

# The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

## The Word of God

*A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.*

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*When appointed, the following hymn or some other song of praise is sung or said, all standing*

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.

## The Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

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.

*People* Amen.

## The Lessons

*The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying*

*The first Lesson, as appointed, is read, the Reader first saying*

A Reading from Acts (4:32-35)

*A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.*

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

*After the Lesson, the Reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

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

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

*A Psalm, hymn, or anthem may follow each Reading.*

Psalm 133     *Ecce, quam bonum!*

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
    when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
    that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
    and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
    that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: \*  
    life for evermore.

*At the end of the Psalm is said*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
    as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

*The second Lesson, as appointed, is read, the Reader first saying*

A Reading from 1 John (1:1-2:2)

*A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.*

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

*After the Lesson, the Reader says*

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

*Silence may be kept after the Reading.*

*Silence may follow*

*A Psalm, hymn, or anthem may follow each Reading.*

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to John. (20:19-31)  
**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.

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

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

**The Sermon**

The Rector

*On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows, all standing*

## 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.

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

*Prayer is offered with intercession for*

*The Universal Church, its members, and its mission*

*The Nation and all in authority*

*The welfare of the world*

*The concerns of the local community*

*Those who suffer and those in any trouble*

*The departed (with commemoration of a saint when appropriate)*

See the forms beginning on page [383](#).

If there is no celebration of the Communion, or if a priest is not available, the service is concluded as directed on page [406](#).

## General Intercessions

*The Intercessor leads the people in prayer.*

*Intercessor:* We join our hearts and voices in praying for ourselves, our neighbors, the church, the world.

***People:* My Lord, and my God. Amen. Alleluia.**

*Intercessor:* Even as your people, living in your world, as we praise your name, we recognize a twinge of fear and doubt in our hearts, we ask you to manifest your presence in our lives in a tangible and glorious way.

***People:* We pray to you, My Lord, and my God. Amen. Alleluia.**

*Intercessor:* We pray for your followers throughout the world, that they have an experience of your love for themselves, and a genuine experience of love with each other.

***People:* We pray to you, My Lord, and my God. Amen. Alleluia.**

*Intercessor:* We pray for those in authority everywhere, that they are sensitive to the needs of those they serve, that they create environments in which integrity, truth, and justice flourish.

***People:* We pray to you, My Lord, and my God. Amen. Alleluia.**

*Intervessor:* We bring before you those who are on our hearts this day, who are suffering from spiritual or physical pain, who are paralyzed with anxiety and despair. Come into their lives with powerful healing, and into their hearts with words of comfort and peace. Hold those dying today close to your heart and welcome them into your eternal light and life.

***People:* We pray to you, My Lord, and my God. Amen. Alleluia.**

*Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.*

*Officiant:* O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day your servant Ben, brother-in-law of Susan Cheyne. We thank you for giving him to us, his family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **Confession of Sin**

*A Confession of Sin is said here if it has not been said earlier. On occasion, the Confession may be omitted.*

*One of the sentences from the Penitential Order on page [351](#) may be said.*

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

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 Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

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.

## **The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

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

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the  
name of the Lord.*

## **The Holy Communion**

*The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences on  
page [376](#), or with some other sentence of Scripture.*

*During the Offertory, a hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.*

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread  
and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The  
people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Alternative forms will be found on page [367](#) and following.*

### *Eucharistic Prayer A*

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest,  
faces them and sings or says*



The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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

*Here a [Proper Preface](#) is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and 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.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

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 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. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*People and Celebrant*

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.

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, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever.  
Amen.

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Then may be sung or said*

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

*In Lent, Alleluia is omitted, and may be omitted at other times except during Easter Season.*

*In place of, or in addition to, the preceding, some other suitable anthem may be used.*

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in  
everlasting life. [Amen.]

*or with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]  
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

*During the ministration of Communion, hymns, psalms, or anthems may be sung.*

*When necessary, the Celebrant consecrates additional bread and wine, using the form on page [408](#).*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

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.

*or the following*

Almighty and everliving 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 Bishop, when present, or the Priest, may bless the people.*

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

*or this*

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* Thank be to God.

*or this*

*Deacon* Let us go forth into the world,  
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*or this*

*Deacon* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*From the Easter Vigil through the Day of Pentecost "Alleluia, alleluia"  
may be added to any of the dismissals.*

*The People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
*respond*