

# **EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY**

**THANKSGIVING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**



**MARCH 7, 2020**

**4:00 PM**

**St. John's Episcopal Church**

**Four Fountain Square**

**Larchmont, NY**

# THE MINISTRY OF WORD AND PRAYER

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*Officiant* Grace and peace to you from God.

***People* God fill you with truth and joy.**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

***People* The Lord bless you.**

*Officiant* This is the day which the Lord has made.

***People* Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Officiant* Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may truly love you, and worthily praise your holy name; through our Saviour Christ our Lord.

***All* Amen.**

***All* Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's 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.**

*Officiant* Hear the teaching of Christ: a new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you.

***People* Spirit of God, search our hearts.**

*Officiant* God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving.

In silence, we call to mind our sins.

*Silence.*

*Officiant* Let us confess our sins.

***All* Merciful God,  
We have sinned  
in what we have thought and said,  
in the wrong we have done  
and in the good we have not done.  
We have sinned in ignorance:  
we have sinned in weakness:  
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry.  
We repent and turn to you.  
Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake,  
and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Officiant* Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you, and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal.

***People* Amen.**

## **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

***People* And also with you.**

*Officiant*

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

***All***

**Amen.**

*Silence may follow each reading.*

## **READING: EXODUS 20:1-17**

*Reader*

A reading from Exodus.

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all

that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The Word of the Lord.

***People***

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 19**

*The psalm is read responsively by the half verse.*

- 1     **The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
        and the firmament shows his handiwork.**
- 2     **One day tells its tale to another, \*  
        and one night imparts knowledge to another.**
- 3     **Although they have no words or language, \*  
        and their voices are not heard,**
- 4     **Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
        and their message to the ends of the world.**
- 5     **In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
        it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
        it rejoices like a champion to run its course.**
- 6     **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens**

- and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

## **READING: JOHN 2:13-22**

*Reader* A reading from John.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was

speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

Thanks be to God.

## SERMON

The Rev. Lisa P. Mason

### THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*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:  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became fully human.

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.  
who in unity with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
and 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.**

*Officiant* Let us pray for the Church and for the world, giving thanks for God's goodness.

*Periods of silence may be kept.*

*Reader* Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church:  
*(Silence)*

*Reader* Father, enliven the Church for its mission that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world. *(Silence)*

*Reader* Breathe fresh life into your people. Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action. *(Silence)*

***People* We pray for the world:**

*Reader* Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace. That we may respect one another in freedom and truth. *(Silence)*

*Reader* Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it. Teach us to care creatively for its resources. *(Silence)*

***People* We pray for the community:**

*Reader* God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others that all may act with integrity and courage. *(Silence)*



*Reader* Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours. May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us. *(Silence)*

***People* We pray for those in need:**

*Reader* God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, especially April, Bernadette, Blanche, Bob, Caitlin, Carolyn, Clementine, Collette, Ellen, George, Harold, Patricia, Peggy, Robert, Sandy, Sara Lee, and Tom *(Silence)*

*Reader* Make us willing agents of your compassion. Strengthen us as we share in making people whole. *(Silence)*

***People* We remember those who have died, and those who mourn.**

*Reader* We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ and those whose faith is known to you alone. *(Silence)*

*Reader* Father, into your hands we commend them. Give comfort to those who mourn. *(Silence)*

*Reader* Bring them peace in their time of loss. We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

*Reader* May their example inspire and encourage us. We pray for ourselves and our ministries: *(Silence)*

*Reader* Lord, you have called us to serve you.

***People* Grant that we may walk in your presence:  
your love in our hearts,  
your truth in our minds,  
your strength in our wills;  
until, at the end of our journey,  
we know the joy of our homecoming  
and the welcome of your embrace,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Rev. Lisa*      The Peace of Christ be always with you.

***People***      **And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Rev. Lisa shares brief announcements.*

## THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

*The offerings of the people are presented.*

*Officiant*      Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

***People***      **Blessed be God for ever.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Officiant*      God's Spirit is with us. Lift up your hearts.

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

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

***People***      **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

*Officiant*      It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son.

You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image; male and female you created us. When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. By his death on the cross, he made the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world and freed us from the bondage of sin. You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory.

In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

**All**  
**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.**

*Officiant* All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father; on the night before he died your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

**All**  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ;**  
**your death we show forth;**  
**your resurrection we proclaim;**  
**your coming we await;**  
**Amen! Come Lord Jesus.**

*Officiant* Therefore loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ our great high priest.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the

Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

**All**      **Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Officiant*      As Christ teaches us, we pray

**All**      **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 Officiant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is observed.*

*Officiant*      We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All**      **We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.**

*Officiant*      Draw near and receive the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ in remembrance that he died for us. Let us feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*The presiding priest and people receive communion.*

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Officiant* Almighty God, giver of all good things, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the precious body and blood of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We thank you for your love and care in assuring us of your gift of eternal life and uniting us with the blessed company of all faithful people.

*All* **Therefore, everliving God,  
keep us steadfast in your holy fellowship.  
And now we offer ourselves, all that we have and are,  
to serve you faithfully in the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## SOLEMN PRAYER

*Rev. Lisa* Let us bow our heads and pray for God's blessing.

*Silence is observed.*

*Rev. Lisa* Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

*Officiant* Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

*People* **Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**