Liturgy of the Word and Communion of the Pre-Sanctified

*Commonly called a “Deacon’s Mass”*

Congregational responses are in ***bold italic*** type.

“\*” Indicates where you are invited to stand as you are able.

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\*Procession *(please stand at the sound of the bell)*

\*Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

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

***And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

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.**

\***Gloria in Excelsis**

*Glory to God in the highest,* ***and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
    we worship you, we give you thanks,
    we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
    have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
    receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
    Jesus Christ,
    with the Holy Spirit,
    in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

**Collect of the Day**

The Lord be with you

***And also with you.***

Let us pray…

*The celebrant says the Collect. At the conclusion, all respond with* ***“Amen”.***

**First Reading** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

The Word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God***

**Psalm 100**

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*
***serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.***

***Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.***

***Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; \*
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.***

***For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; \*
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.***

**Second Reading** Ephesians 1:15-23

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

The Word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God***

**\*Gospel Reading** Matthew 25:31-46

*Prior to the reading:*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mathew

***Glory to your, Lord Christ***

*After the reading:*

The Gospel of the Lord

***Praise to you, Lord Christ***

**The Sermon** The Rev. Kyle Cuperwich

**The Nicene Creed** from *Book of Common Prayer 1979*

*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**

*After each petition ends in “Lord, in your mercy”, all respond with* ***“hear our prayer.”***

**Prayer of Confession**

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 deacon then offers a prayer for God’s forgiveness.*

**The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you

***And also with you***

*Please exchange a “no contact” sign of peace with those around you. Examples include a wave or a bow.*

**Announcements**

**Offertory**

*The reserved Sacrament is now brought to the altar. Monetary offerings can be placed in the designated collection plate at the conclusion of worship.*

*\****Communion of the Pre-Sanctified**

*Once the altar has been set, all stand. The Deacon then says the following:*

Jesus said, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh. My flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in them.”

*The following versicles and response follow:*

V. See in this bread the body that hung on the cross; see in this cup the blood that flowed from his side. Take and eat the body of Christ; take and drink his blood. For we are members of Christ.

***R. Let us receive the bond of love and be united; let us receive the price of our salvation and know our worth. For we are members of Christ.***

*The Deacon then leads the people in the following prayer:*

Almighty God, ***whose dear Son, on that night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.***

*Then follows The Lord’s Prayer:*

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 Invitation**

Let us in gladness receive the Body and Blood of our Lord.

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*For the distribution of the Eucharist, please remain in your seat. The altar party will be coming to you with the Sacrament. Please hold out your hands to be sprayed with hand sanitizer by the deacon. Once you have rubbed the sanitizer into your hands, the deacon distributing the Sacrament will then follow. When receiving the Sacrament, hold out your hands flat to allow for the bread to be “dropped” in a way that minimizes skin contact. At this time, only the bread will be offered.*

*If you do not feel comfortable or do not wish to receive, simply cross your arms. Additionally, you may pray the Prayer for Spiritual Communion found below:*

***Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life, until by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.***

(From Saint Augustine’s Prayer Book, rev 2014., based on a prayer by St. Alphonsus de Liguori)

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**\*Post-Communion Prayer**

Gracious Father, ***we give you praise and thanks for this Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of your beloved Son Jesus Christ, the pledge of our redemption; and we pray that it may bring us forgiveness of our sins, strength in our weakness and everlasting salvation through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

**\*Words of Grace and Dismissal**

*The deacon says the Grace (2 Corinthians 13:14), then the following dismissal:*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord [Alleluia, Alleluia]

***Thanks be to God [Alleluia, Alleluia!]***

***Thank you for joining us today! Please keep your interacting brief as you exit the worship space.***