



**THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II**

THE WORD OF GOD

BCP, p. 355

**Processional Hymn**

*Just a closer walk with thee, St. Mary's Songbook, p.60*

**Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity**

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

**People** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The celebrant prays the collect for purity.*

**The Gloria**

*Said in unison.*

**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.**

**The Collect of the Day**

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you**

**Celebrant** Let us pray. *The celebrant prays the collect of the day.*

**The Lessons**      *All sit as able. Texts found in the bulletin insert.*

**First Reading**      **Proverbs 1:20-33**

*After the reading:*      Reader      The Word of the Lord.  
   People      **Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm**      **Psalm 19**

**Second Reading**      **James 3:1-12**

*After the reading:*      Reader      The Word of the Lord.  
   People      **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Hymn**      *All stand as able.*      *Thy Word, St. Mary's Songbook, p.114*

**The Holy Gospel**      **Mark 8:27-38**

*Before the Gospel:*

Celebrant      Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**People**      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*After the Gospel:*

Celebrant      The Gospel of the Lord

**People**      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Hymn after the Gospel**      *I Love you Lord, St. Mary's Songbook, p.52*

**Homily**      **Mtr. Radha Kaminski**

## The Nicene Creed

*Said in unison, all standing as able.*

All            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

*Praying the Scriptures*

Intercessor    My brothers and sisters, those who lose their life for Jesus' sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. Trusting in our God, let us pray, "Spirit, direct our hearts, **Spirit, rule our hearts.**"

Bless our Church, O God, with wisdom. Make our souls holy and grant to us your friendship and love. We pray for Michael, our Presiding

Bishop; Sean, our Presiding Bishop-elect; Skip, our Assisting Bishop; Nurya, our canon; Radha, our Rector; our Central Michigan Episcopal Covenant. St. Paul's, Corunna - Carol, Sr. Warden; St. Paul's, Muskegon – Eileen, Rector. We pray for all those in our diocese discerning calls to ministry, both lay and ordained. In particular, we pray for those in our dioceses preparing for the Sacred Order of Priests, including Abraham, John, Aurie, Jonathan, Kathryn, Stephanie, Thon, Jess, Julianne, Matt, Cathy, Kris, Theresa and Janet. We pray also for those in our dioceses preparing for the Sacred Order of Deacons, including: Jennifer, Chris, Laura, Deb, Paige. We remember with gratitude the retired clergy of the diocese. *Silence*

Spirit, direct our hearts;

**People Spirit, rule our hearts.**

Intercessor O God, inspire a love for wisdom in the leaders of the nations, in the leaders of communities, in the leaders of people. Give us the will to raise up leaders who heed wisdom's cries. *Silence*

Spirit, direct our hearts;

**People Spirit, rule our hearts.**

Intercessor We pray for those in positions of authority in our country and in the world, especially Joe, our president; Gretchen our governor; Carla, our mayor. *Silence* Spirit, direct our hearts;

**People Spirit, rule our hearts.**

Intercessor The heavens declare your glory, blessed Creator; the firmament shows your handiwork. Give us ears to hear, eyes to see, and mouths to sing your praises. *Silence* Spirit, direct our hearts;

**People Spirit, rule our hearts.**

Intercessor We pray, O God, that you guide and direct those who work in the financial and business sectors. May they desire your righteousness more than much fine gold. *Silence*

Spirit, direct our hearts;

**People Spirit, rule our hearts.**

Intercessor Messiah Jesus, it is you who gives light to the eyes and rejoices the heart. We pray for those in need of your touch. Renew the tired, the sick, and the struggling. We pray for those in the St. Mary's circle of prayer: J.P., Cara, Erin, Jimmy, Mike, Keith, Gary, Fred; For those in the St. Andrew's circle of prayer: Nan, Sally, Krystal, Kevin, Chris, Jerry, Carolyn, Mary, Bob & Lorraine, Raymond & Carolyn, Logan, Greg, Elizabeth, Mark; For our family and friends in the armed forces and who are first responders: Richard, Corey, Matt, Teylor, Tony, Kim, Drew, Jon, Sabastian, Noah, Eli, Jess, Wesley, Owen; And for all those we name at this time. *Silence*

