

# The Holy Eucharist on Weekdays in the Easter Season

## St. Luke's Episcopal Church *Spirituality in Action*

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### **The Word of God**

Opening Acclamation *Please stand.*

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

### Collect for Purity

*Presider* 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.

*People* Amen.

### The *Pascha Nostrum*

*People* 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. Alleluia.  
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. Alleluia.  
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 Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Presider* Let us pray.

*The Presider continues with the Collect found on the day's handout.*

*People* Amen.

The Lessons *Please be seated.*

*A non-scriptural reading from the day's Saint may be read. The reader concluding,  
Here ends the reading.*

*A scripture lesson is read, the reader concluding,*

Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

*The Portion of the Psalter appointed for the day is read by all from the day's handout.*

The Holy Gospel *Please stand.*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to \_\_\_\_\_.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

*The Deacon reads the selection from the Gospels appointed for the day.*

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily *Please be seated.*

Prayers of the People *Please stand.*

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest;

People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence is kept, which the Presider concludes with a collect*

## The Exchange of Peace

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*The Ministers and People may greet one another with the peace of Christ. Passing the Peace will be accomplished with a nod and/or verbal greeting. No touching outside your own household group.*

## The Holy Communion

A Resurrection Eucharistic Prayer according to Form 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 unto our Lord God.

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

*Presider* We give thanks to you, O God, for your creative Word by which you made the universe and all its life. We thank you that when we rebelled against you, and wandered far away, you would not forget us. We are profoundly grateful that your creative Word came to us in the Torah, was spoken through the prophets, and above all, became the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Word Jesus Christ our Lord; for Christ 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.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

*People* 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* Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. And so, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Christ.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

We now celebrate, O God, the memorial of Christ our Savior. By means of this holy bread and cup, we show forth the sacrifice of Christ's death, and proclaim the resurrection, until Christ comes in glory.

Gather us by this Holy Communion into one body in the Risen One, and make us a living sacrifice of praise. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

*People* AMEN!

#### The Lord's Prayer

*Deacon* And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*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.

#### The Breaking of the Bread

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

#### The Invitation to Holy Communion

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Deacon* Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*Holy Communion is open to all baptized Christians,  
or anyone seeking a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.*

#### The Postcommunion Prayer

*Presider* Let us pray.

*People* Loving God, we give you thanks  
for restoring us in your image  
and nourishing us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
Now send us forth  
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;  
that we may proclaim your love to the world  
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

*The liturgy concludes with a blessing and a dismissal. The response to the dismissal is*

*People* Thanks be to God.