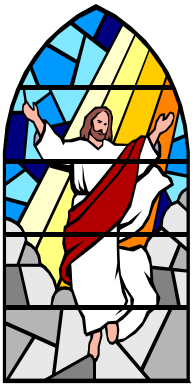

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

51 West Main Street, North East, PA 16428
Office: (814) 725-4679 Website: www.holycrossne.org

THE HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE II

THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

Salutation Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

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

Collect for Purity *(unison)*: 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song of praise: Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum*

Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast – not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So also consider yourselves dead to sin, and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia!

THE WORD OF GOD

Collect of the day *(unison)*: O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

First Lesson: Acts 1:15-26 In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus – for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their language Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) "For it is written in the book of Psalms, 'Let his homestead become desolate, and let there be no one to live in it'; and 'Let another take his position of overseer.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us: one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two – Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Response: ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 1 *Beatus vir qui non abiit* ***BCP 585***

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Epistle: Ephesians 1:15-23 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him; so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. *Response:* ***Thanks be to God.***

Gospel: John 17:6-19 *Response:* ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Looking up to heaven, Jesus prayed, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.

Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth." *Response:* ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Homily Rev. Carol Carlson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

The Apostles' Creed: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

✣ ✣ ✣ ✣ ✣

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer D BCP 372

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 God thanks and praise.***

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say, ***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.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you.

Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation. Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made all creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. At supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ to the praise of your Name.

✣ Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Justin, Michael, Sean, Carol, Dick and all who minister to your Church; this congregation, St. Peter's, and all who minister to the world. Strengthen our witness to your love and care; help us in all our needs.

Remember all your people, especially those under persecution, all who suffer for justice and peace, and all who seek your truth.

Remember our national and local leaders, that they may serve justice and fulfill their duties in integrity and uprightness. Save us from ignorance, deceit and tyranny; heal our nation's wounds and defeat our enemies without and within.

Remember those who suffer from terror, despair, abuse, slavery, disease, loneliness, addiction, homelessness, violence, sorrow, constant pain, unemployment, injustice, ignorance. Deliver them from their trouble and give us

hearts to recognise and minister to their needs.

Remember those dear to us who need your strength and help: David, Reid, Bill, Sue, Martha, Janet, Jim, Katie, Carlo, Ian, Peggy, Gayle, Jason, Dale, Joseph, Juanita, John, Gianna, Mia, Susie, Amber, John and Becky, Pat, Ron, Catherine, Ken, Mark, Marissa, Dorothy, Ed, Brady, Payton, Char and Dick, Terry, Maddie, Davey and Roland.

Remember those who put themselves at risk on others' behalf: Lisa, Scott, Nick, Kelly, Sean, Jane, Rich, Chris and Becky, William; Corey, Danny, Keith, Morgan, Cordell, Chris, Zach, Harrison, David, Jennifer, Ryan and Jade, Mack, Mason, Makayla, Natalie and Nathan, Vince, Geo, Sam, Jordan, Justin and Caitlyn, Isaac.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light. ✣

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer: 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 and the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Communion + All are invited to partake, physically and/or spiritually.

Prayer after Communion: Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE CHURCH GOES FORTH INTO THE WORLD

Blessing

Dismissal *Response:* ***Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

✣ ✣ ✣ ✣ ✣

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Every morning is Easter morning from now on! And every Sunday is a feast of the resurrection. As we meditate on what that means for each and all of us, we seek to express in our worship and in our lives the joy that new life brings. Jesus's resurrection message is 'You shall be my witnesses' – that means all of us, bringing the good news of Jesus and his church to everyone we know.

Be sure to join us next week for the joyous day of Pentecost, the culmination of the Great Fifty Days of Easter and the beginning of the church. We hope to be able to celebrate Mass on the Grass; bring your vaccination cards so we can gather them all up and give thanks for deliverance! The Pentecost Picnic afterward should be a time of even greater hoopla than usual – maybe including all our dear ones whose birthdays we haven't been able to celebrate together so far this year: Fineghan McDonald, Bethia Nier, Becky Babo, Deb Huck, Jim Wassink, Ellie Babo, Corey Jones, Nancy White, Scott Neff, Donna Fuller, Rich Robinson, Bill Miller, Nick Keith,Tom Schultz and Julie Creed. Bring a salad, bread or dessert, if you can, to complement the astonishing menu.....