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THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II



PRELUDE

HYMN

The Church's one foundation

Aurelia

1 The Church's one founda - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

GLORIA

William Mathias

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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of Acts.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL *(said responsively by half verse)*

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
**for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, O God of truth.**
- 15 My times are in your hand; *
**rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.**
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

EPISTLE

1 Peter 2:2-10

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner”,

and

“A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

Christ be our leader

Slane

1. Christ be my lea - der by night as by day
2. Christ be my tea - cher in age as in youth
3. Christ be my Sa - vior in calm as in strife

safe through the dark - ness, for he is the Way.
drif - ting or doub - ting, for he is the Truth.
death can - not hold me for he is the Life. Nor

Glad - ly I fol - low, my fu - ture his care,
Grant me to trust him; though shif - ting as sand,
dark - ness nor doub - ting nor sin and its stain can

dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

GOSPEL

John 14:1-14

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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

SERMON

The Rev. Peter W. Mayer

NICENE CREED

Celebrant and People

**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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.**

It is customary to omit the Confession of Sin during the season of Easter.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lutheran World Federation

O God, our Healer, show your compassion for the whole human family that is in turmoil and burdened with illness and with fear. We especially pray for those in close quarters, in military ships, in refugee camps and in prisons where there is no possibility of physical distancing.

We cry, O God,

Hear our prayer.

Come to our aid as the coronavirus spreads globally, heal those who are sick, support and protect their families and friends from being infected, and bless the families who cannot be with them.

We cry, O God,

Hear our prayer.

Grant us your spirit of love and self-discipline so that we may come together, working to control and eliminate the coronavirus.

We cry, O God,

Hear our prayer.

Make us vigilant, attentive, and proactive in the eradication of all diseases that create suffering and often result in death for many people.

We cry, O God,

Hear our prayer.

Heal our self-centeredness and indifference that makes us worry only when the virus threatens us, open ways beyond timidity and fear that too easily ignore our neighbor.

We cry, O God,

Hear our prayer.

Strengthen and encourage those in public health services and in the medical profession: care-givers, nurses, attendants, doctors, all who commit themselves to caring for the sick and their families.

We cry, O God.

Hear our prayer.

Inspire and energize our teachers who are working to keep children and youth engaged during this time.

We cry, O God,

Hear our prayer.

Sustain all workers and business owners who suffer loss of livelihood due to shut-downs, quarantines, closed borders, and other restrictions. Protect and guard all those who must travel and serve.

We cry, O God,

Hear our prayer.

Priest O God, heal our world, heal our bodies, strengthen our hearts and our minds, and in the midst of turmoil, give us hope and peace. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION

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HYMN

Christ is made the sure foundation

Westminster Abbey

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

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

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:

SANCTUS

Franz Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 God,

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 cup.

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 the Ever-blessed Virgin Mary, Margaret and 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.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray,

Celebrant and People

**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

FRACTION ANTHEM

F. Schubert

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

BLESSING

Celebrant May God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your life and faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN

To God be the glory

To God be the glory

1 To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done! So loved he the
 2 O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood! To ev - ery be -
 3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our re -

world that he gave us his son, who yield - ed his life an a -
 liev - er the pro - mise of God! The vil - est of - fen - der who
 joic - ing through Je - sus the son; but pur - er and high - er and

tone - ment for sin and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
 tru - ly be - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus for - give - ness re - ceives.
 great - er will be our won - der, our rap - ture, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father, through Jesus the son,

and give him the glory! Great things he has done!

DISMISSAL

Priest
People

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE

**Turning Toward the Future with Caution and Hope
A Phased Approach to Regathering as Church
From the Episcopal Bishops of Maryland, Washington, DC and Virginia
May 4, 2020**

In the first weeks of societal efforts to contain the novel coronavirus' spread, we had all hoped that the most restrictive measures of social distancing and closure of non-essential business would be effective and brief. Yet in our region—that of Washington, DC, Maryland, and Virginia—both the number of lives lost and the economic impact of containment efforts continue to rise and there is, as yet, no clear end in sight.

Thus we continue to live in a suspended time of suffering and loss. Yet with quiet amazement, we're discovering within ourselves and in our virtual communities untapped reserves of resilience and creativity. We're heartened daily by acts of generosity and kindness and inspired by those whose quiet heroism helps to save lives and care for the most vulnerable.

People of faith are not immune to human suffering, nor are we spared anxiety or grief. What we can do, and are doing, is to draw upon the deepest wells of our biblical and theological traditions which sustain us in times like this. Like our ancestors who walked through their own valleys of the shadow of death, we call upon our God for guidance and strength. As followers of Jesus, we make our way trusting in His abiding presence and love, while we take our place among all God's children in this uncertain time.

