

Christ Episcopal Church



Lent

The Holy Eucharist

The Word of God

Silence

Opening Hymn

Opening Acclamation

The Celebrant may say

Blessed be the God of our salvation:

Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *I John 1:8-9*

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14-16*

Confession

God shows his love for us

In that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. *Romans 5:8*

Let us then show our love for him

By confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence

Christ came in humility to share our lives:

forgive our pride.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ came with good news for all people:

forgive our silence.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ came in love to a world of suffering:

forgive our self-centeredness.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Silence

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 Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

The Collect

Amen.

Hebrew Bible

After the Reading

For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Epistle

After the Reading

For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to _____.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God, the creator of heaven and earth,
who gave man and woman free will
and entrusted this world to us.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his Son, our Lord,
who was born in a manger by Mary,
a woman of humble beginnings.

Refusing to seek power,
and turning away the sword,
he died for us, the Lamb of God.
he descended into the darkest of all places,
but rose again on the third day,
bringing life and hope to all.

I believe in Christ's humble spirit
conceiving the holy, apostolic, and universal church,
which is among us and beyond us, before us and after us.

I believe in a church comprised of sinners and saints,
imperfect and in need of grace, yet blessed, the body of Christ.

I believe in the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Spoken by Worship Leader and Celebrant

Leader Hear us, O God;
Response Save us, O God.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Peace

We stand.

May the peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Offertory Sentence

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations
of our life and labor to the Lord.

Special Music

Doxology

The Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 sing:

The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus

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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.

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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 [_____ and] 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

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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. Silence is kept.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Hymnal S 161
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

Communion Music

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Announcements

Closing Hymn

Dismissal

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Materials for Lent

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Response for Eucharistic Ministry

CELEBRANT: In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these Holy gifts as we share this Eucharist with _____(recipient).

PEOPLE: **May you take the prayers of all of us as you deliver the sacrament of Christ's body and blood.**

CELEBRANT: We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup. May those who receive it be strengthened and encouraged.

Welcome to Christ Church.

As you prepare for worship today, we invite you to offer a prayer, quietly greet a friend, or listen to the musical prelude.

Worship Books

We use three books in worship. The abbreviations for these books are BCP (red Book of Common Prayer), Hymnal (blue 1982 Episcopal Hymnal), WLP (green Wonder, Love, and Praise paperback hymnal). The blue 1982 Hymnal includes both sung service music and hymns. The service music is at the beginning of the hymnal and is noted with an "S" in front of the number.

Stand, sit, or kneel?

We adopt a variety of body postures to aid worship and invite you to join us as you desire. We stand to praise, proclaim, and sing. We sit to listen. We kneel to contemplate and to confess. Suggestions for worship are listed in italics. You may notice people using gestures in worship and prayer, you are welcome to join them if you wish. Please feel free to adopt the body posture and gestures of your home tradition.

Communion

Communion is the table of the Lord. Christ is the host. We are all guests. We are all welcome to eat and be nourished, fed, and forgiven. Come and eat and live!

At the sharing of the Eucharist, we form two lines and come forward to receive communion. The two lines take turns to receive the bread. Gluten free wafers are available. Pick up a small glass to receive the wine from the chalice or cruet, depositing your glass on the gold platter at the end of the rail. You are invited to say, "Amen" after receiving the bread and the wine. If you prefer a blessing or do not wish to receive the wine, please cross your arms over your chest when you approach the rail. Please alert someone sitting near you if you desire communion served to you in the pew. You may wish to kneel for prayer before or after receiving communion.

Fellowship

Please join us after church in the parish hall for education at 9:00 and fellowship at 11:15.