

A Service of Holy Eucharist & Spiritual Communion

Lent, 2021



*The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
Asheboro, NC*

Prelude

Lisa Johnson, Pianist/Organist

Father Joe welcomes those tuning in.

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **Whose mercy endures for ever.**

Presider Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silence is kept.

All **Most merciful God;
we confess that we have sinned against you,
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

The Presider prays the Collect of the Day, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

The First Reading

After the Reading:

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalter

The Lector leads the reading of the Psalm for the day. The Psalm can be found in the back of the Book of Common Prayer and is read in unison. Those who do not have a Prayer Book may pray the Psalm silently in their hearts

The Second Reading

After the Reading:

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Jessica Blackwell, Soloist

The Gospel

The Gospel is proclaimed with these words:

People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to ____.

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

After the Gospel is proclaimed:

People The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

The Nicene Creed

The Creed is said in unison.

**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.

The Prayers

Presider Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, 'Lord, in your mercy;
hear our prayer.'

Presider Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your
truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in
your mercy;

People **Hear our prayer.**

Presider Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and
peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in
your mercy;

People **Hear our prayer.**

Presider Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its
resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord,
in your mercy;

People **Hear our prayer.**

Presider Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may
serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your
mercy;

People **Hear our prayer.**

Presider Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them
courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.

The Presider provides a moment for the People to make their prayers, either silently, or aloud, or in the comments on the broadcast video.

People Lord, in your mercy;
Hear our prayer.

Presider We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

The Presider provides a moment for the People to pray for all those who have died, either silently, or aloud, or in the comments on the broadcast video.

People Lord, in your mercy;
Hear our prayer.

Presider For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace & Offertory

Presider The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Presider offers words of instruction about Spiritual Communion and invites the People to offer their hearts to God in this celebration.

Presider Let us walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God.

A musical selection may be played or song during the setting of the Holy Table.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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

The Presider prays a Proper Preface then continues.

Presider Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

All **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.**

Presider 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:

All **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Presider 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 blessed Mary, the Mother of God, and 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.

All **AMEN!**

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

All **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.**

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

Presider O Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.

People **Have mercy on us.**

Presider O Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.

People **Have mercy on us.**

Presider O Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.

People **Grant us your peace.**

Presider Though separated and unable to physically partake in this holy meal together, we know that the grace of God is sufficient enough to come to us through all of our senses, our sight as well as our taste. Let us now pray that our hearts may be so prepared to receive that grace, as Christ comes to us wherever we are.

All **Lord Jesus, we believe that you are present in this most holy Sacrament.
We love you above all things,
and we desire to receive you into our souls.
Since we cannot at this moment receive you physically,
come spiritually into our hearts.
We embrace you as if you were already there
and unite ourselves wholly to you.
Never permit us to be separated from you. Amen.**

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in the knowledge that Christ lived, died, and rose for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

A period of silence is kept.

Take this time to open up your whole self to receiving the full presence of Christ in the Sacrament. As the camera lingers on the Holy Table, you may repeat the Prayer for Spiritual Communion that we just prayed together.

After the period of silence, the Presider and other Ministers in attendance receive Communion. The Presider consumes the consecrated Wine then returns to the Holy Table.

Presider Let us pray.
All **Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Presider gives a final blessing, and the People respond, 'Amen.'

Presider Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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