# Holy Eucharist The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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Saint Luke's Episcopal Church

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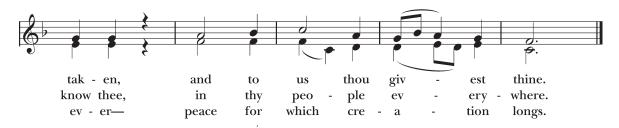
# The Holy Eucharist

#### **Prelude**

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

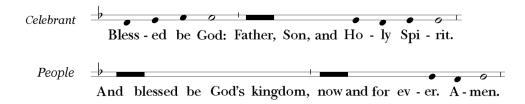
J.S. Bach





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# **Opening Acclamation**



# The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, 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**.

#### The Gloria





## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

# The Liturgy of the Word

#### The First Lesson

Genesis 18:1–10a

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into

the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

# Psalm 15

- Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \* who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \* who speaks the truth from his heart.
- There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; \* he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- In his sight the wicked is rejected, \* but he honors those who fear the Lord.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong \* and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, \* nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things \* shall never be overthrown.

#### **The Second Lesson**

A Reading from the Letter to the Colossians.

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Hymn 711

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God"



Words: St. 1, Matthew 6:33; adapt. Karen Lafferty (20th cent.). St. 2, Matthew 7:7.

Stanza 2 is not part of the hymn as originally written.

Music: Seek Ye First, Karen Lafferty (20th cent.)

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# **The Holy Gospel**

Luke 10:38-42

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord

Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### The Sermon

The Rev. Ricardo Avila

#### The Nicene Creed

Said by all

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: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

# The Prayers of the People

Form III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; **That we all may be one.** 

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; **That your Name may be glorified by all people.** 

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.** 

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; **That our works may find favor in your sight.** 

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; **That they may be delivered from their distress.** 

Give to the departed eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence.

The People may add their own petitions. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

#### The Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People
God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and says
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins
through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.** 

#### The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

# **The Holy Communion**

# **Offertory Anthem**

En Prière (In Prayer)

Gabriel Fauré sung by Janet Souza

Si la voix d'un enfant peut monter

jusqu'à Vous, Ô mon Père, Écoutez de Jésus, devant

Vous à genoux, La prière!

Si Vous m'avez choisi pour

 $enseigner\ vos\ lois$ 

Sur la terre,

Je saurai Vous servir, auguste

Roi des rois, Ô Lumière!

Sur mes lèvres, Seigneur,

mettez la vérité Salutaire,

Pour que celui qui doute, avec humilité

Vous révère!

Ne m'abandonnez pas, donnez-moi

la douceur Nécessaire,

Pour apaiser les maux, soulager

la douleur, La misère!

Révélez Vous à moi, Seigneur

en qui je crois Et j'espère:

Pour Vous je veux souffrir et mourir sur la croix.

Au calvaire!

As the voice of a child can reach You,

O my Father,

Hear my prayer, on bended knee

before You!

As You have chosen me to teach Your

laws on earth,

I will know how to serve You, noble

King of kings, O Light!

On my lips, Lord, place the salutary

truth,

In order that he who doubts should

with Humility revere You!

Do not abandon me, give me the

necessary gentleness,

To ease suffering, to relieve sorrow,

Misery!

Reveal Yourself to me, my Father,

in whom I trust and hope:

For You I wish to suffer and to die

on the cross, at Calvary!

For You I want to suffer and die on

the Cross, on Calvary!

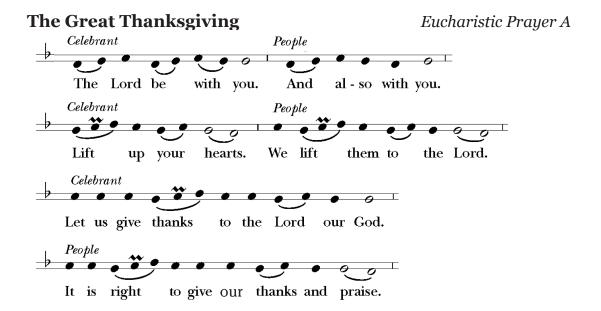
## **Prayers Over the Gifts**

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, **and of your own have we given you. Amen.** 

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven, **Blessed be God for ever.** 

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation; through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the Cup of Salvation. **Blessed be God for ever.** 

Pray, friends, that this our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty. May the Lord receive this sacrifice at your hands, to the praise and glory of God's Name, both to our benefit and that of all God's Holy Church. Amen.

