

Evening Eucharist

ST. MARKS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
All: **The Lord is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

Priest: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires know, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name: through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Priest: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**
Priest: Let us pray. (*Collect of the Day*)

The Reading

The Gospel

Before the Gospel, the response is **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**
After the Gospel, the response is **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Silence

The Prayers

Leader: Gracious God, we come to you in prayer:
for the one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church; [*silence*]
for those who minister in Christ's name; [*silence*]
for our community, our nation, and our world; [*silence*]
for the sick and all those in need, [*especially...*] [*silence*]
for those who have died and those they have left behind. [*silence*]
for those for whom no one prays. [*silence*]
Lord in your mercy.

All: **Hear our prayer.**

The Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Priest: Almighty God have mercy upon you; forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen your body, mind and spirit, and keep you close to the heart of God.

All: Amen!

Priest: Peace be in your thinking. Peace be in your hearts. Peace with creation. Peace with one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you. (Signs of Peace are now exchanged.)

The Offering

The Eucharist

Priest: All things come from you, O Lord.

All: And of your own have we given you.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Priest: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed 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.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. by him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

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

Priest: [Alleluia!] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

All: **Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia!]**

The "Alleluia's" are omitted during the penitential seasons of Advent and Lent

Invitation to Communion

Priest: This is the table, not of the Church, but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love him, and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith, and you who have little; you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a long time or ever before. You who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, not because the church invites you. It is Christ, and he invites you to meet him here.

The Communion of the People

You are invited to come forward to receive the sacrament. Kneel or stand at the altar rail as you choose. If you prefer, you may ask for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.

Following Communion, the people are invited to stand as they are able for the close of the service.

Post Communion Prayer

Priest: Let us pray.

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 Blessing

The shield of God go before you:

the love of God to enfold you;

the peace of God to still you;

the Spirit of God to fill you;

the saints of God to inspire you.

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, rest upon you and shine out through you, this hour, this night, for ever. **Amen**

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**