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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Processional Hymn 182 | *Christ is alive! Let Christians sing*

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
 2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -  
 4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,  
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the  
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the  
 4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet  
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.  
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.  
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

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## Opening Sentences

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Christ is RISEN!

*People:* **The Lord is RISEN INDEED!! Alleluia!**

## The Collect for Purity

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**

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## First Lesson Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

## Second Lesson 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God**

## Sequence Hymn | Celtic Alleluia

A - le - lu - ia, A - le - lu - ia,  
A - le - lu - ia, A - le - lu - ia!

## Holy Gospel John 10:11-18

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

***People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

***People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Sequence Hymn | Celtic Alleluia

A - le - lu - ia, A - le - lu - ia,  
A - le - lu - ia, A - le - lu - ia!

**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, 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**

Good and gracious God, we rejoice in the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Help us to remain Christ centered in all that we do . Loving God, **YOU ARE OUR STRENGTH AND SALVATION.**

We pray for the church; for unity in the midst of diversity; for all who teach, preach, and administer the sacraments, especially Michael, our presiding bishop; Craig, our bishop; Jason, our priest; all other clergy, and the faithful lay people who serve the church. Loving God, **YOU ARE OUR STRENGTH AND SALVATION.**

We pray for an end to war, violence, and oppression; for refugees and those who care for them; for all who live in fear and chaos. Bless our armed forces and all who strive to make the world a better place. Guide the leaders of the world, especially President Biden, that they might make decisions leading to justice, freedom, and peace for all and the preservation of creation. Loving God, **YOU ARE OUR STRENGTH AND SALVATION.**

We pray for all who are in need; the victims of domestic violence and child abuse; those affected by natural disasters; those who live in poverty; the homeless, the hungry, and those sick or suffering in body, mind, or spirit, especially (reader names those on our prayer list) (people may speak additional names). We pray for those who mourn (pause for names) and those who have died (pause for names). Loving God, **YOU ARE OUR STRENGTH AND SALVATION.**

We give thanks for all our blessings; our families, friends, and the St. Edward's community. We are grateful for spring with the new life all around us. We are grateful for the abundance with which we live. May we share generously from our abundance with those in need. Loving God, **YOU ARE OUR STRENGTH AND SALVATION.**

**The Peace**

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## Offertory Hymn

### The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer IALC Prayer for Unity B

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

With one heart and mind we give you thanks, eternal God, friend of sinners, teacher of truth. In the beginning, you spoke the word, and all beauty, order, and infinite possibility came forth in goodness and delight.

You entrusted us, the people you made in your own image, with the care of this earth and of each other. But we were hasty and greedy. We chose power and fought for domination. Through creation's own witness, through the law and the prophets, you constantly called us back, but we kept turning away. Our sins broke all your plans for love and life.

So you sent Jesus into the world. Your Son and Mary's child, he was born as one of us. He came to live and serve, to teach and heal, to show by his joyful example the path to communion with you. He gave up his life to save us, and in his cross and his glorious resurrection, sin and death were swallowed up for ever. So we praise you, in unity with all the saints and angels in this eternal song:

## Sanctus

S114

Holy, ho-ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and  
earth are full of thy glo-ry. Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most  
High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

God of grace, your scattered people are hungry for the bread of heaven and the cup of life. Send your Spirit on us and on our celebration, and make us one in Christ as we share this sacrament of his body and his blood.

On the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with the people he loved. He took the bread, gave you thanks, broke it to give to them, and said: "Take and eat this it is my body."

Then he took a cup of wine. Again he thanked you and told them: "Drink this, all of you: it is my blood, shed for you and for many so that sins may be forgiven. Whenever you do this, do it in memory of me."

So we delight to remember Jesus: the faithfulness of his life, the victory of his cross, the glory of his resurrection, the joy of the Holy Spirit poured out for the Church, and we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

As we share this bread and this cup, refresh our compassion for one another. Renew our care for the people you call us to love, and for the earth and all its creatures, whose life you have woven with our own. Make us agents of justice and messengers of peace, healing division, finding common ground, forgiving as we have been forgiven.

Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, and in the communion of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, eternal God, with all we have and all we are, in single-hearted praise.

Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

### Fraction Anthem

RS314

Lamb of God, you

5  
take a - way the sins of the world: have

8  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

12  
take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(Those watching at home, may, if they wish, say this prayer during the time of Communion.)

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of our Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly my own parish and those worshiping there, I long to offer praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessing 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. And particularly for the blessings given me: (Here, those watching at home may add particular blessing for which they wish to give thanks). I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to our glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen

## Invitation

### Communion Hymn 343 | *Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless*

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen  
2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy  
3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not  
4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the  
word of grace, in strength of which we  
then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with  
and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.  
trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.  
us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.  
heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

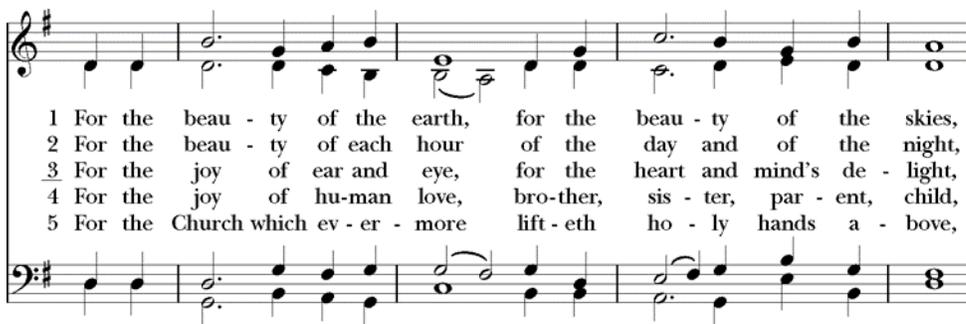
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## Postcommunion Prayer

Eternal God, your Son at supper prayed that the disciples might be one, as he is one with you. Draw us daily closer to him, that in common love and service to you we may be united with one another in your Spirit through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen

## The Blessing

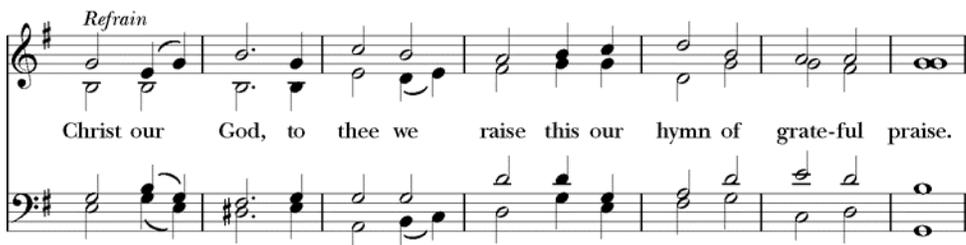
### Closing Hymn 416 | *For the Beauty of the Earth*



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
2 For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
4 For the joy of hu - man love, bro - ther, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
5 For the Church which ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,



1 for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,  
2 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,  
3 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,  
4 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,  
5 of - fering up on ev - ery shore thy pure sac - ri - fice of love,



*Refrain*  
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

6 For each perfect gift of thine  
to the world so freely given,  
faith and hope and love divine,  
peace on earth and joy in heaven,

*Refrain*

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## Postlude

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