

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 2024, 10:15 am

WELCOME TO OUR HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE

THE ENTIRE SERVICE IS PRINTED BELOW;
YOU'LL NEED NO BOOKS OR OTHER MATERIALS TO FOLLOW ALONG.

The Priest or Leader will say the items in regular type.
You are invited to say aloud the items printed in boldface.

Voluntary

Toccata in F – Dietrich Buxtehude

All stand and join in singing,

Opening Hymn

Now thank we all our God #397

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voic - es,
2 O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us!
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

who won - drous things hath done, in whom his world re - joic - es;
With ev - er - joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est hea - ven,

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Now thank we all our God'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (F major or D minor). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the remaining lines. The lyrics are: '1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voic - es, 2 O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us! 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en, who won - drous things hath done, in whom his world re - joic - es; With ev - er - joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us; the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est hea - ven,'.

who from our mo-ther's arms hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 e - ter - nal, Tri - une God, whom earth and heaven a - dore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ev - er - more.

The Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Song of Praise

Rutter #236

1. Glo - ry to you, _____ Lord

God of our fa - thers; _____ you are wor - thy of praise;

glo - ry to you. _____ 2. Glo - ry to you _____



— for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; — we will



praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. —



3. Glo - ry to you — in the splen - dor of your



tem - ple; — on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to



you. — 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -



ween the Cher - u - bim; — we will praise you and



high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. —



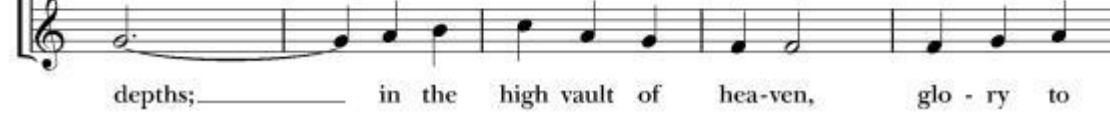
Descant
5. Glo - ry to you, — be -



5. Glo - ry to you, — be - hold - ing the



hold - ing the depths; — in the high vault of



depths; — in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you, you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and high - ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you! high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

All: Amen.

The People are seated for the lessons.

The First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-9

Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

(Spoken) Psalm 78:14-20, 23-25

- 14 In the daytime he led them with a cloud,
and all night long with a fiery light.
- 15 He split rocks open in the wilderness,
and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.
- 16 He made streams come out of the rock,
and caused waters to flow down like rivers.
- 17 Yet they sinned still more against him,
rebellng against the Most High in the desert.
- 18 They tested God in their heart
by demanding the food they craved.
- 19 They spoke against God, saying,
‘Can God spread a table in the wilderness?’
- 20 Even though he struck the rock so that water gushed out
and torrents overflowed,
can he also give bread,
or provide meat for his people?’
- Yet he commanded the skies above,
and opened the doors of heaven;
- 24 he rained down on them manna to eat,

and gave them the grain of heaven.
 25 Mortals ate of the bread of angels;
 he sent them food in abundance.

All stand and join in singing,

Sequence Hymn

How lovely is they dwelling-place #517

1 How love - ly is thy dwell - ing - place, O Lord of hosts, to
 2 Be - side thine al - tars, gra - cious Lord, the swal - lows find a
 3 They who go through the des - ert vale will find it filled with
 4 One day with - in thy courts ex - cels a thou - sand spent a -

me! My thirst - y soul de - sires and longs with -
 nest; how hap - py they who dwell with thee and
 springs, and they shall climb from height to height till
 way; how hap - py they who keep thy laws nor

in thy courts to be; my ve - ry heart and
 praise thee with - out rest, and hap - py they whose
 Zi - on's tem - ple rings with praise to thee, in
 from thy pre - cepts stray, for thou shalt sure - ly



The People remain standing for the Gospel,

The Gospel

Luke 9:10-17

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On their return the apostles told Jesus all they had done. He took them with him and withdrew privately to a city called Bethsaida. When the crowds found out about it, they followed him; and he welcomed them, and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed to be cured.

