

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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WELCOME

THE GREETING

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All and also with you.

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.
Let us take a moment to recognize his presence with us.

Silence is kept

As God's people we have gathered:

All let us worship him together.

Hymn

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

COLLECT

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son.

All Amen.

SAYING SORRY

God our Father,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins.
For turning away from you,
and ignoring your will for our lives;
Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish,
without thinking of you:
Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do,
and think and say;
Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

For letting ourselves
be drawn away from you
by temptations in the world about us;
Father, forgive us:

All **save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed
to belong to your Son;
Father, forgive us:

All **save us and help us.**

May Almighty God
who sent his Son into the world
to save sinners,
bring you his pardon and peace,
now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

READING

Psalm 42

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. ² My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? ³ My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, 'Where is your God?' ⁴ These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival. ⁵ Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help ⁶and my God. My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar. ⁷ Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts; all your waves and your billows have gone over me. ⁸ By day the Lord commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life. ⁹ I say to God, my rock, 'Why have you forgotten me? Why must I walk about mournfully because the enemy oppresses me?' ¹⁰ As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me continually, 'Where is your God?' ¹¹ Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

This is the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL READING

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

All **Glory to you, O Lord**

Luke 8: 26-39

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me' - ²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. ³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. ³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
All Praise to you, O Christ

TALK

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us affirm together our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

All I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

All I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of
God and makes Christ known in the world?

All I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All 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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE PEACE

'Where two or three are gathered together in my name,' says the Lord, 'there am I in the midst of them.'

The Peace of the Lord be always with you
All **And also with you**

Let us offer each other a sign of peace using sign language.
All **Peace be with you**

Hymn

As the deer pants for the water

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

The Lord is here.
All **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Voice 1 *Why is it right to give thanks and praise?*

Voice 2 *Listen, and we will hear.*

Lord of all life,
you created the universe,

where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.

You made us all,
each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels in 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.**

We thank you loving Father,
because when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us Christ's body and his blood.

Voice 1 *Why do we share this bread and wine?*
Voice 2 *Listen, and we will hear.*

On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten,
he took the cup of wine, gave thanks,
and shared it with his disciples saying:
'This is my blood,
poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more,

to be like Jesus, our Saviour.

Voice 1 *How do we follow Jesus Christ?*

Voice 2 *Listen, and we will hear.*

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to the day
when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with St. Giles, St. Nicholas and all your saints
we give you glory, through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit, today and forever.

All **Amen.**

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

All **Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
To the glory of God the Father.**

As God's people we have gathered:

All **let us worship him together.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All **Lord, we thank you
that we have broken your bread,
and received your life.
By the power of your Spirit
keep us always in your love
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

NOTICES

Hymn

Christ be our Light

BLESSING

A blessing is given.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ.**
Amen.