

Zion Episcopal Church, Manchester, Vermont  
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The Holy Eucharist Rite II

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# The Word of God

## Entrance Rite

PROCESSIONAL *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* H 362



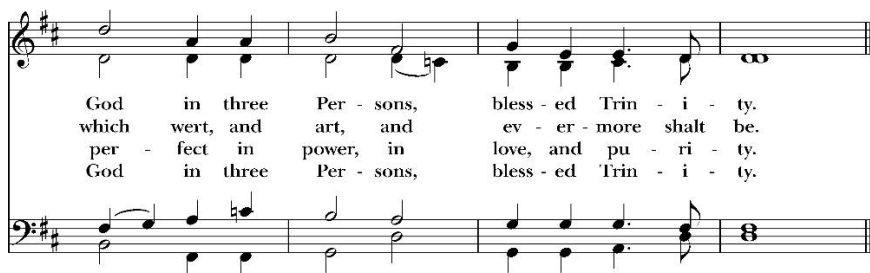
1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
\*2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,



God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.  
which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
*People* *Glory to God for ever and ever.*

1 Sing praise to our Cre - a - tor, O you of Ad-am's race—  
 2 To Je - sus Christ give glo - ry, God's co - e - ter - nal Son;  
 3 And praise the Ho - ly Spi - rit poured forth up - on the earth;

God's chil - dren by a - dop - tion, bap - tized in - to his grace.  
 as mem - bers of his Bo - dy we live in him as one.  
 who sanc - ti - fies and guides us, made strong in our re - birth.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* *And also with you.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

**The Lessons****FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8**

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* *Thanks be to God.*

**PSALM: Psalm 29**

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
 ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
 worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

- <sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- <sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- <sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- <sup>6</sup>He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- <sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- <sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.
- <sup>9</sup>And in the temple of the LORD \*  
all are crying, “Glory!”
- <sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- <sup>11</sup>The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

## SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-17

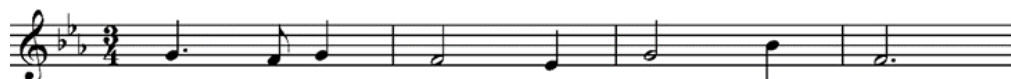
A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            *Thanks be to God.*

## SEQUENCE HYMN      *Mothering God*      MHSO 142 (1-2,3)



1 Moth - er - ing      God,      you      gave      me      birth  
2 Moth - er - ing      Christ,      you      took      my      form,  
3 Moth - er - ing      Spi - rit,      nur - turing      one,



in      the      bright      morn - ing      of      this      world.      Cre -  
of - fer - ing      me      your      food      of      light,      the  
in      arms      of      pa - tience      hold      me      close,      so

a - - tor, source of ev - - - 'ry breath,  
 grain of life, and grape of love,  
 that in faith I root and grow

you are my rain, my wind, my sun.  
 your ve - ry bo - dy for my peace.  
 un - til I flow'r, un - til I (know.)

**GOSPEL: John 3:1-17**

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

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE SERMON:** The Rt. Rev. Dr. Shannon MacVean-Brown, Bishop of Vermont

**RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS**

*Celebrant*

Do you believe in God the Father?

*People*

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.***

*Celebrant*

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People*

***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.*

*Celebrant*

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People*

*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.*

*Celebrant*

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

*People*

*I will, with God's help.*

*Celebrant*

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People*

*I will, with God's help.*

*Celebrant*

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People*

*I will, with God's help.*

*Celebrant*

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People*

*I will, with God's help.*

*Celebrant*

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People*

*I will, with God's help.*

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*All remain standing.*

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

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

### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

*God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.*

*We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.*

*Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.*

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**

*Celebrant*            The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*              *And also with you.*

## **The Holy Communion**

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*Celebrant*            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 our thanks and praise.*

*Celebrant*        It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being: and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

**SANCTUS**

*Holy, holy, holy*

**S 124**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of the universe and giver of life.  
You formed us in your own image  
and called us to dwell in your infinite love.  
You gave the world into our care  
that we might be your faithful stewards  
and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image  
in one another and in ourselves;  
we would not see your goodness in the world around us;  
and so we violated your creation,  
abused one another,  
and rejected your love.  
Yet you never ceased to care for us,  
and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah  
you called us into covenant with you.  
You delivered us from slavery,  
sustained us in the wilderness,  
and raised up prophets  
to renew your promise of salvation.  
Then, in the fullness of time,  
you sent your eternal Word,  
made mortal flesh in Jesus.  
Born into the human family,  
and dwelling among us,  
he revealed your glory.

Giving himself freely to death on the cross,  
he triumphed over evil,  
opening the way of freedom and life.

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.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

*Christ has died.*

*Christ is risen.*

*Christ will come again.*

Remembering his death and resurrection,  
we now present to you from your creation  
this bread and this wine.  
By your Holy Spirit may they be for us  
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.  
Grant that we who share these gifts  
may be filled with the Holy Spirit  
and live as Christ’s Body in the world.  
Bring us into the everlasting heritage  
of your daughters and sons,  
that with all your saints,  
past, present, and yet to come,  
we may praise your Name for ever.

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. *AMEN*

## **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

And now, 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,  
 forever and ever. Amen.*

## The Breaking of the Bread

### FRACTION ANTHEM

*Christ our Passover*

S 154

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - 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.

### INVITATION

### COMMUNION HYMN *O Threefold God of Tender Unity* WLP 743

1. O three-fold God of ten - der u - ni - ty, life's great un-known that  
 2. O blaze of ra - diance, source of light that blinds, the fic - ry splen - dor  
 3. Most lov - ing Par - ent, Child of joys and pains cre - a - tive Spi - rit,  
 4. In ev - 'ry mak - ing, each cre - a - tive dream and in the flow of  
 5. O three-fold God of ten - der u - ni - ty, life's great un-known that  
 binds and sets us free: felt in our lov - ing, great - er than our thought,  
 of pro - phe - tic minds, you live in mys - tery, yet with - in us dwell;  
 life - force that sus - tains, in bone and flesh, we touch your gen - tle hand,  
 life's great heal - ing stream, when love is born or peo - ple re - con - ciled,  
 binds and sets us free: felt in our lov - ing, great - er than our thought,  
 you are the mys - tery found, the mys - tery sought.  
 life springs from you as from a liv - ing well.  
 your face we see in wa - ter, air, and land.  
 we share your life, O Par - ent, Spi - rit, Child.  
 you are the mys - tery found, the mys - tery sought.

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and 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.*

## **BLESSING**

**RECESSIONAL**      *Holy Father Great Creator*      **H 368**

1 Holy Father, great Creator,  
source of mercy, love, and peace,  
look upon the Mediator,  
clothe us with his righteousness;  
heavenly Father, heavenly Father,  
through the Saviour hear and bless.

2 Holy Jesus, Lord of glory,  
whom angelic hosts proclaim,  
while we hear thy wondrous story,  
meet and worship in thy name,  
dear Redeemer, dear Redeemer,  
in our hearts thy peace proclaim.

3 Holy Spirit, Sanctifier,  
come with unction from above,  
touch our hearts with sacred fire,  
fill them with the Saviour's love.  
Source of comfort, source of comfort,  
cheer us with the Saviour's love.

4 God the Lord, through every nation  
let thy wondrous mercies shine.  
In the song of thy salvation  
every tongue and race combine.  
Great Jehovah, great Jehovah,  
form our hearts and make them thine.

## **DISMISSAL**

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