

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.

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

*Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Glory to God for ever and ever.

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.*

*Canticle of Praise (Song of Zechariah)

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, *

you have come to your people and set them free.

You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, *

born of the house of your servant David.

Through your holy prophets you promised of old

*to save us from our enemies, **

from the hands of all who hate us,

To show mercy to our forebears, *

and to remember your holy covenant.

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham, *

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship you without fear, *

holy and righteous before you,

all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet

*of the Most High, **

for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

To give God's people knowledge of salvation *

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness

*and the shadow of death, **

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. 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

Isaiah 40:1-11

At the conclusion of the reading:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

*You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.*

*I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.*

*Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.*

*Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.*

*Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.*

*The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.*

*Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.*

Second Reading

2 Peter 3:8-15a

At the conclusion of the reading:

Here what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

Thanks be to God

*Gospel Reading

Mark 1:1-8

Prior to the reading:

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ

After the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon

The Rev. Mickie Smyth, Deacon

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 prays 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.

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)

***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.