



A Parish in the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina

## SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

### Welcome

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### Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of all the lands on which we meet today, and pay our respects to Elders past, present, and emerging. We acknowledge particularly the Eno, the Shakori, the Occaneechi, the Tutelo, and the Cheraw, the First Peoples of what is now the Triangle of North Carolina, whose descendants are now citizens of the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### Hymn

#### Opening Acclamation

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

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

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.**

#### Song of Praise Canticle 12: A Song of Creation *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini*



#### Invocation

Glorify the Lord, all you | works of the | Lord,  
sing praise and give | honor for | ever.  
In the high vault of heaven, | glorify the | Lord,

sing praise and give | honor for | ever.



### *The Earth and Its Creatures*

Let the earth | glorify the | Lord,  
sing praise and give | honor for | ever.  
Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills, and all that | grows upon the | earth,  
sing praise and give | honor for | ever.  
Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, | seas, and | streams,  
O whales and | all that move in the | waters.  
All birds of the air, | glorify the | Lord,  
sing praise and give | honor for | ever.  
Glorify the Lord, O | beasts of the | wild,  
and | all you flocks and | herds.  
O people everywhere, | glorify the | Lord,  
sing praise and give | honor for | ever.

### *Doxology*

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son and | Holy | Spirit;  
sing praise and give | honor for | ever.  
In the high vault of heaven, | glorify the | Lord,  
sing praise and give | honor for | ever.

### Collect of the Day

Presider        The Lord be with you.  
**People        And also with you.**  
Presider        Let us pray.

*The presider prays the Collect of the day, and in response, the people say: **Amen.***

### The Lessons

*After each reading the lector says, "Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people." The people respond, "Thanks be to God."*

First Reading, The Psalm, Second Reading

### Hymn

### The Gospel

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

*After the Gospel*

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

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed



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,  
Begot / ten, 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 Vir/gin Mary,  
And became / truly 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 gi/ver of life,  
Who proceeds / from the Father.  
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped / and glorified.  
Who has spoken / through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apo/stolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgive/ness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of /the dead,  
and the life of the world to/ come. Amen.

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The Prayers of the People (from *A New Zealand Prayer Book*)

Blessed are you eternal God,  
**to be praised and glorified for ever.**

Heavenly Father, hear us as we pray for the unity of the Church.  
**May we all be one that the world may believe.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you,  
**that the life of Christ may be revealed in us.**

We remember those who have died.  
**Into your hands we commend them.**

We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.  
**May we also come to share your heavenly kingdom.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from sickness, grief or trouble.  
**In your presence may they find strength.**

Look with your kindness on our homes and families.

**Grant that your love may grow in our hearts.**

Make us alive to the needs of our community.

**Help us to share one another's joys and burdens.**

Inspire and lead those who hold authority in the nations of the world.

**Guide us and all people in the way of justice and peace.**

Strengthen all who minister in Christ's name.

**Give us courage to proclaim your Gospel.**

Dear people of God, what else, or for who else, should we pray?

*People may add their own prayers of intercession and thanksgiving silently or aloud.*

*Presider*

God our hope, may your blessing empower our thanksgivings and our prayer; for we put our trust in you the living God, risking disappointment, risking failure, working and waiting expectantly. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution (from *Enriching our Worship 1*)

Let us confess our sins to God.

**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 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

Presider       The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People       And also with you.**

*The Peace is then exchanged*

“Peace, Salaam, Shalom”

**Announcements**

**Birthdays/Celebrations**

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

**Offertory Hymn with Procession**

*It is the tradition at the Advocate to present our whole selves as an offering to God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of us all.*

*We offer not only ourselves, but the gifts from our lives: bread and wine, funds, and other food that supports the Inter-Faith Council's food bank. This presentation is in the form of a procession towards the altar, where you may offer your gifts to God. Appropriate gestures are simple head nods, deep bows, or whatever movement feels appropriate.*

