

# Opening Liturgy

The ministers enter in silence.

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People: God's mercy endures for ever.

Celebrant: Christ who died for our sins, forgive those who are

penitent.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: Christ, who shared our griefs, comfort the

sorrowing.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: Christ, who thirsted on the cross, bring relief to

those who are hungry.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: Christ forsaken by all, be with those who are lonely

and sad.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Celebrant: Christ, mocked and scorned, support those who

are outcast and rejected.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Celebrant: Christ who suffered great pain, be a strength to

those who are weak.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Celebrant: Christ who died for us all, grant us your salvation.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: Christ crucified, done to death and buried, give us

hope.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: Christ who descended into hell, raise us to glory.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People: God's mercy endures for ever.

## Confession

All: We confess our sins to you, Father, Son, and Spirit Holy.

Compassionate God of life, your kindly pardon give: for our careless talk, our broken oath, our empty speech; for all that we have left undone, for all that we have done amiss. Jesus, only-begotten Son and Lamb of God the Father, you gave the blood of your body to save us from the grave.

As we receive the Word and knowledge of your forgiveness, enshield us, encircle us, each day, each night, each dark, each light. Bring us back to that place where our journey began, when we said that we would follow the way that you first trod. Uphold us, be our treasure, our triumph everlasting, strong Son of God most high. Lead us to the Cross and meet us there. AMEN.

## The Absolution

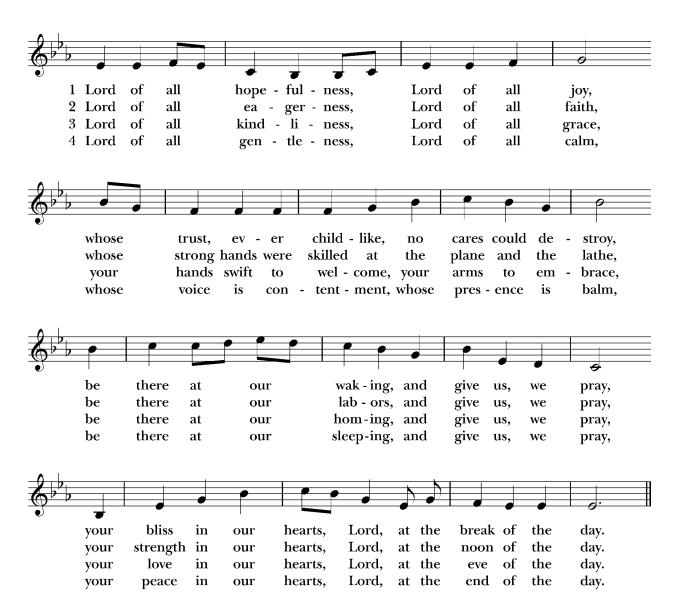
Celebrant:

Holy God, you sent your Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. Send your saving power upon all who turn to you and seek new life in your name. **Amen.** 

# Song

## Lord of all hopefulness

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# The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord by with you,

People: And also with you

Celebrant: Let us pray

God our Father, your will is that everyone be saved and no one be lost. You draw us to yourself by prayer and penance. Grant that we may so follow Christ in love that our lives may help others and our weakness never hinder them. We make this prayer in his name, Jesus, the Christ, our Lord. **Amen.** 

The Psalm: Psalm 36:5-11 Prayed meditatively together.

Your love supports all of creation; your love is everlasting. How precious is your steadfast love, O God.

We, your children take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

We feast on the abundance of the Earth.

You invite us to drink from living streams.

For in You is the very source of life; and in your Light do we see light.

May your steadfast love endure to those who know You,
Your saving grace to those who love truth and justice!
Protect us from the seeds of arrogance; the weeds of greed

drive away.

Open the hearts of those who live in darkness, O Beloved,

## that they might rise up and live in your Light.

Gospel Reading: John 12:1-11

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

John.

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, since it was

on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

The Rev. Nancy L.J. Cox

# Song



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A period of silence is kept.

## Intercessions

Intercessor: Please join me in offering your prayers of

thanksgiving and intercession.

Blessed are you, O God, for you have filled the

temple of creation with the glory of life that glows.

People: We give thanks to you.

