

HOLY EUCHARIST

28 October 2017

GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME



The Congregation sings as the table is prepared for worship.

HYMN ✠ LIFT HIGH THE CROSS (pg 6)

HYMN ✠ LEAD ME, GUIDE ME ALONG THE WAY (pg 9-10)

HYMN ✠ LOVE DIVINE ALL LOVES EXCELLING (pg 8)

Celebrant God is with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant O God, we thank you for the glorious company of the apostles, and especially on this day for Simon and Jude; and we pray that, as they were faithful and zealous in their mission, so we may with ardent devotion make known the love and mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

PROCLAIM AND RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD



THE PSALM (119:89-96)

Your word is for ever, Lord,
Fixed in the heavens.

You made the earth firm,
Your faithfulness is eternal.

According to your decree
All exist to serve you.

Had I not loved your law,
I would have wasted away.

I will never forget your word,
For it is my life.

I am yours, save me!
I study your precepts.

The wicked plot against me,
But I cling to your decrees.

All creatures have limits,
Your rule has no frontier.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (15:17-27)
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another. "If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world—therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, 'Servants are not greater than their master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. ²³Whoever hates me hates my Father also. If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not have sin. But now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. It was to fulfill the word that is written in their law, 'They hated me without a cause.' "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

PRAY FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD



Reader O God, our Maker and our Mother, we lift before you our prayers for your sorrowing and suffering world, for all those whom we love and all those whom you love, that we may love ever more like you.

People Gracious God, turn our hearts to you.

Reader We pray for the Church of Jesus Christ in every place. We pray for our faith communities and all who minister in them. We pray for our bishops and all those with whom we serve. We pray for members of Christ's body throughout the world. We pray for grace and vitality, for healing and wholeness, for the capacity to serve all your children.

People Gracious God, turn our hearts to you. *(Repeat after each petition.)*

Reader We pray for the leaders of government, in our nation and every nation. We pray for Donald, our President, and Paul our Governor. We pray for all who serve in elective office and in the judicial system. May all who hold authority remember their call to serve their people, and especially the weakest and most vulnerable.

Reader We pray for the well-being of all people, for the citizens of every nation, and for those who labor in the global economy. We pray for those who work in inhumane conditions, for the victims of war and human trafficking, for refugees and asylum seekers and those whose way of life is blighted by ecological damage. May we work to heal their wounds and heal the earth.

Reader We pray for our own communities, our neighbors among whom we work and live. We pray for the unemployed and the under-employed. We pray for the victims of crime and drug addiction, and for our children. Help us to be brothers and sisters to our neighbors.

Reader We pray for the sick and the suffering, those in hospital and hospice, those who have lost their way, and those who are finding it again. May we be present to all in need.

Reader We pray for all who have died and all who are dying and for those who keep vigil. May we be signs of your presence with them, and may we trust in your welcome to eternal life.

Celebrant Gracious God, hear the pleas and prayers of your people, and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may receive effectually, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Together Amen.

EXCHANGE THE PEACE PREPARE THE TABLE



Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

Celebrant Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

THE OFFERTORY



HYMN ✠ COME NOW, O PRINCE OF PEACE (pg 5)

MAKE EUCHARIST



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

Celebrant It is right to praise you, O God, our Creator, for you formed the earth from the waters of chaos and filled it with the beauty and abundance of nature. You made the earth a fit place for our home, a garden filled with fresh air and pure water, and created us to join you in caring for creation and in making all things new.

When we failed to exercise the trust you had given us, when we turned from you and from one another, you renewed your covenant with us. Over and over, you called us to return to you and, when all else had failed, you sent your Son, Jesus, born of Mary, to live among us and to show us the way of joy and life.

People We thank you that you have never turned away from us, never abandoned us in our sin. We thank you that you have always loved us and always called us to return. We thank you that you have given us to one another as colleagues and co-workers in the ministries of your church and have invited us to share in your work of reconciliation. We thank you that you have been here among us and have heard our prayers.

Celebrant Joining with the people whom you have loved in every time and place, we lift our voices with saints and angels proclaiming your glory, as we sing,

SANCTUS (pg 7)

Celebrant Above all your gifts, we praise and thank you for the gift of your Son, our Teacher and Companion, who loved us more than his own life and gave himself that we might find new and eternal life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends and said, "Take, eat; This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command,

Together Christ has died.
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant Remembering now the suffering and death
and proclaiming the resurrection and ascension
of Jesus our Redeemer,
we bring before you these gifts.
sanctify them by your Holy Spirit
to be for your people the Body and Blood of Christ.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever.

Together AMEN.

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Together Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your
will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive
us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time
of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the
glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

BREAK THE BREAD SHARE THE GIFTS OF GOD



Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
People We who are many are one body,
For we all share in the one bread.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

The body and blood of Christ are shared by the people.

HYMN ✠ THERE'S A SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT IN THIS
PLACE (pg 13-14)

Together 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 Saviour.
Amen.

Bishop God willing, the 199th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of
Maine will be held on 27 October 2018 at the University of Maine,
Hannaford Hall, Portland, Maine.

This 198th Annual Convention is adjourned.

Celebrant Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts
of those who travel with us. So, be swift to love, and make haste
to be kind. And may the blessing of the Holy One, God who
made us, the Son who saves us, and the Spirit who travels with us,
be with you, now and forever.

People Amen!

THE DISMISSAL



Deacon Alleluia, Alleluia! May our sacrifice be love,
People as we practice mercy on earth.
Together Alleluia, Alleluia!

HYMN ✠ GO TO THE WORLD (pg 15)