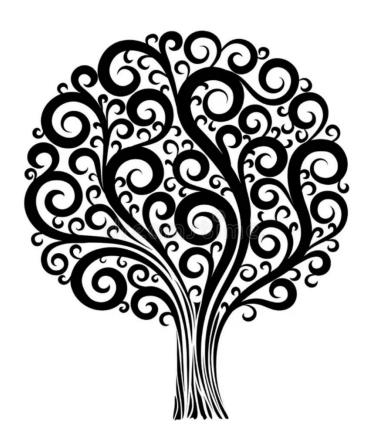
### **Ordinary Time**

### THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST



# Growing Into Who God Created Us to Be Sunday August 31<sup>st</sup>, The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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### WELCOME TO WORSHIP IN THE EPISCOPAL TRADITION



Scattered in the world we gather as God's people in worship. We bring the fragments of our lives to be healed and made whole in Christ as we gather in community.

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as God's people. One of the glories of the Episcopal/Anglican Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words and actions through which public worship is conducted.

As we gather, we bring our diverse gifts: gifts of music, dance, prophecy, teaching, preaching, and friendship. We present these gifts in the form of our most precious offering to God, our very selves, that all that we do may be for God's glory in the unity of Christ's church.

### GOD'S TIME AND SEASONS OF THE CHURCH: THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

The Season after Pentecost encompasses all the Sundays after the Day of Pentecost until the end of the church year. The Day of Pentecost, which falls fifty days after Easter, is when we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit among the apostles, described in Acts 2. On the day of Pentecost, we celebrate the Holy Spirit, which inspired and empowered the followers of Jesus to do the work of Christ in the world. This long season is also sometimes referred to as Ordinary time, not because it is mundane, but because we count the Sundays using "ordinal number" – Second Sunday after Pentecost, Third Sunday after Pentecost, etc. This is a season for growth, a reminder that the long walk of faith isn't always highs and lows but is made up of the stuff of everyday life. The Last Sunday after Pentecost brings us to the end of the church year, then we head into Advent to begin the cycle again.

-From Walk in Love by Gunn & Shobe; page 131

ABOUT THE HOLY EUCHARIST



"When God finds us, there is always a celebration. In the Eucharist, we gather to celebrate God finding us in Jesus Christ. If you're feeling lost, when you come to receive Jesus in bread and wine, ask to be found. If you know what it is to have been found by God, when you come to receive Jesus in bread and wine, give thanks – thanks to the one who came looking for you, and found you.

-Br. Geoffrey Tristram Society of Saint John the Evangelist

In the Episcopal Church the Holy Eucharist is the sacrament of Christ's body and blood, and the principal act of Christian worship. The term is from the Greek, "thanksgiving." Jesus instituted the Eucharist "on the night when he was betrayed." At the Last Supper he shared the Bread and cup of Wine at a sacred meal with his disciples. He identified the Bread with his body and the Wine with his blood of the new covenant. Jesus commanded his disciples to "do this" in remembrance of Jesus.

For Episcopalians, the Holy Eucharist becomes the very Real Presence of Christ, his Body and Blood, the ordinary made also extraordinary, sacred by Jesus' own words and by the Holy Spirit.

In the Episcopal Church, we seek to adapt ancient liturgy for today. If you grew up in a less formal church, worship may feel pretty traditional. If you grew up in a formal church, our worship may deconstruct that formality, and ask you to pray using more modern words, or sing new songs. We seek to balance tradition and culture in our worship. When we hold the tension well between the ancient and the modern, the Holy Eucharist becomes alive.

Gathering We begin praising God through song and prayer.

The collect is written to go along with the season of the church year and the reading of the day. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scripture for the day. See 211-261 in the red Book of common prayer.

We hear the stories of the experience of God from our spiritual ancestors. Reading & commenting on scripture goes back to the earliest services of Christianity. Following the pattern of Jewish . synagogue worship, readings follow a set pattern for what will be read when.

The **Psalms** are a part of the poetry of the Hebrew people. They express joy and sadness, loneliness and thanksgiving. As a part of human longing to be united with God.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Opening Hymn (see insert)

### **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

Presider Blessed be the One, Holy and Living God People Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.
People And also with you

*Presider* Let us pray.

### WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

### THE FIRST READING. (SEE INSERT)

A READING FROM HEBREW SCRIPTURES

AFTER READING

Reader Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to God's People

or The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

### THE PSALM OF THE DAY. (SEE INSERT)

### THE SECOND READING. (SEE INSERT)

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Reader Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to God's People or

The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

# Preparing to hear the gospel

We rise in body or in spirit for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance we place on Jesus' words and actions.

We remain seated for the homily. Having someone comment on the scriptures read go. es back to the earliest days of Christianity and to the Jewish Synagogue worship which preceded it

### THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL (SEE INSERT)

Presider God be with you.
People And also with you
Presider The Holy Gospel of our

Lord Jesus Christ according to...