The day was drawing to a close, and the twelve came to him and said, ‘Send the crowd away, so that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside, to lodge and get provisions; for we are here in a deserted place.’ But he said to them, ‘You give them something to eat.’ They said, ‘We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.’ For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, ‘Make them sit down in groups of about fifty each.’ They did so and made them all sit down. And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And all ate and were filled. What was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

At the invitation of the Preacher, the People are seated.

The Homily

The Rt. Rev. Skip Gladstone Adams

All stand as they are able.

The Nicene Creed

**All: 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

The People stand as they are able during the prayers. The Leader and People pray responsively.

Leader: For your church, we pray that we may reflect your love, your power, and your will in our relationships with each other and the world. Kindle in us your vision for the world. Hear us, Lord,

People: **for your mercy is great.**

Leader: For those in authority around the world, we pray that they may serve their people well, that they will put the welfare of their people before their own needs and desires. Give us the grace to be good citizens and neighbors. Hear us, Lord,

People: **for your mercy is great.**

Leader: For those who are ill, anxious, or forgotten: for those who have asked for our prayers today and for those who have no one else to pray for them, we especially pray for Crystal, Amy Jo, Rae, Annie, Bob, Bob, Cindy, Peggy, Howard, Marianne, Janell, Ed, Ron, William, Ed, Ruth, Sandy, Cherie, LauraJo, Jacob, Marilyn, Sam, Erin, Bill, Tom, Dorothy, Joan, John, Jane, Riley, Sam, Linda and Family of Bradley. Hear us, Lord,

People: **for your mercy is great.**

Leader: For those who are being born into new life and for those who are passing into eternal life, we pray that your angels faithfully guard and guide them on their journey, Hear us, Lord,

People: **for your mercy is great.**

The Priest adds a concluding Collect.

All: Amen.

All stand or kneel as they are able.

The Confession & Absolution

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All: 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.**

Priest: 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.

All: Amen.

Priest: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

The offering plates will be passed at this time.

Offertory Music

Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart - Dirksen

Doxology

#380, stanza 3

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:**

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Holy Eucharist

All stand or kneel as they are able.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy - Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in a single system. The first staff contains the lyrics 'san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The second staff contains 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -' and the third staff contains 'san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics placed below the notes.

Priest: 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.

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:

All: **Christ has died.**
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.

Priest: 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.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Priest: 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 Breaking of the Bread

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

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The Holy Eucharist

Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are invited to share in this sacred meal. This offering of the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ is for you, a precious child of God.

The Priest will distribute communion wafers. Gluten Free Wafers are available. A Lay Eucharistic Minister will distribute the wine from the common cup.

If you do not wish to receive either the wine or both the bread and wine, please cross your arms over your chest to indicate this and to receive a blessing.

Communion Hymn

Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest – #305

Descant

3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take, one

1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest; nay,
2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met; thou
3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take, one
4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee, who

Ped.

Church u - nit - ed in com - mun - ion blest; one Name we

let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;
at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand:
Church u - nit - ed in com - mun - ion blest;
art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;

bear, one Bread of life we break, with all thy
thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest in
"This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv - est yet: faith
one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break, with
then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see; be

saints on earth and saints at rest.
thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.
still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.
all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.
known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

My God, thy table now is spread - #321

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with
2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished
3 Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in coun - tless
4 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the

love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren
 well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -
 num - bers let them come and gath - er from their
 world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall

thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.
 va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.
 Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.
 all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

All stand as they are able

Post-Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray.

All: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

The Priest blesses the People and the People respond,

People: Amen.

Descant

4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty
 2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -
 3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and
 4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

deem - er's blood! Whom their souls re -

of our God; he whose word can - not be
 ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and
 fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a
 deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re -

ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;
 daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.
 cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
 ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

'Tis his love his peo - ple raise o - ver
 on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy
 Who can faint, when such a riv - er ev - er will their
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner, light by night, and
 'Tis his love his peo - ple rais - es o - ver self to

self to reign and as priests, his
 sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -
 thirst as - suage? Grace which, like the Lord, the
 shade by day, safe they feed up - on the
 reign as kings: and as priests, his sol - emn

sol - emn prais - es each an of - fering brings.
 round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.
 man - na which he gives them when they pray.
 prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

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The Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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