Intercessor: We bless you for the light of the sun and the moon

and the stars, for the brightness of mountain snow

and the glistening of waters.

People: We give thanks to you.

Intercessor: We give thanks for the goodness that grows from

the ground, and from which health and wholeness

come.

People: We give thanks to you.

Intercessor: In remembering with thanks the times and places

of plenty and well-being in our lives, we stand also

in prayer with those who are denied these things, and ask that they not be forsaken in their time of trouble.

People: Do not forsake us, O Lord.

Intercessor: Let the cry of those who are poor be heard, O

God, in heaven and on earth; let those who are

hungry be fed, and those who are oppressed be set

free.

People: Do not forsake us, O Lord.

Intercessor: Let those in our community who are sick or

suffering know healing in body and soul.

A silence – during which worshipers may add their own

prayers silently or aloud.

O God of all peace,

People: Do not forsake us, O Lord.

Intercessor: Let nations at war cease their strife, neighbors in

conflict stop their arguments, and loved ones find

peace at home.

People: Do not forsake us, O Lord, but grant us your

peace.

Celebrant: Holy and immortal God, from earliest times you

have named us and called us into discipleship.

Teach us to follow the One whose light scatters the darkness of our world so that we may then walk as

children of the light. Amen.

# Anointing One Another

In the scriptures Jesus read, anointing signified a transmission of power and blessing. In the early Christian community, it came to be a sign of love, of identity as a Christian and of the reception of the gifts of the Holy Spirit (from Church's understanding of Jesus as the Messiah, the Christ, which means "the anointed one"). Please anoint the back of the hands of the person sitting next to you in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. You are also invited to offer a short blessing.

After all have been anointed, the Celebrant concludes

God of all peace, whose Spirit fills our hearts, be with us as we seek to share your peace, that those whom we encounter on this earthly journey may see in our lives a reflection of your love; in the name of Christ. **Amen**.

## The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

# Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right

spirit within us.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

A note about receiving Holy Communion: In the Episcopal Church, we understand that Christ is "really present" in the bread and wine provided from God's table. All who claim Christ as Lord are always welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion in this church. Children are welcome to receive communion at the discretion of their parents.

Come forward at the direction of the ushers. Receive the consecrated wafer in the palm of your outstretched hand from the first person who comes to you. To receive a gluten-free wafer, please cross your hands palms down. Wine may be received by lightly dipping the bread into the small cup in the center of the plate/paten from which you received the bread. Alternatively, you may choose to drink from the larger cup/chalice which the next person will offer you. Receive the consecrated wine by guiding the offered cup to your lips and sipping. Those who distribute the wine will wipe the chalice with a food safe sanitizer and turn it for the next person after each person receives. You may also decide to take the wafer only. If you choose not to receive communion, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing as your presence is a blessing to all of us. Once you have been blessed or received communion, you may offer a short prayer and then return to your seat.

If physical limitations make it difficult to come forward, please let an usher know that we may have the honor of bringing communion to you.

# Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant: All things are yours, O God of all creation,

People: And so we return our gifts to you.

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 God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: Worship and praise belong to you, maker of light

and darkness. Your wisdom draws beauty from

chaos, brings a harvest out of sorrow and leads the

exiles home. In Christ your Son's enemies are

reconciled, debts forgiven and strangers made

welcome. Your Spirit frees us to live as sons and

daughters in our Father's house. We who by

Christ's power follow the way of the Cross, sharing

the joy of his obedience, now offer you our praise,

with angels and archangels and the whole company

of heaven saying the hymn of your unending

glory:

All: 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 Celebrant continues

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father, for Christ in whom the world is reconciled. Lifted on the Cross, his suffering and forgiveness spanned the gulf our sins had made. Through that dark struggle death was swallowed up in victory, that life and light might reign. Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which the sons of Egypt died, your Chosen One, himself the First-Born, freely offered his life. At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you." After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his lifegiving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom. Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of Mary the Mother of God, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. **AMEN**.

# The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray.

All: Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those

who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: He who has suffered for our injustices is now

present in this bread.

He whose body was hung on a cross is now offered

to us in this cup.

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Celebrant: The living bread is broken for the life of the world.

