

**The Priest and Crucifer Enter (*all Rise*)**

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

People: *And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever, Amen.*

**Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity**

**Gloria (spoken)**

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**

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

**A Reading from Jeremiah 2:4-13** read by Sabina Gaston

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the LORD:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the LORD who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?"

I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore, once more I accuse you, says the LORD, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the LORD, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

**People:** *Thanks be to God*

**Psalm 81:1, 10-16. Exultate Deo (To be read responsively)** Led by Sabina Gaston

Sing with joy to God our strength \*  
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, \*  
"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

And yet my people did not hear my voice, \*  
and Israel would not obey me.

So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, \*  
to follow their own devices.

Oh, that my people would listen to me! \*  
that Israel would walk in my ways!

I should soon subdue their enemies \*  
and turn my hand against their foes.

Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, \*  
and their punishment would last for ever.

But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat \*  
and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

**A Reading from Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16** Read by Sharon DeVivo

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord

**People:** *Thanks be to God*

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 14:1, 7-14**

**People:** *Glory to you, Lord Christ (Remain standing)*

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

**Priest:** The Gospel of the Lord

**People:** *Praise to You, Lord Christ*

**Sermon:** The Rev. Dr. Varghese Mathew

**The Nicene Creed**

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 (remain standing):** Led by Sharon DeVivo

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;

*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;

*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For all bishops, priests and other ministers;

*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially.....

Hear us, Lord;

*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life—those we name in our hearts, and also for those celebrating birthdays, including.....

We will exalt you, O God our King;

*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, especially.....

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*Who put their trust in you*

**The Priest adds a Concluding Prayer**

**The Peace**

Priest                The peace of the Lord be always with you

People              And also with you

**Announcements and Recognition of Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**Offertory**

**Doxology**

**“Old Hundredth”**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all people here below.  
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Great Thanksgiving      BCP p. 361 (Eucharistic Prayer A)

Priest      The Lord be with you  
*People      And also with you*  
Priest      Lift up your hearts  
*People      We lift them up to the Lord*  
Priest      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
*People      It is right to give him thanks and praise*

### **Priest continues with Eucharistic Prayer A**

#### **Sanctus** (*spoken*)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

#### **Memorial Acclamation** (*spoken*)

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

#### **Amen** (*spoken*)

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

#### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Priest: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

#### **Post-Communion Prayer**

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

#### The Blessing

#### **Dismissal**

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