



WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST
Confession of Peter transferred
20 January 2021

Text in bold print is recited by the whole Community.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

The Greeting

Presider

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

And also with you.

The Kyrie

Presider

God, be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face shine upon us:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May your ways be known on the earth,
your saving power among the nations:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, you have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

The Collect of the Day

Presider

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you inspired Simon Peter, first among the apostles, to confess Jesus as Messiah and Son of the living God. Keep your Church steadfast upon the rock of this faith, so that in unity and peace we may proclaim the one truth and follow the one Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading: 1 Peter 5.1-4

Reader

A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it — not for sordid gain but eagerly. Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away.

Reader

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 23

Psalmist

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

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¹ The Lord is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

² You make me lie down in green pastures *

and lead me beside still waters.

³ You revive my soul *

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

People

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, *

I shall fear no evil;

for you are with me; *

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

People

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

⁵ You spread a table before me *

in the presence of those who trouble me;

you have anointed my head with oil, *

and my cup is running over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

People

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

The Gospel Alleluia

Deacon

Alleluia. Alleluia. Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of the living God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Gospel: Matthew 16.13-19

Deacon

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Deacon

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection on the Word

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Litany of Healing

Leader of the Prayers

We gather in your presence, O God;

**in our need and bringing with us
the needs of the world.**

We come to you, for you come to us in Jesus;

for you know in him our humanity.

We come with our faith and with our doubts;

we come with our hopes and with our fears.

We come as we are, because you invite us to come;

and you have promised never to turn us away.

Grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured or disabled, that they may be made whole: Lord of life, **hear our prayer.**

Grant to all who seek your guidance and to all who are lonely, anxious or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence: Lord of life, **hear our prayer.**

Mend broken relationships and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit: Lord of life, **hear our prayer.**

Bless physicians, nurses and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience: Lord of life, **hear our prayer.**

Give wholeness of life to those for whom we offer our prayers this day *(during the silence we name or remember those for whom we are praying)*: Lord of life, **hear our prayer.**

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by your grace and consolation those who are bereaved *(during the silence we name or remember those for whom we are praying)*: Lord of life, **hear our prayer.**

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin --- in our lives, in our nations and in the world: Lord of life, **hear our prayer.**

You are the Lord who does wonders:

you have declared your power among the peoples.

With you, O Lord, is the well of life:

and in your light we see light.

Hear us, O Lord of life:

heal us and make us whole.

Compassionate God, support and strengthen all those who reach out in love, concern and prayer for the sick and distressed. In their acts of compassion, may they know that they are your instruments. In their concerns and fears, may they know your peace. In their faithful serving, may they know your steadfast love. May they not grow weary or faint-hearted, for your mercy's sake. **Amen.**

The Exchange of the Peace

Presider

May the peace of Christ
who has been revealed to us be with you.
And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Prayer over the Gifts

Presider

Let us pray.

Living God, accept the offering of your holy Church. As Peter confessed Jesus, the Messiah and your Son, give us courage to follow him, the Lord who reigns with you for ever. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your Beloved, Jesus the Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word through whom you created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, so that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices 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 God, accept our praise, through our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you."

In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, so that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Author of creation and Word of redemption, with the Spirit of wisdom in the holy Church, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider

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

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider

"I am the bread of life," says the Lord.

"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

**Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!**

This is the table of the Lord. It is made ready for those who want to know and to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who not been here long; you who have tried to follow and you who have stumbled along the way. Come, because it is Christ who invites you, wherever you find yourself on the journey of life and faith, for these are the gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

The Communion

As the Presider and Deacon receive the Bread and the Wine, pray silently or quietly the following prayer.

In union, O God, with all your faithful people gathered wherever the eucharist is celebrated this day, I offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption given to us through the life, death and resurrection of Christ, and for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I pray you come into my heart, my soul and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you. May I serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your promised reign of justice and peace; through Christ and in the unity of the Spirit. **Amen.**

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Prayer after Communion

Presider

Let us pray.

God of the apostles, keep us in this communion of faith, the Church of your Son Jesus Christ, and help us to confess him as Messiah and Lord in all we say and do. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

The Doxology

Presider

Glory to God,

from whom all love flows.

Glory to Jesus,

who showed us his love through suffering.

Glory to the Holy Spirit,

who brings light to the darkest places. Amen.

The Dismissal

Deacon

Go forth in love to proclaim that Jesus is the Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.