

Pride Eucharist 2023

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Opening Acclamation

Blessed be our God
For ever and ever. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

God be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

God our rock and refuge: keep us safe in your care and strengthen us with your grace, that we may pray to you faithfully and love one another boldly, following the example of Jesus, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives for ever and ever. Amen. (*source: Veronese Sacramentary*)

The Canticle, *A song of God's love, 1st John 4*

Beloved, let us love one another,
For love is of God.
Whoever does not love, does not know God,
For God is love.

Since God so loves us,
Let us love one another.

THE LESSONS

(today we use those appointed for St. Aelred)

1st Reading, Philippians 2:1-4

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

Psalm 36:5-10

Dixit injustus

5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; *
you save both man and beast, O LORD.

7 How priceless is your love, O God! *
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; *

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you give them drink from the river of your delights.

9 For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light we see light.

10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

The Gospel: Mark 12:28-34A

One of the scribes came near and heard the Sadducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,'--this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

HOMILY

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.

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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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Trinity Episcopal Church, St. Louis, Pride Liturgy, adapted)*

In peace and in faith, let us offer our prayers, saying, "Hear us, O Christ."

Guide and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.

Hear us, O Christ.

Enlighten all your people in the Church, that by our teaching and our lives we may proclaim your word of grace and love.

Hear us, O Christ.

Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; and raise up the fallen; this Pride Sunday we lift up all those who seek justice for LGBTQ+ peoples throughout the world, and we give thanks for all LGBTQ+ people, wonderfully made in the image of God. May we be strengthened in our witness, and faithful to your gospel.

Hear us, O Christ.

Give your wisdom to Joseph, the President of the United States and his advisors, the leaders of the United Nations, and for all who work for peace and an end to hate-motivated violence. For Tim the Governor of Minnesota, for mayors, city councilors, and other elected officials, that in all things they may do your will, for your glory and for the well-being of all people.

Hear us, O Christ.

Comfort and liberate the lonely, the abused and the bereaved. We pray for those who suffer violence throughout the world, for all those suffering from gun violence, and those who are oppressed.

Hear us, O Christ.

Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit. Provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.

Hear us, O Christ.

Show your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

Hear us, O Christ.

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

Hear us, O Christ.

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Hear us as we remember those who have died, especially all victims of transphobia and homophobia. Grant us, with them a share in your eternal glory.

Hear us, O Christ.

The Celebrant concludes with the following prayer

Holy Wisdom, in your loving kindness you created and restored us when we were lost; hear our prayers and inspire us with your truth, that we may love you with our whole minds and run to you with open hearts, through Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you

People And also with you.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise to you, loving God, who calls us beloved; who shows us what grace and forgiveness looks like. Because you came to set us free, we can live with the certainty that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation is able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And so, we honor and give thanks to you, O God, through Jesus your Son.

Jesus lived as one of us.

Jesus suffered and died as one of us.

Jesus conquered death and set us free.

And we take our place among the great communion of saints, saying

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

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On the night before he died, Jesus ate dinner with his friends. Jesus took the bread and thanking God, broke the bread. He then gave it to his friends, saying, “take, eat—this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

After dinner, Jesus took the cup of wine. Giving thanks to God, he shared the cup, saying, “drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant. Whenever you drink it, do so for the remembrance of me.”

We remember.

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We remember who we are, and to whom we belong. We are God’s beloved children, united through these gifts of bread and wine. They are gifts sanctified by the Holy Spirit, to be for us the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, holy food and drink for God’s holy people.

May we honor God’s outpouring of generosity to us and all people with our very lives, and be as Christ to one another. All we are and that we have belongs to you, our loving God, through Jesus Christ, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

AMEN!

And now we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us

**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.**

The bread is broken.

We break this bread, to share in the body of Christ

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

All who hunger, gather gladly! Come forward to receive communion. We have bread, gluten-free wafers, and wine in the chalice. You can sip, but please don't dip your bread—it crumbles and makes the wine mucky. If you prefer to take the bread (or wine) only, know that it is considered communion in full.

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All pray together

O God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation:
you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the
risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL