

# The Episcopal Diocese of Montana

welcomes you to the virtual Solemn Eucharist for the  
**117<sup>th</sup> Episcopal Diocesan Convention**



**St. Peter's Cathedral**  
Helena, Montana  
Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## Participants in the service

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Preacher and Celebrant	The Right Reverend Marty Stebbins. <i>X Bishop of Montana</i>
Deacon	The Reverend Rick Johnson <i>St. Peter's Cathedral, Helena</i>
LEM/Crucifer	Jim Brown <i>St. Peter's Cathedral, Helena</i>
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# **The Holy Eucharist, Enriching Our Worship, Prayer III**

*for the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 23, Year A*

We welcome Convention delegates and guests,  
the Cathedral parish family and all visitors  
to this virtual Solemn Eucharist  
of the 117<sup>th</sup> Convention  
of the Episcopal Diocese of Montana

The Right Reverend Marty Stebbins,  
Bishop of Montana, presiding

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

**Organ Prelude**

Fugue in G Major

Johann L. Krebs (1713-1780)

*All stand, as able, and sing the Processional hymn, following*

## Processional Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #7

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,  
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;  
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:  
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,  
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: Ratisbon, melody from *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524; adapt. att. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870);  
harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

## The Opening Acclamation

*All standing, the Celebrant says*

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People ***Glory to God for ever and ever.***

*The Celebrant may say or sing*

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.

**Amen.**

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

## **The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant God be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting Father, you have given the Holy Spirit to abide with us for ever: Bless, we pray, with his grace and presence, the bishops and other clergy and the laity that have been assembled in your Name, that your Church, being preserved in true faith and godly discipline, may fulfill all the mind of him who loved it and gave himself for it, your Son Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*All sit.*

## **The First Reading**

**Exodus 32: 1-14**

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the

earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

*Reader*                      Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People*                        ***Thanks be to God.***

### **The Response**

**Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23**

1 Hallelujah!

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD \*  
or show forth all his praise?

3 Happy are those who act with justice \*  
and always do what is right!

4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people, \*  
and visit me with your saving help;

5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect  
and be glad with the gladness of your people, \*  
that I may glory with your inheritance.

6 We have sinned as our forebears did; \*  
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb \*  
and worshiped a molten image;

20 And so they exchanged their Glory \*  
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.

21 They forgot God their Savior, \*  
who had done great things in Egypt,

22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, \*  
and fearful things at the Red Sea.

23 So he would have destroyed them,  
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, \*  
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

### **The Second Reading**

**Philippians 4:1-9**

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Church in Phillipi

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

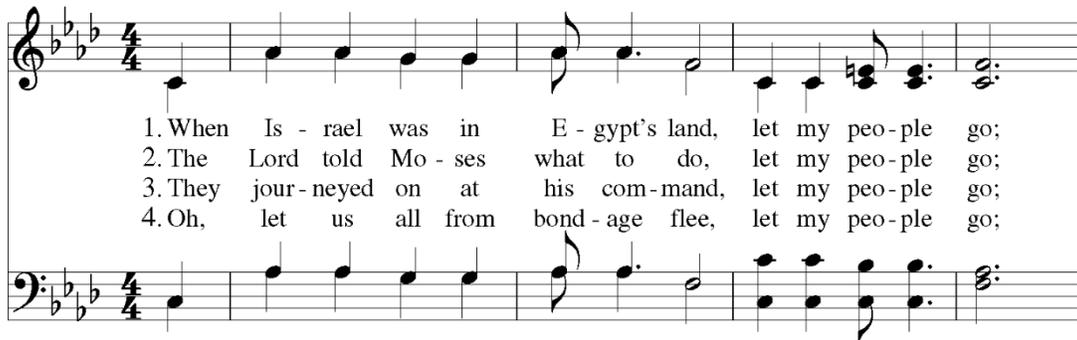
Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

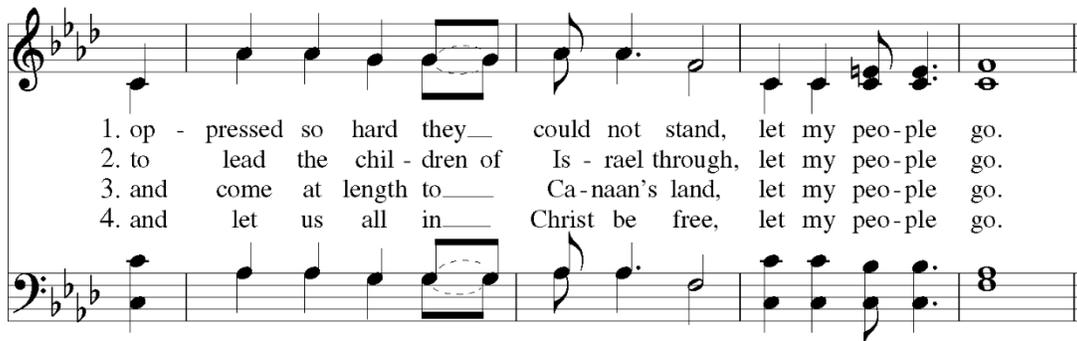
**The Sequence Hymn**

*Go Down, Moses*

*Lift Every Voice and Sing #228*



1. When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, let my peo - ple go;  
 2. The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo - ple go;  
 3. They jour - neyed on at his com - mand, let my peo - ple go;  
 4. Oh, let us all from bond - age flee, let my peo - ple go;



1. op - pressed so hard they could not stand, let my peo - ple go.  
 2. to lead the chil - dren of Is - rael through, let my peo - ple go.  
 3. and come at length to Ca - naan's land, let my peo - ple go.  
 4. and let us all in Christ be free, let my peo - ple go.

Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land; tell old Pha - raoh to let my peo - ple go.

**The Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 22:1-14**

*Deacon*                    The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People*                    **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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

*All are seated at the invitation of the Preacher.*

Sermon

The Right Reverend Marty Stebbins  
X Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Montana

## **The Nicene Creed**

*All stand, as able, and sing on a single tone*

***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 VI**

*All remain standing, as able, or kneel*

The Rev. Rick Johnson

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

For this community especially Wilmot, James, and Mike, area mayors, the nation, especially Donald, our President, and Steve, our Governor, and the world;

***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

For the just and proper use of your creation;

***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Marty, our Bishop; for all bishops and other ministers;

***For all who serve God in his Church.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

Hear us, Lord;

***For your mercy is great.***

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

***Who put their trust in you.***

*The celebrant may add a concluding Collect.*

## **The Confession**

Deacon      Let us confess our sins to God.

*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.*

### **Absolution**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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 Christ be always with you.  
People        *And also with you*

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

### **Announcements**

## **The Holy Communion**

*The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with a sentence of scripture.*

### **Offertory Anthem**

*We Shall Overcome*

Trad. African American Spiritual

- 1    We shall overcome,  
      We shall overcome,  
      We shall overcome some day;  
      Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,  
      We shall overcome some day.
- 2    We'll walk hand in hand, today.
- 3    God is on our side, today.
- 4    We are not afraid, today.
- 5    We shall live in peace, someday.

### **The Great Thanksgiving,**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant proceeds*

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

Presider

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

*Presider and People*

**Sanctus**

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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.\_\_\_\_\_

*Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)*

*The people may stand, sit, or kneel, as able*

The Presider continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

*Presider and People*

***Dying, you destroyed our death.***

***Rising, you restored our life.***

***Christ Jesus, come in glory!***

*The Presider continues*

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Peter and Philip, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

*Presider and People*

***Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.***

## **The Lord’s Prayer**

*People and Celebrant*

**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

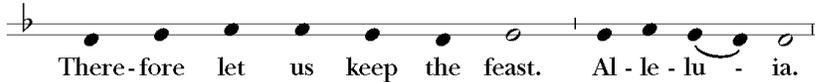
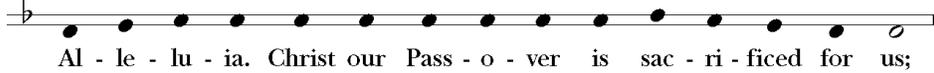
*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

### Fraction Anthem

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*This setting is not used in Lent.*



*This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.*

*The Celebrant says*

We are the People of God. These are the Gifts of God.

*and may add*

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

*Celebrant*

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, remembering our fellow Episcopalians in Montana, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. We believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our hearts, our souls, and our minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in our hearts in the fullness of your strength; be our wisdom and guide us in right pathways; conform our lives and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

### The Bishop blesses the People

#### Dismissal

The Rev. Rick Johnson

## Closing Hymn

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

The Hymnal 1982 556

1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing! Your  
2 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints of earth, pour  
3 Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le - lu - ias loud; while  
4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go, from  
5 Still lift your stand - ard high, still march in firm ar - ray, as

1 glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
2 out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
3 an - swer - ing ech - oes up - ward float, like wreaths of in - cense cloud.  
4 youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.  
5 war - riors through the dark - ness toil, till dawns the gold - en day.

*Refrain*

Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks, and sing.  
re - joice, re - joice,

\*6 At last the march shall end;  
the wearied ones shall rest;  
the pilgrims find their Father's house,  
Jerusalem the blest.

*Refrain*

\*7 Then on, ye pure in heart!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Your glorious banner wave on high  
the cross of Christ your King.

*Refrain*

Words: Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891) Music: *Marion*, Arthur Henry Messiter (1834-1916)

**Organ Postlude**

**Festival Postlude**

**Domenico Zipoli (1688-1726)**