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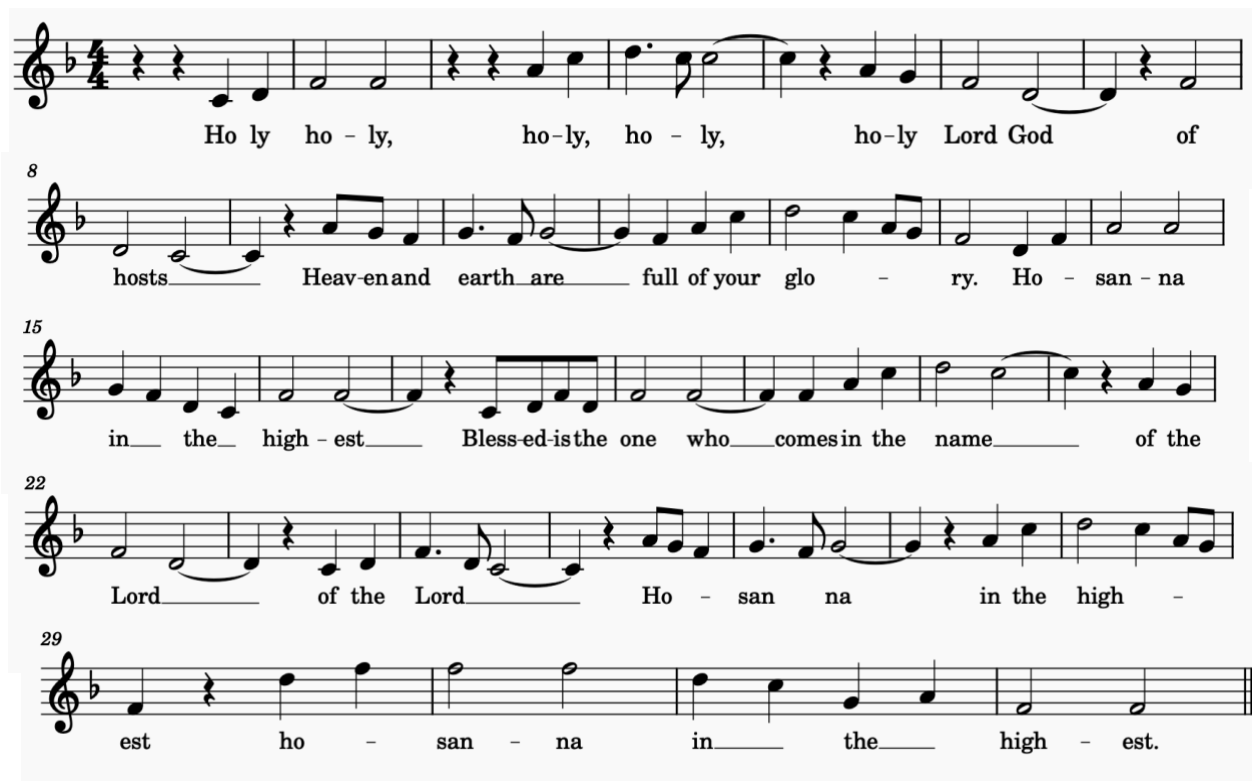


## The Great Thanksgiving (from *A New Zealand Prayer Book*)

Presider The Lord be with you.  
**People And also with you.**  
Presider Lift your hearts to heaven  
**People Where Christ in glory reigns.**  
Presider Let us give thanks to God.  
**People It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

It is the joy of our salvation, God of the universe, to give you thanks through Jesus Christ. You said, 'Let there be light'; there was light. Your light shines on in our darkness. For you the earth has brought forth life in all its forms.

You have created us to hear your Word, to do your will and to be fulfilled in your love. It is right to thank you. You sent your Son to be for us the way we need to follow and the truth we need to know. You sent your Son to give his life to release us from our sin. His cross has taken our guilt away. You sent your Holy Spirit to strengthen and to guide, to warn and to revive your Church. Therefore, with all your witnesses who surround us on every side, countless as heaven's stars, we praise you for our creation and our calling, with loving and with joyful heart:



Ho ly ho - ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord God of  
8 hosts Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na  
15 in the high - est Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the  
22 Lord of the Lord Ho - san na in the high -  
29 est ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son, who washed his disciples' feet. 'I am among you,' he said, 'as one who serves.' On that night before he died he took bread and gave 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, and gave you thanks. He gave it to them and said: 'Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you, shed for all, to forgive sin; do this to remember me'.

Therefore with this bread and wine we recall your goodness to us.

**God of the past and present, we your people remember your Son. We thank you for his cross and rising again, we take courage from his ascension; we look for his coming in glory and in him we give ourselves to you.**

Send your Holy Spirit, that we who receive Christ's body may indeed be the body of Christ, and we who share his cup draw strength from the one true vine.

**Called to follow Christ, help us to reconcile and unite.**

**Called to suffer, give us hope in our calling.**

For you, the heavenly one, make all things new; you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first.

**Praise, glory and love be yours, this and every day,  
from us and all people, here and everywhere. AMEN.**

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

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,  
 your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.  
 Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.  
 Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom,  
 the power and the glo - ry are yours, now and for e - ver. A - men.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Priest breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept, then:*

Presider Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

**People Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!**

Presider Behold what you are.

**People** May we become what we receive.

*Adapted from St. Augustine's Homily #272: On the Eucharist*

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## The Communion

*A gluten-free bread is available for those who need it. Simply let us know as the host comes your way. Those who do not wish to receive are invited to fold their arms and receive a blessing.*

## Communion Hymn

*Those gathered at home are invited to offer the following prayer:*

### Prayer of Spiritual Communion

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered this day, we 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 Word and 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, souls, and minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to unending peace in your glorious kingdom. Amen.

*Those at home may also request a delivery of the communion, which will be delivered after the liturgy.*

### Post Communion Prayer [Enriching Our Worship I]

Presider Let us pray.

**All 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

## Hymn

## Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