People: Lord, unite us in this sign.

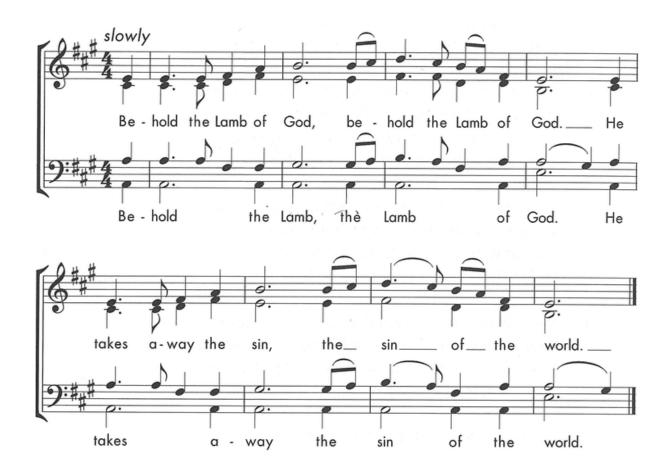
Celebrant: Come, you holy ones, receive the body and blood

of Christ by which you were redeemed.

# Song

## Behold the Lamb of God

John L. Bell



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# Post Communion Prayer

All: In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of heaven. Amen.

# Solemn Prayer

Deacon or Celebrant: Bow down before the Lord.

Celebrant: Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold

this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ

was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands

of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross;

who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

The people depart in silence.

This Eucharist is developed from "Wednesday Celtic Euchrist in Lent," St. Peter's, Rome, GA, "Celtic Eucharist," St. Annes' Winston-Salem, NC, <u>Psalms for Praying</u>, Nan Merrill, <u>The Book of Common Prayer 1979</u> and the music of the Taize Community.

## Announcements

Maundy Thursday Dinner, March 28 at 6:30 PM | Please sign up today on the church website to help us prepare!

**Prayer Vigil** | You are invited to sign up for an hour of prayer, starting Maundy Thursday, March 28 at 9 PM. Details are on the church website.

Good Friday Offering | For 102 years, Episcopalians have supported Anglican ministries in Jerusalem and the Middle East. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry invites the whole church to collective giving to support siblings in Jerusalem and the Middle East. "We will not forget those caught in the crossfire between warring factions in the land where our Lord walked," Curry said. Please plan to give generously. We will be collecting this offering during Good Friday service.

The Red Cross Blood Drive will be held Wednesday, April 2, from 2:30-7 PM in the Welcome Center. Sign up to donate blood at redcrossblood.org and search for *allsaints* in the "Find a Blood Drive" box.

# Holy Week - Easter

## ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

#### Stations of the Cross

During Lent on the Church Grounds and in the Nave

#### March 26 - Tuesday in Holy Week

Taizé Service – 7 PM in the Nave Compline – 8 PM Online

#### March 27 - Wednesday in Holy Week

Taizé Service – 7 PM in the Nave

#### March 28 – Maundy Thursday

Parish Meal with Eucharist – Starts at 6:30 PM, Parish Hall, followed by Stripping of the Altar, in the Nave

Maundy Thursday Prayer Vigil – Begins at 9 PM in the Nave. Sign up online.



#### March 29 - Good Friday

Stations of the Cross for Children – 10:30 AM
Parish Hall

Solemn Liturgy – Noon in the Nave Community Stations of the Cross – 3:30 PM In-person walk begins at Grace Lutheran Church Meditations on the Last Words of Christ – 7 PM Led by members of EfM at All Saints'

#### March 30 – Holy Saturday

Family Easter Vigil – 7 PM, Parish Hall
Easter Vigil, followed by Revels – Begins at 8:30
PM in the Columbarium

## March 31 - Easter Sunday

Holy Eucharist, followed by Revels 9 AM, Parish Hall

Resurrection & St. Nicholas Choirs, Bells of All Saints'

Holy Eucharist, followed by Revels 11:10 AM, Nave Choral Eucharist with Brass Quintet

### April 7 – Easter II

9 AM in the Parish Hall & 11:10 AM in the Nave Easter Egg Hunt and Parish Celebration 10 AM, Church Grounds



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