

Holy Eucharist

Easter Day



About worship in the Episcopal Church

Eucharist is the primary form of worship in the Episcopal Church. It is also commonly known as Holy Communion or The Lord's Supper. The service has four distinct elements: Gathering, Listening and responding to the Word of God, Sharing the Meal of Christ, and the Sending. Jesus said to love the Lord, our God with all our hearts, with all our souls, and with all our minds. In other words, with our whole selves. Traditionally then, Episcopal worship has sought to engage the whole body and all five senses in the act of worship. Though many people find these patterns of worship comforting, no one is required to participate in such a way as to make them uncomfortable. The Episcopal Church welcomes all baptized persons, of any age and from any Christian tradition at communion.

GATHER

Prelude

Invocation

O blessed Lord,
To whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life,
and we believe and have come to know
that you are the Holy One of God

Opening Hymn

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Hymnal 207

Opening Acclamation

All standing, the Celebrant says three times

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The Celebrant says 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.**

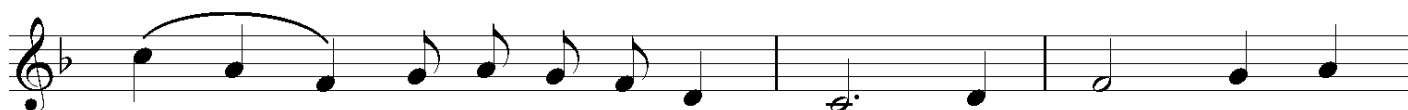
Opening Anthem

The following is sung, all standing

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly

King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

WORD

Most Sundays include four Bible readings, usually:

- *Hebrew Scripture (Old Testament- the stories of God's people, Israel)*
- *Psalms (one of 150 ancient poems expressing the human experience of God)*
- *Epistle (one of a series of letters written by Jesus' disciples to early Christian churches)*
- *The Gospels (stories about Jesus' life)*

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:1-2,14-24

Confitemini Domino

Give thanks to God who is good; *

God's mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim *

"God's mercy endures for ever."

God is my strength and my song *

and has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:

“The right hand of the Most High has triumphed; *
the right hand of the Most High is exalted;
the right hand of the Most High has triumphed!”

I shall not die, but live *
and declare the works of God.

God has punished me sorely, *
but did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to God.

“This is the gate of the Holy One; *
those who are righteous may enter.”

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is God’s doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day the Holy One has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Sequence Hymn

Jesus is Lord of All the Earth

Hymnal 178

Holy Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

All stand.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the reading

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The sermon is an opportunity for the preacher to expand upon the scriptural witness and to proclaim Jesus' message of hope, connecting the actions of God in the past to the expectations of God's action in the here and now.

Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

MEAL

The Meal, or Holy Communion, is the centerpiece of the Eucharist, in it the congregation's offerings of bread and wine, of money and of themselves are laid upon Christ's altar. Through the Eucharistic Prayer, the people's faith in Christ's presence is made manifest and shared, with Christ's own words in our hearts - "do this for the remembrance of me."

Offertory

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Doxology

Hymnal 380

*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

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.**

The Celebrant proceeds

Eucharistic Prayer B

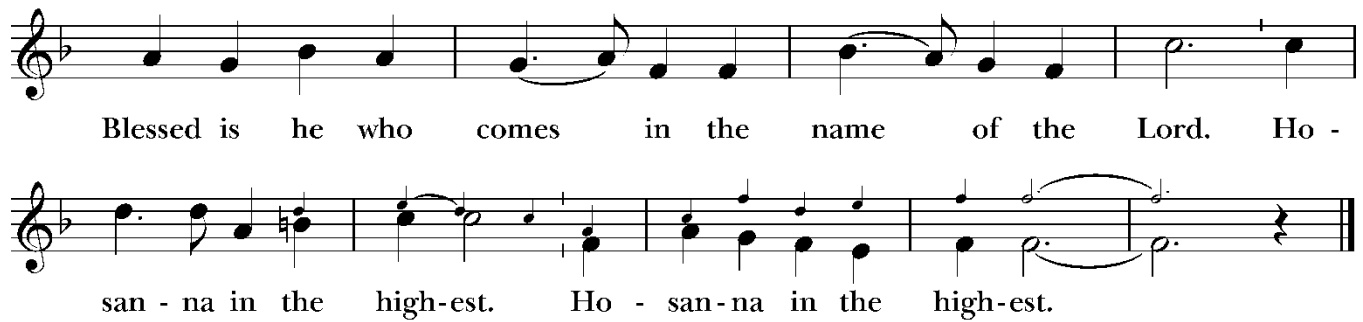
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 Celebrant then continues