People Glory to You Lord Christ

#### AFTER READING

Presider The Gospel of the Lord People Praise to you Lord Christ

### THE HOMILY



## THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Presider leads the assembly in an affirmation of faith. Originally the entire service was viewed as our confession of faith. But, since the Sixth Century, the Church has recited either the Nicene Creed or the Apostles' Creed at the Eucharist. The word creed comes from the Latin credo for "I believe" or "I lend my heart to." Creeds tell a deeper "truth" that goes beyond "facts."

### THE NICENE CREED. BCP PAGE 358 All stand.

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.

Prayer changes people. Prayer is not about changing God, but about changing us more into the likeness of God. Collectively and individually, we offer the hopes and desires of our hearts to God.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE BCP Page 392

Reader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those

who are alone.

Reader For this community, the nation, and the world; especially

President Donald Trump, Governor Kevin Stitt, and

Mayor Stan Booker. Saying Together...

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

*Reader* For the just and proper use of your creation;

People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression

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

People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless,

and the needy.

*Reader* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who

seek the Truth.

Reader For our Presiding Bishop, our Bishop, and all bishops

and other ministers:

People For all who serve God in his Church.

*Reader* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

\*See the insert for prayers\*

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

Reader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

\*See the insert for thanksgivings\*

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Reader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place

in your eternal kingdom.

\*See the insert for souls departed\*

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you. People

As we enter into worship, we ask God's forgiveness for things done and things left undone and things done on our behalf so that we may be reconciled to each other

and to God.

Presider closes with concluding prayer

**CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION** 

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. BCP page Presider

People Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

in your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown,

things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit

that we may live and serve you in the newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence is kept for a time

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins Presider

> through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodnes and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

THE EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you

People: And also with you

OFFERTORY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise him all creatures here below

Praise him above ye heavenly hosts

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

As we enter the most sacred portion of our worship, we exchange a sign of God's promised peace. There are no set words to use in greeting each other. but "Peace be with you", "God's peace", and "Shalom" are commonly

used.

Gathering at Christ's Table Having been nourished from the richness of God's love in sacred story and reconciled to each other through prayer and peace, we gather at Christ's table to offer ourselves to be transformed for service in the world.

The Eucharistic Prayer, or Great Thanksgiving, is the prayer of the Church to invite Christ to be present in the elements of bread and wine. Now we come to the second act in the drama with the Liturgy of the Table. It is based on Jewish Fellowship meals. particularly the Passover observance. But this second half of the service is not communion in and of itself. It is the whole service, both acts of the drama, that make up the Eucharist.



### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people remain standing.

Preside The Lord be with you.

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People And also with you.

Preside Lift up your hearts.

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People We lift them to the Lord.

Preside Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Preside All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all p

our true and loving God;

through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,

the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all thir

You laid the foundations of the world

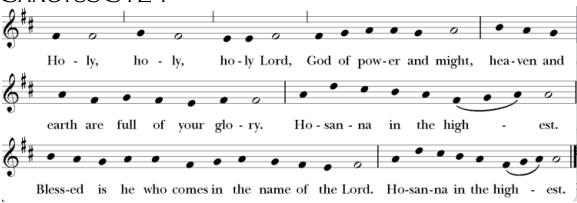
and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb

You brought forth all creatures of the earth

and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

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### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nayou delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for under Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have make acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider

People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us Presider

and upon these gifts of bread and wine

that they may be to us

the Body and Blood of your Christ.

Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power,

may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Chri

and in the fullness of time gather us

with all your people

into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator

in voices of unending praise.

Presider

People

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are

> BCP Page 364 bold to say,

Presider Our Father, who art in heaven,

& People 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,

forever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer follows in traditional language. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection. In the Lord's Prayer we ask for daily bread. meaning the things we need to get through each day. But as a part of that, the bread also

symbolizes God's presence

All are welcome to partake in the Eucharist. We are spiritually nourished, but it is not for our benefit alone. Communion enables us to return to the world with renewed vigor for proclaiming the Gospel in our words and in our lives. In the Eucharist. Christ's presence both nourishes us and challenges us.

As the celebration ends, we are charged to "Go forth in the name of Christ."

The Eucharist is therefore not an exclusive gathering that separates us from the world, but a challenge to reach out beyond our own church to the world around us.

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

### **FRACTION ANTHEM**

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### INVITATION

Presider These are God's holy gifts,

for you, God's holy people.

So come to this table you who have been here ofter and you who have not been here in a long tim

You who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed.

You who are full of faith and full of doubt.

Come, it is Christ himself

who invites you to meet him here.

### SHARING THE SACRED MEAL

### COMMUNION HYMN (SEE INSERT)

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Presider God is with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Together, let us pray. BCP Page 365

People **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.

#### **BLESSING**

### POST-COMMUNION HYMN. (SEE INSERT)

### **DISMISSAL**

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

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