

Order of Service for  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF  
THE NATIVITY



Christ shows himself to Thomas, Rowan and Irene LeCompte; mosaic at Washington National Cathedral.

April 27, 2025

10:30 A.M.

Second Sunday of Easter, Year C

This service bulletin contains all that you need for our service. We invite you to participate fully in our worship. If you are unfamiliar with the ritual customs of the Episcopal Church, simply allow the congregation to carry you in worship. At times you will be invited to stand but this is only an invitation and is not required.

## Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Using the Reserved Sacrament

*This is a service of Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament. It is not the Holy Eucharist presided by a bishop or priest. Instead, we will receive the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Christ, previously consecrated especially for use in today's service. In doing so, we remember that we are connected with the Church throughout the world and especially with the faithful in the Episcopal Diocese of Spokane. We give thanks that we receive this gift of communion with all the faithful, and fully partake of God's own offering.*

### Prelude

Processional: That Easter Day with Joy was Bright

Hymnal 1982, #193



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the  
2 His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed; his  
3 O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, do  
4 O Lord of all, with us a - bide in  
5 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



1 sun shone out with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing  
2 wound - ed hands and feet he showed; those scars their sol - emn  
3 thou thy - self our hearts pos - sess that we may give thee  
4 this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; from ev - ery wea - pon  
5 thee, who, dead, a - gain dost live; to God the Fa - ther



1 eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.  
2 wit - ness gave that Christ was ris - en from the grave.  
3 all our days the will - ing tri - bute of our praise.  
4 death can wield thine own re - deemed for ev - er shield.  
5 e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

Officiant  
People

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

BCP 355

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.**

Gloria: Glory to God

LEVAS II, #241



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



peace to His peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might - y God and Fa-ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly



Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our



prayer.

For



you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High,  
 Je - sus Christ with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the  
 glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

### **Collect of the Day**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **First Reading**

Acts 5:27-32

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 150

*The psalm is chanted together to the music below, with the forward slash in the psalm indicating to move to the next note.*



- 1 Hallelujah!  
Praise God in his holy /temple; \*  
praise him in the firmament of his /power.
- 2 Praise him for his mighty /acts; \*  
praise him for his excellent /greatness.
- 3 Praise him with the blast of the /ram's-horn; \*  
praise him with lyre and /harp.
- 4 Praise him with timbrel and /dance; \*  
praise him with strings and /pipe.
- 5 Praise him with resounding /cymbals; \*  
praise him with loud-clanging /cymbals.
- 6 Let everything that has /breath \*  
praise the LORD. Halle/lujah!

## Second Reading

Revelation 1:4-8

A reading from the Revelation to John:

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

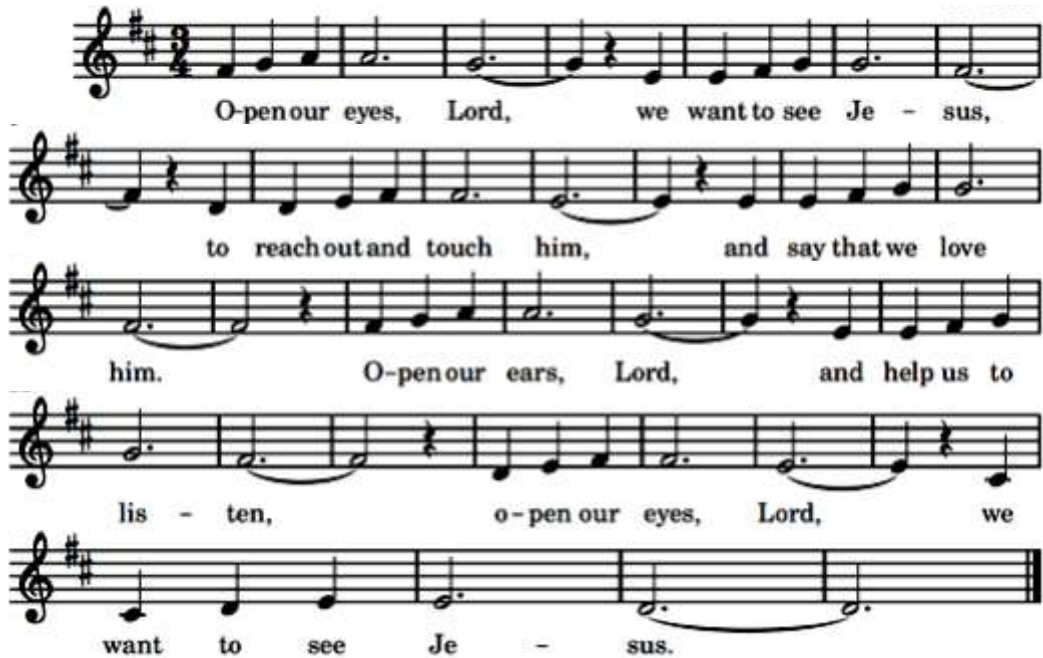
To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual:** Open Our Eyes, Lord

Bob Cull



O-pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see Je - sus,  
to reach out and touch him, and say that we love  
him. O-pen our ears, Lord, and help us to  
lis - ten, o - pen our eyes, Lord, we  
want to see Je - sus.

**Holy Gospel**

John 20:19-31

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace

be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

### Sermon

### Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Let us stand and confirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**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.<sup>7</sup>**

**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 of the People Form IV**

BCP 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. 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.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

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.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

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.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

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.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those who are on our prayer list; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**



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.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Officiant adds a concluding Collect.*

**Peace**

*Officiant*            The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*                **And also with you.**

**Announcements**

**Offertory Anthem:** “Carol of St. Thomas”

Anthony Greening

**Doxology:** Hymnal 1982 #380, Verse 3 (Old Hundredth)

**A Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*Officiant*            In fellowship with the whole Church of God, with all called together by the Holy Spirit to worship on this day, and all have celebrated the Eucharist, let us rejoice that we are called to be part of the body of Christ.

