



# ST. EDWARD'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Welcome and Announcements

### Processional Hymn 576 | *Here in Christ we gather*

*Descant (after stanzas 2 and 3)*

God is love, God is love,

*Refrain*

God is love, and where true love is

God him - self is there. there.

God him - self is there. there.

1 Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.  
2 When we Chris - tians gath - er, mem - bers of one Bo - dy,  
3 Grant us love's ful - fill - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,

Christ, our love, is with us, glad - ness be his greet - ing.  
let there be in us no dis - cord but one spi - rit.  
when we see your face, O Sa - vior, in its glo - ry.

Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.  
Ban - ished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.  
Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,

*Repeat Refrain*

Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one an - oth - er.  
Christ, our God, be al - ways pres - ent here a - mong us.  
be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prais - es.

## Opening Sentences

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## 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.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## First Lesson Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,  
saying, "When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain;  
and the sabbath,  
so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,  
and practice deceit with false balances,  
buying the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 113**    *Laudate, pueri*

1 Hallelujah!

Give praise, you servants of the Lord; \*  
praise the Name of the Lord.

2 Let the Name of the Lord be blessed, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

3 From the rising of the sun to its going down \*  
let the Name of the Lord be praised.

4 The Lord is high above all nations, \*  
and his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high \*  
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

6 He takes up the weak out of the dust \*  
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

7 He sets them with the princes, \*  
with the princes of his people.

8 He makes the woman of a childless house \*  
to be a joyful mother of children.

**Second Lesson 1 Timothy 2:1-7**

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all -- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

*Reader:*    The Word of the Lord

*People:*    **Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn Alleluia – *two times through* RS 400

Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia,  
8  
al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia!  
15  
Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia!

## Holy Gospel Luke 16:1-13

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

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Rev. Aron Kramer

### 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 gather together with joy and thanksgiving as we begin the program year. Help us to remain Christ centered in all that we do. Loving God,

**GIVE US LIFE IN YOUR WAYS.**

We gather together to pray for the church; for unity in the midst of diversity. We pray for Michael, our presiding bishop; Craig, our bishop; Aron, our priest; all other clergy; and the lay people who faithfully serve the church. Loving God,

**GIVE US LIFE IN YOUR WAYS.**

We gather together to pray for an end to war, violence, and oppression; for all who live in fear and chaos; for refugees, especially those at our southern border, and those who care for them. 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,  
**GIVE US LIFE IN YOUR WAYS.**

We gather together to pray for those in need; the victims of domestic violence and child abuse; those affected by natural disasters; those who live in poverty; the homeless, the hungry, the unemployed, and those sick or suffering in body, mind, or spirit (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,  
**GIVE US LIFE IN YOUR WAYS.**

We gather together to give thanks for all our blessings; our families, friends, and the St. Edward's community. We are grateful for the abundance with which we live. Help us to share generously from our abundance with those in need. Loving God,  
**GIVE US LIFE IN YOUR WAYS.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*Deacon:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All:** Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

*Celebrant:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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.

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## Offertory Hymn

### The Great Thanksgiving

*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 our thanks and praise.

*Celebrant:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### Sanctus - R459



Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Celebrant and People:**

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

*Amen.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**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.**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

**People:** Therefore, let us keep the feast, Alleluia.

## Fraction Anthem – RS469



*Celebrant:* 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.

### 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 your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen**

# Communion Hymn 325 | *Let us break bread together*



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_  
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

## *Refrain*



when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer-cy on me. \_\_\_\_\_



3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_



let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

## *Refrain*



when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer-cy on me. \_\_\_\_\_

## Postcommunion Prayer

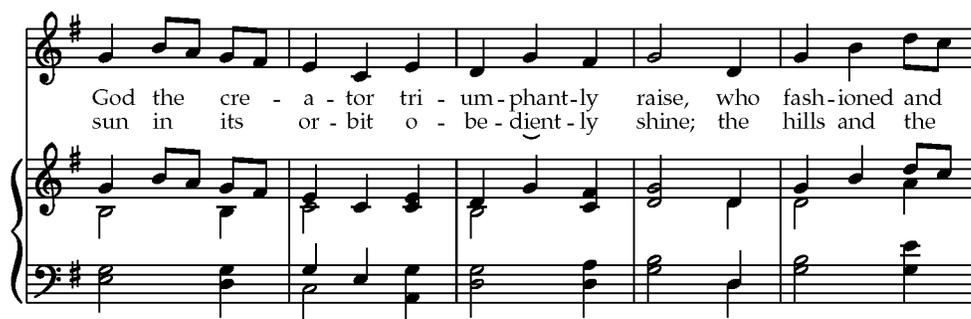
**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

## The Blessing

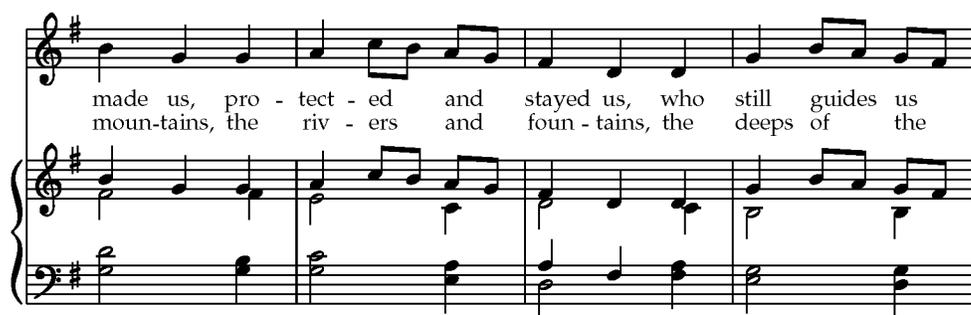
### Closing Hymn 107 | *Let all things now living*



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
2 His law he en - for - ces, the stars in their cours-es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise, who fash - ioned and  
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine; the hills and the



made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who still guides us  
moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the deeps of the



on to the end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us, his  
o - cean pro - claim him di - vine. We too should be voic - ing our

light goes be - fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the  
love and re - joic - ing; with glad a - dor - a - tion a song let us

night, till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is  
raise till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks -

ban - ished, as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
giv - ing: "to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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## The Dismissal

### Postlude

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