Spirit, direct our hearts;

**People Spirit, rule our hearts.**

Intercessor Lord Christ, you are life and you are salvation. Keep those who have died as your own forever. *Silence*

Spirit, direct our hearts;

**People Spirit, rule our hearts.**

*The celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

**The Confession of Sin** *Said in unison, kneeling as able.*

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

**All 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.**

Celebrant 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. **Amen.**

**The Peace** *All stand as able.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** **And also with you.** *The people greet each other in the name of the Lord.*

### **Blessing of the Backpacks**

*from Illustrated Ministry*

*All students, teachers, and schoolworkers are invited to come forward with their backpack, workbag, or other symbol of their work for a blessing as the school year begins.*

*The celebrant passes out the backpack tags then says this blessing:*

Celebrant *NAME[S]*, this school year, may you be curious and kind, gentle and strong, brave and loving.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

God of fresh starts and new beginnings,  
we bring ourselves, our big feelings, and our backpacks to you.  
In our backpacks, we carry blank pages,  
sharpened pencils, and pointy crayons,

and in our hearts, we carry big feelings,  
unanswered questions, and hopeful expectations.  
There are endless possibilities of what this new year might bring  
— of what we might learn, who we might meet,  
and who we might become.  
God, our friend who is always with us, be with us through it all.  
Be with us as we ride the bus.  
Be with us as we walk.  
Be with us as we buckle seat belts, zip-up jackets, and tie shoes.  
However we get there, and whatever we wear,  
bless this journey into something new.  
For the grown-ups going back to school,  
With-Us God, be with them too.  
Thank you for our teachers, helpers, caregivers, and leaders,  
and for all they do to help us learn and grow.  
God, our friend who's full of wonder,  
fill their hearts and bless their hands. **Amen.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**The Offertory**      *The celebrant says the offertory sentence.*

**Offertory Hymn**      *Lord of the dance, St. Mary's Songbook, p.67*

*After all the gifts are brought to the altar, all say in unison:*

**All things come of thee, O Lord. And of thine own have we given thee.**

**The Great Thanksgiving**      **Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP p. 367**

**Celebrant**      The Lord be with you.

**People**      **And also with you.**



Celebrant Lift up your hearts.  
**People We lift them to the Lord.**  
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The celebrant offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ, and in response all sing:*

**Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)** **St. Mary's Songbook, p.88**

*The people stand or kneel as able while the celebrant gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ's passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine. Then says:*

Celebrant Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
**All We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory:**

*The celebrant concludes with a prayer for the coming of God's reign. The people respond*  
**AMEN.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

*It is our tradition to gather in a circle to say the Lord's Prayer. You are welcome to either stand and join hands, or remain seated and we will encircle you.*

Celebrant 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then says:*

**Celebrant** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;




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

## The Invitation




*The celebrant says the invitation.*

*Everyone is welcome to receive communion. There is no one who is too old or too young, no one who has too many doubts or too few beliefs. This is the altar prepared by a loving God for all creation by the power of Jesus Christ. You, who are part of that creation, are welcome.*

*Please come forward down the center aisle to in front of the altar to receive communion or a blessing. If you need communion brought to you, let an usher know.*

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD - You can either,		
	CONSUME	Hold out your hands and then eat the bread after it is placed in your hand.
	GLUTEN-FREE	If you require a gluten-free wafer, please clasp your hands.
	BLESSING	If you prefer not to receive, cross your arms for a blessing.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE WINE - You can either,		
	DRINK	Hold the base of the chalice and guide it to your lips to drink the wine.
	INTINCT	Hold up the bread. The minister will take the bread, dip it for you, and hand it back to you.
	NOT RECEIVE	Cross your arms. The minister will hold the chalice up, but you will not drink.

## Communion Hymn

*Seek ye first, Hymnal, #711*

## Prayer after Communion

*All stand or kneel as able.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

**All 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 Celebration of Special Days and Announcements

### The Blessing

*All stand as able while the celebrant blesses the people.*

### Recessional Hymn

*I have decided to follow Jesus, Bulletin Insert*

## The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

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