*People*                **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one Bread.**

We thank you, Lord our God, for this world which you have given us; you never cease to make it new, and you call us to work with you; you accept the work of our hands.

**Glory to you for ever.**

You have made humankind in your image; each one of us is fashioned in your likeness, and we are able to recognize your face in the faces of our siblings.

**Glory to you for ever.**

You have never desired to live apart from us, and you have taught us to know you through the Law and the Prophets, the Apostles and Evangelists, who told us the marvelous story of your love.

**Glory to you for ever.**

And you have come to us in your Son, Jesus Christ. In him you have walked along our roads, looked at us with human eyes, worked as we work, grieve as we grieve, and shared with us the joy that can never be lost.

**Glory to you for ever.**

Now you give us his Body and Blood, and we give ourselves to you. Through the death and resurrection of your Son, through the Holy Spirit given to us, we can never be separated from you.

**Glory to you for ever.**

So, with all Christians who are gathered together today throughout the world, and with the great procession of your Saints, as one family joined throughout time and space, we join in communion with you. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior 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,**

**And the power, and the glory,**

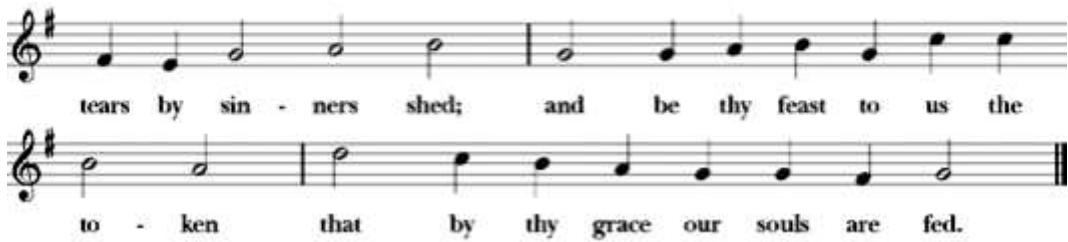
**For ever and ever. Amen.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Ushers are available to help.*

**Communion Hymn:** Bread of the World in Mercy Broken      Hymnal 1982, #301

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Bread of the World in Mercy Broken'. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: 'Bread of the world, in mer - cy bro - ken, Wine of the'. The second staff contains: 'soul, in mer - cy shed, by whom the words of life were'. The third staff contains: 'spo - ken, and in whose death our sins are dead:'. The fourth staff contains: 'look on the heart by sor - row bro - ken, look on the'.



## Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Let us pray.

**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.**

## Blessing

*Saying together,*

**The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious to us. The Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace.  
Amen.**

*(Continued next page.)*

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -  
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,  
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the  
3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the  
4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet  
5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.  
3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.  
4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

**Dismissal**

*Officiant*  
*People*

Alleluia, Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Postlude**



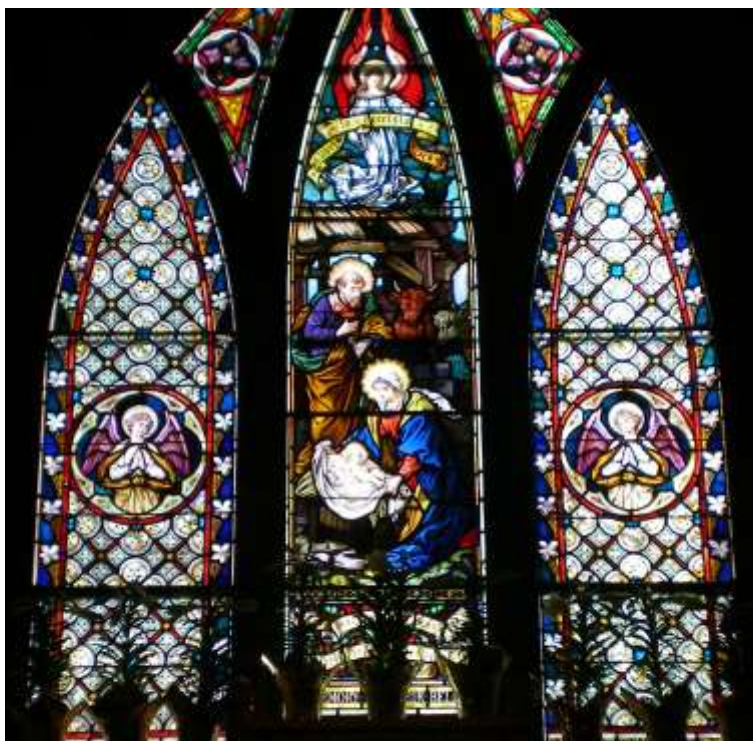




**Thank you for worshipping with us at Church of the Nativity this morning.**

**Our Open Table Communion** is being served at the Altar, and is brought to those with limited mobility in the pews. We are using the Common Cup. All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

- 1) In coming to the altar rail the ushers will indicate how many to go to the altar at a time.
- 2) At the altar rail you may stand or kneel as you prefer. To receive a gluten free wafer, place one hand palm down over the other.
- 3) When receiving from the Common Cup, please help to guide the Cup by gently holding the base of the Cup.
- 4) Those not wishing to receive the wine may cross their arms over the chest and respond to the words, the Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation, with "Amen".
- 5) We are no longer using the practice of intinction (dipping the bread into the wine).



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