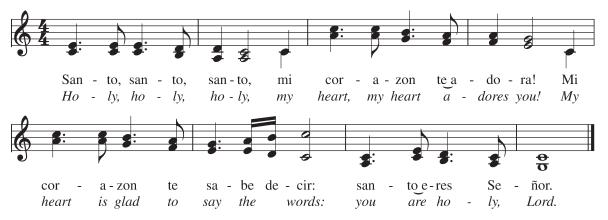


It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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

Sanctus WLP 785

Sing first in Spanish, then in English.



Words: Variation on a traditional liturgical text. Music: Composer of melody unknown; arr. based on a two-part version as taught by Pablo D. Sosa (b. 1933).

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, he 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 many 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.

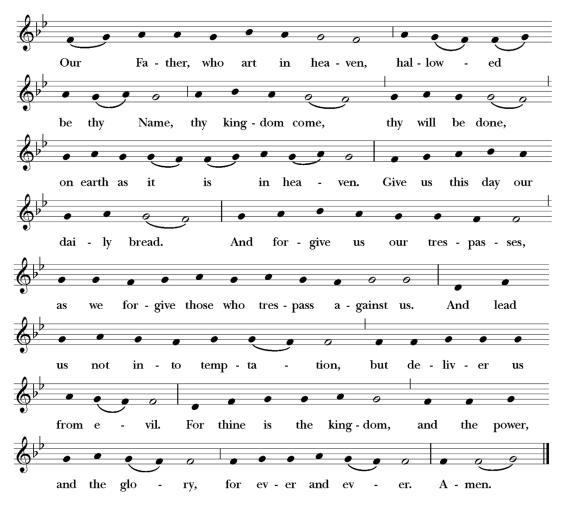
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

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 for ever. **Amen**.

#### The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,



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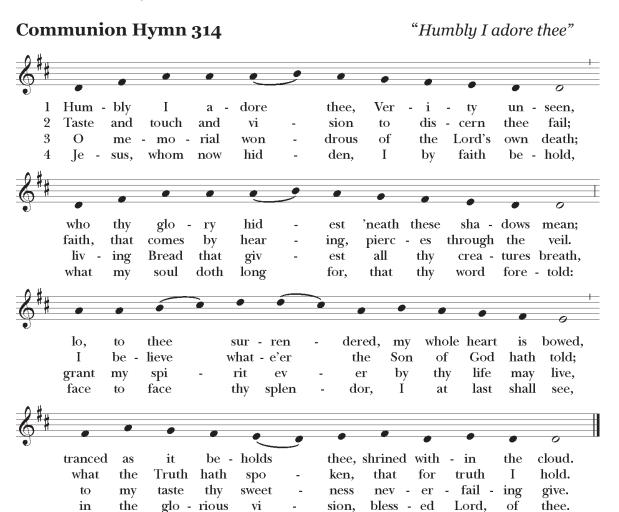
# The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Those receiving Holy Communion may partake of both bread and wine or in just one kind. If partaking from the chalice, please only drink, do not dip your wafer into the cup. You may also touch the wafer to the outside of the chalice if desired. If you wish to receive a Blessing rather than Communion, come forward and stand or kneel with your arms crossed over your chest.



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# **Post-Communion Prayer**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Said by all
Loving God, we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

# The Blessing



"Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart"



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#### **Dismissal**

The clergy dismisses the People and they respond

Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** 

The Church of God in Every Age Emma Lou Diemer



# FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR

Flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God by Bruce and Darlene Friesen with joyful gladness for the return of Father Ricardo.

Flowers at the altar are also given to the glory of God by Mark Malovos in loving memory of Heather S. Malovos.



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