation

Celebrant and People together:

Moving *Pulkingham*

Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come a - gain, (al - le - lu - ia.)

(During Lent repeat: will come a - gain.)

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The Celebrant continues

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. *Amen.*

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

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: And now, with the Apostle Paul, we proclaim,
"Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast." Alleluia.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following 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.

Fraction Anthem

We Behold You

*Words: traditional
Music: Jim Hart*

*With all of the saints and angels, we gather before You..
Our hearts filled with thankfulness, we lift up Your holy Name.
With all who have gone before us, we feast at Your table.
We eat of Your body and drink of Your holy blood.
And we behold You, and we behold You.
Lamb of God, slain for our sins.*

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The Communion of the People

*Visitors who have been baptized, who know Christ to be their Savior, and who would be welcome to receive Communion in their home church, are welcome at the Lord's Table in this church. **Children** whose parents do not want them to receive Communion, or others who do not wish to do so, are encouraged to come forward, cross their arms across their chests, and receive a prayer of blessing.*

Communion Music

*"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"
"Holy and Anointed One"
"There is None Like You"
"To the Lamb"*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.*

The Prayer of Discipleship

Celebrant and People

Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Priest blesses the People.

Processional Hymn 414

"God, My King, Thy Might Confessing"

The people are dismissed with this charge

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Brass and Organ

You are invited to a reception
in honor of the IWS Faculty, Staff, and Students
in Benedict Hall

immediately following the service.

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