Since early March, our churches have responded to the abrupt end to public worship and community gatherings with creativity, goodwill, and compassion for those hardest hit by the pandemic. As your bishops, we have seen that in the midst of your own grief and disorientation you, clergy and laypersons alike, have been a calming presence for others; in your own suffering, you have offered the solace of heartfelt prayer and solidarity with others in their hour of need. Words cannot express our gratitude.

Our elected officials are beginning to make plans for gradual, phased reopening of non-essential business and easing of social distancing. Governors Hogan and Northam and Mayor Bowser have pledged to coordinate their efforts, and we, the bishops of Washington, DC, Maryland, and Virginia are committed to do the same, as we begin to plan for a gradual re-gathering of our congregations.

The hard truth is that we will not be able to welcome all people into our places of worship for the foreseeable future. Thus we must prepare for different stages of regathering, following the guidelines of civic leaders. Moreover, the process of regathering may not be uniform, but vary according to county or region, and we must also prepare for the possibility of suspending in-person gatherings again should cases of infection rise.

As the Wisconsin Council of Churches recently wrote to its member congregations,

“What future we find ourselves in depends not only on the behavior of the virus, but on the actions of people—as individuals, churches, communities, and governments. The way forward will not be a matter of following a timetable, but of faithfully discerning the signs of the times, and responding accordingly.” The way forward is also the road of our own transformation, in the midst of a societal transformation that we can help shape by our faithfulness to the God of resurrection and hope. God is calling forth from us now far more than we could have asked for or imagined just a few months ago. If we choose to embrace this moment and learn all that we can from it, we will emerge as a stronger church, with greater capacity for faithful and fruitful ministry when this season passes.

The Right Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington
The Right Rev. Susan Goff, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia
The Right Rev. Eugene Taylor Sutton, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland

A Message from the Right Rev. Eugene Sutton, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland

I want to share with you some thoughts about where we are right now as a community of faith.

First, we are grieving. What we are experiencing now – like all other faith communities around the world – is a shared season of grief. The global coronavirus pandemic, in a matter of a few months, has stricken more than 3 million persons, and killed at least 212,000 worldwide – 60,000 in our country, more Americans were killed in the 20 years of the Vietnam War. And in the State of Maryland, the daily count of the dead is still rising. We are grieving the sick, and we're grieving our dead.

But we're also grieving what this virus is doing to our way of life as a church. Because of it we have not been able to see, hug, kiss and hold each other. For the sake of our health and the protection of our loved ones, we've been locked out of our churches, our favorite chairs and pews collecting dust. Sadly, our Eucharistically-centered spiritual community has not been able to receive the Holy Eucharist, and it's become more difficult to "be" the Sacrament, the Body of Christ, to those in our wider parish – the poor, the hungry, the refugees, the homeless, the sick and the lonely. We are in gratitude to those faithful and courageous colleagues who are still there, still serving Christ in their food pantries and clothes closets – but we grieve that the need is growing but the resources are shrinking. We...are...grieving.

And we are scared. Fear, that old unwelcome friend that accompanied the disciples throughout much of Jesus' earthly ministry in the gospels, has increasingly become our unwelcome guest as well. Last week I announced to you what we all probably knew in our hearts but were perhaps unwilling to admit: that it is highly unlikely that we will be returning to our churches at all by the previously hoped for date of May 17. Moreover, only some of us will be able to gather for live in-person worship at some point in the next few months – if the daily numbers of the dead declines for at least two weeks in a row. Further, it is not likely that all of us can return to live in-person worship and congregational activities until a vaccine for the virus is developed – which the scientists tell us could be at least a year from now, and probably longer. The Standing Committee and I are meeting regularly, consulting with public health experts and neighboring dioceses, and developing a process for the re-gathering of our congregations in phases, as public health conditions allow. You will be getting more information about this as needed in the weeks and months ahead.

The reality of the gravity of the situation is sinking in. The world as we know it is changing before our eyes, and it will not with a snap of the finger go back to how it was just three months ago. Every aspect of life, from how schools educate our children, to how we work, shop, recreate and play, will see fundamental changes. And, of course, how we pray together will have to change as well. Prayer itself is not going away – not for a second – but how we do it as a community of love must change to adapt to the present moment. My brothers and sisters, the church as we know it is changing. We grieve the loss of what we have come to love, and that grief is real. Don't beat yourself up for grieving! You're not alone, and we are doing it together.

But fear? No! There's a reason that Jesus addressed that emotion to his disciples in the gospels more than any other. In the gospel lesson assigned for today's feast of St. Catherine of Siena (Luke 12:22-24, 29-31), Jesus tells them, "I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear...do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for God's kingdom, and these things will be given to you." This scripture should be memorized by every Christian leader in the coronavirus age.

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