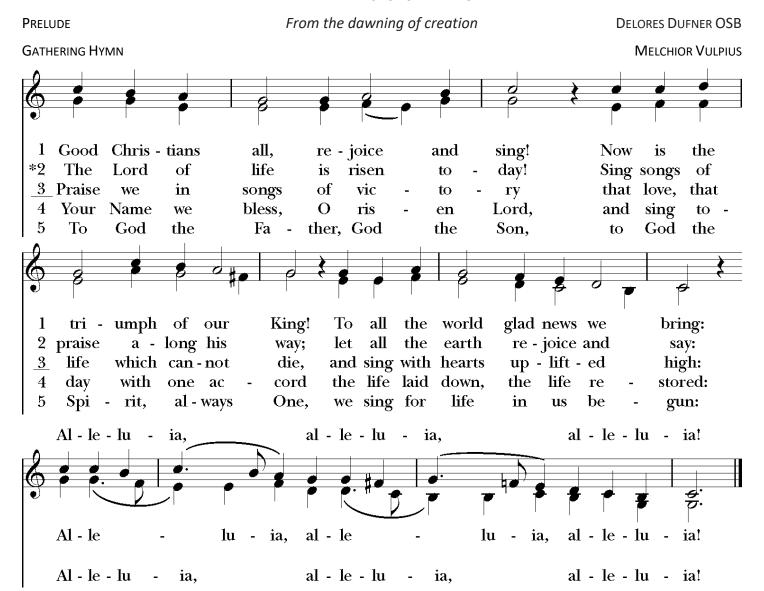
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



Words: Cyril A. Alington (1872-1955), alt. St. 5, Norman Mealy (b.1923) Music: Gelobt sei Gott, Melchior Vulpius (1560?-1616)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Glory be to God on high,

and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,

we worship thee, we glorify thee,

we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world,

have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast 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 the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

FIRST READING ACTS 4:32-35

Lector A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.

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

PSALM 133



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

§ Second half of chant

Glory be to the Father, and to the <u>Son</u>, * and to the Holy <u>Ghost</u>:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever <u>shall be</u>, * world without end. Amen.

THE SECOND READING 1 JOHN 1:1-2:2

Lector A Reading from the First Letter of John.

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.

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



Words: Att. Jean Tisserand, (15th cent.); tr. John Mason Neal (1818-1866) Music: *O filii et filiae*, melody from *Airs sur les hymnes sacrez, odes et noels*, 1623; harm *Hymnal 1982* THE HOLY GOSPEL JOHN 20:19-31

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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 Judeans, 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.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON THE REV. MONICA WHITAKER

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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 FORM III, BCP

In the Diocesan Cycle, we are praying for St. Christopher's in Sun City, as well as our companion diocese, the Diocese of Western Mexico, Bishop Ricardo Gomez Osnaya. Birthday blessings go out to Harriette Burkhalter, and all who have birthdays this week. Anniversary blessings go out to Margaret Connery & Louis Pescevic, and all who have anniversaries this week.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishop Jennifer, our retired Bishop Kirk, our Rector Monica, and our Assisting Priest Berry, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Joe our president and Doug our governor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be included here.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially those who have died from the novel coronavirus, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Andrew, Mary, and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

CELEBRATING OUR SHARED MINISTRY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

We acknowledge and pay respect to the Yavapai Apache, Hopi, Navajo, and Ancient peoples as the original inhabitants of the land and their role as custodians of this land given to them by our one and only Creator God. We commit ourselves to actively work alongside indigenous people for reconciliation and justice as we live into our Baptismal Covenant and respect the dignity of every person.

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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.

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

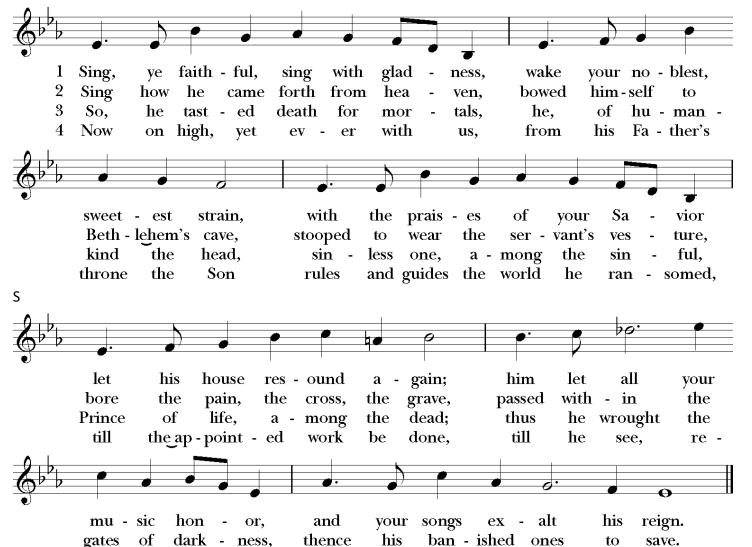
Presider Let us pray together A Prayer of Spiritual Communion.

Beloved Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We love you above all things, and know that you are with us. Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into our hearts. Now and always, we embrace you and unite ourselves entirely to you; never permit us to be separated from you. In your most holy name. Amen.

BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**.

SENDING HYMN CHRISTOPHER DEARNLEY



Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt. Music: *Finnian*, Christopher Dearnley (b.1930)

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BIRTHDAY PRAYER

O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begins another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

Most gracious God, we thank you for consecrating this marriage for your purpose. By the power of your Holy Spirit, pour out your blessing upon these two people. Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts and lead their feet into the path of peace and joy. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

HEALING PRAYERS

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Your financial support is especially important during this time as we continue to minister in new ways inside and outside of our parish.

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https://saint-andrews.org/giving/

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SERVING TODAY

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COMMUNITY RESOURCES

During this time of uncertainty, increased stress and anxiety, you may find yourself or loved ones in need of support through these community resources.

If you have an emergency, dial 9-1-1.

Arizona's Free Crisis Counseling

Dial 2-1-1

Resilientarizona.org

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

1-800-273-8255

Alcoholics Anonymous Group Meetings Online

onlinegroupaa.org

Arizona Job Openings

www.arizonaatwork.com

Old Town Mission - Cottonwood

OldTownMission.org

(928) 634-7869

Homeless Resource Center, Food Pantry

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180 Soldiers Pass Rd (928) 821-1292 Resource center for food, clothing,

shelter, healing

Spectrum Healthcare - Cottonwood

SpectrumHealthcare-Group.com

(928) 634-2236

Physical and Behavioral Health Services,

and Psychiatry

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

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Verde Valley Sanctuary- Cottonwood

VerdeValleySanctuary.org

(928) 634-2511

Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault 24/7 Help Line

Advocates; Safe shelter, legal and social

service resources

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vvcaregivers.org (928) 204-1238

Services to support older adults and adults with disabilities with transportation, shopping for groceries, medical appointments,

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