

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect, then bids the Confession.

Celebrant *Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.*

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.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAYS, & ANNIVERSARIES

We are doing weekly birthday blessings and monthly anniversary blessings (first Sunday of the Month)

HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer A,* *BCP, p. 361*

THE SANCTUS, S-125

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD’S PRAYER *Traditional* *BCP, p. 364*

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

AT COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Communion in the Episcopal Church. You may receive in both kinds, the Body and Blood—Bread and Wine, or only in one kind.

Gluten-free bread and grape juice are available upon request to the priest or chalice bearer.

Laying on of Hands for healing is available during Communion to the right of the altar.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *BCP, p. 365*

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

THE DISMISSAL

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DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES FOR JESUS CHRIST:
By Encountering God, Equipping God’s People, and Extending God’s Kingdom

WELCOME GUESTS!

Christ Episcopal Church is a Christ-centered, joy-filled community that is blessed by your presence. Be assured that no matter who you are or where you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome here.

If you are a newcomer, please fill out a pew card and put it in the collection plate. Please join us for coffee-hour in the Guilds Room after worship!

Parts of the liturgy not printed in this bulletin are found in the red book, *The Book of Common Prayer (BCP)*.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
 Amen.

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 *spoken, all standing* *BCP, p. 356*

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect
THE COLLECT OF THE DAY see reading insert (Contemporary)

THE FIRST READING see reading insert Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

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

PSALM 1 BCP, p. 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.

THE SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
see reading insert

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

THE GOSPEL see reading insert Matthew 22:34-46
before the Gospel

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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

THE HOMILY The Rev. Thomas E. Mathews Jr.

THE NICENE CREED BCP, p. 358

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 worshipped 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, p. 388
Leader

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, remembering
especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Primate;
Mark, our Bishop; and Tom and Bill, our priests.

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 People: 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 People: 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 People: 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 People: Hear our prayer.

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.

Silence
Lord, in your mercy People: 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 People: Hear our prayer.