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

People and Celebrant

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

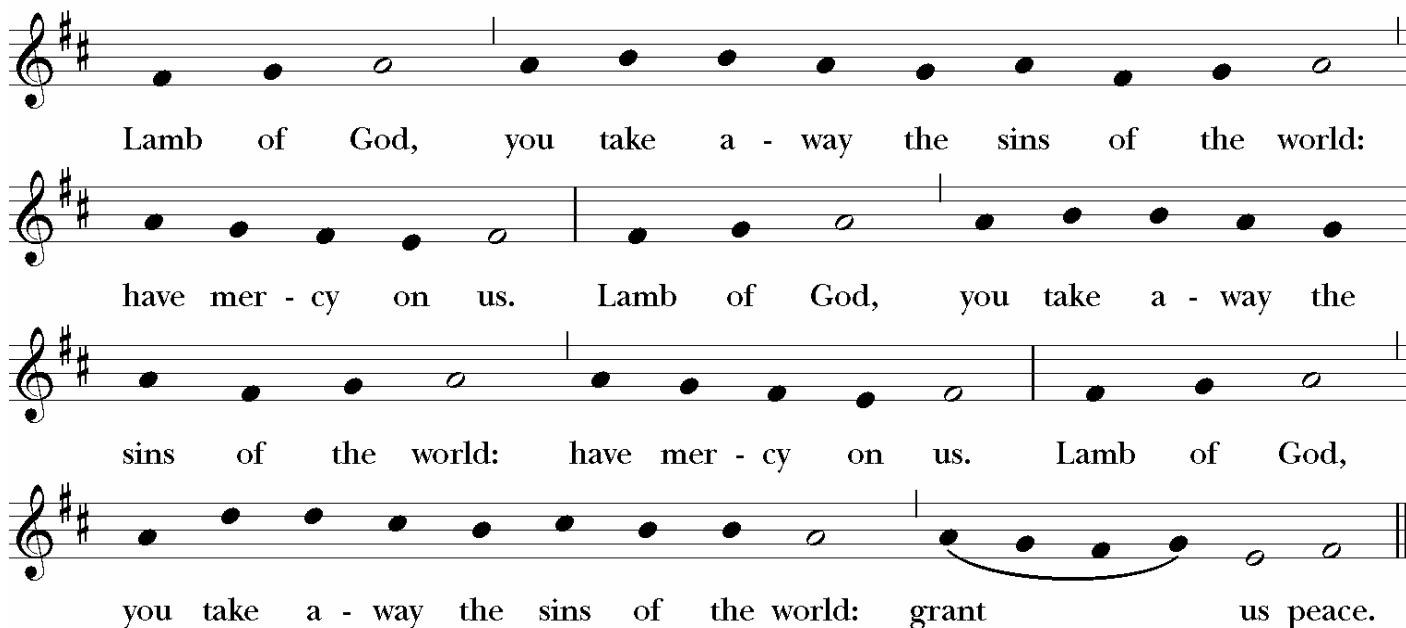
A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

People **We, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one
bread**

Fraction Anthem

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Celebrant invites the congregation to communion with these words
The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that
Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with
thanksgiving.

Distribution of Communion

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. All persons are invited forward to receive a blessing in lieu of communion, please cross your arms across your chest to receive a blessing

Communion Hymn

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

Hymnal 182

SENDING

Emboldened and empowered by Christ's eternal presence, the congregation departs to carry out the Church's mission in the world.

Sending Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Blessing

The priest blesses the people,

Sending Hymn

Come Away to the Skies

Hymnal 213

Dismissal

Celebrant

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.