



Holy Nativity



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The Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

The Presider says.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture, Acts 10:34-43.

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'



Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24.

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.**
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."**
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.**
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:**
- 16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"**
- 17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the Lord.**
- 18 The Lord has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.**
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.**
- 20 "This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter."**
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.**
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.**
- 23 This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**
- 24 On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

A Reading from the New Testament, Colossians 3:1-4.

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."



The Prayers of the People

Let us unite our hearts in prayer, saying, Hear us, Lord. Hear us.

For the Church throughout the world, that as we celebrate the feast of Jesus' resurrection, we may renew our faith and strengthen our witness in Jesus' name.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord. Hear us.

For pastors, teachers, and ministers that they be wise in leadership, humble in service, and fearless in the face of evil.

For the governments of the world and its leaders that they may practice compassion and reject the politics that use death and suffering as means of control.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord. Hear us.

For our planet Earth, that people may be good stewards of its resources and share in its abundance.

For the poor and the stranger, that they may receive a place of refuge, hope, and hospitality.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord. Hear us.

For the sick and those in distress, that they may find healing for their pain and be restored to fullness of life.

For those of us who fear the threat of the Coronavirus, let our hearts be calm and our courage take the action of protecting ourselves and others.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord. Hear us.

For the health care workers who risk all to care for strangers.

For those whose jobs demand their presence, who take the bus to work, who drive the buses, who clean the buses. Let all who cannot shelter at home shelter in you.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord. Hear us.

For our enemies, that we may love them and be agents of reconciliation in the name of Jesus.

For our neighbors, that together we may dwell in harmony. Let patience and respect grow in our minds and hearts as we learn through this virus that we are all equally vulnerable, and equally called to servanthood in you.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord. Hear us.

Almighty God, receive these prayers we offer, and by the power of your Holy Spirit use us for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ. In his name we pray. **Amen.**



The Great Thanksgiving

*The Sursum Corda is a form of introduction to prayer.
Here begins the Great Thanksgiving.*

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Presider continues.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Presider: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Presider continues.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



The Lord's Prayer

Presider: And now, as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All:

**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 Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

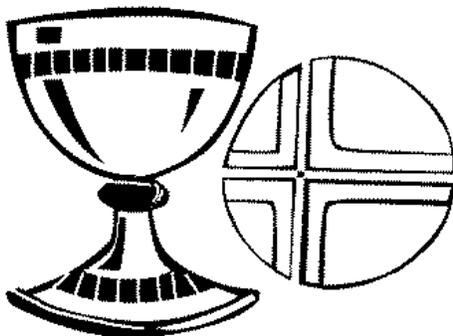
Presider: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Invitation

Presider: Bread and wine; the gifts of God for the people of God.

People: **May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.**



The Post-Communion Prayer

We praise you, O God, and give you thanks
that you have given us such joy, such grace, and such hope
in the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let our lives be proof of that good news.

Let all our words and actions, our love and service
bear witness to your resurrection power,
for the sake of our living Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Easter Blessing and Dismissal

Presider: Go forward, knowing that you do not go this way alone. Nor do we
have to be afraid, for the Word of God strengthens us and the Holy
Spirit guides our path.

And may the peace that passes all understanding keep your hearts and
minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's son, Jesus
Christ. May the blessing of God, our mother and father, and of Jesus,
who redeemed us, and the Holy Spirit, who sustains us, be with us this
day and forevermore. **Amen.**

Presider: Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**



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in the peace and love of God with our children and neighbors.
We support each other as we celebrate God's blessings in our
lives through worship, prayer, music, and service to others.**