# The Holy Eucharist

(The Book of Alternative Services)



"Journeying together in God's love"

## Who We Are

We are part of the Diocese of British Columbia, which is a member of the Anglican Church of Canada and the world wide Christian Church.

We acknowledge with thanksgiving that we gather on the traditional lands of the First Nations Peoples, and especially those of the Snaw-Naw-As people.

We join a line of Anglicans who have worshipped on these islands for over 150 years. As we continue, we commit ourselves to a journey of truth and reconciliation between the indigenous peoples of this land and the non-native peoples of Canada.

We are committed to creating and maintaining a safe community in every respect including our ministry with vulnerable persons such as children, seniors, and persons with special challenges.

We welcome everyone, regardless of language, race or sexuality, into a Christian community whose core values are love, respect, kindness, and generosity.

If you are new here today, please make yourself known to the minister taking the service. We would love to get to know you better.

## Welcome and Announcements

(Please stand, as you are able)

**Opening Sentence** (found in the Bulletin)

A great prophet has arisen among us! God has visited his people! Luke 7.16

**The Gathering Hymn** (please see Bulletin)

Call to worship

(Easter Day to the Day of Pentecost – the following)

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia! Celebrant: May his grace and peace be with you.

All: May he fill our hearts with joy.

(All other Sundays)

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

and the love of God, and the fellowship

of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Almighty God,

All: to you all hearts are open, all desires

known and from you no secrets are

hidden: 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.

Gloria in Excelsis (Glory to God in the Highest)

All: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you; we give you thanks, we praise you for our glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**Collect of the Day** (please see the Bulletin)

(Please sit)

## The Readings

## The First Reading

(At the conclusion of the Reading)

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**The Psalm** (please see the Bulletin)

## The Second Reading

(At the conclusion of the Reading)

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## **The Gradual Hymn** (please see the Bulletin)

(At the end of the Hymn, please remain standing, as you are able, as the Gospel is read.)

## The Gospel Reading

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to {N}.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(At the conclusion of the Reading)

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Please sit)

## The Sermon

**Hymn** (please see the Bulletin)

(At the conclusion of the Hymn, please remain standing for the Creed)

#### The Creed

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism,

as we say,

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Prayers of the People** (Please sit)

## Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, He welcomes sinners and invites them to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

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 neighbour 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 upon you,

pardon and deliver you from all your

sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(Please stand, as you are able)

#### The Peace

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

All: And also with you.

**The Offertory Hymn** (please see the Bulletin)

**The Prayer over the gifts** (please see the Bulletin)

#### The Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give our thanks and

praise.

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty

God, through your beloved Son, Jesus

Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit He took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will, He stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so He won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that He might shatter the chains of evil and death and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection He brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of Your name.

All: Holy, holy, Lord God almighty Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.

Highest praises, honour, and glory. Be unto your name, Be unto your name. (sung twice)

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise,

through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;

who on the night He was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way He took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which was shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me." Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your servant Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: As our Saviour has taught us, let us pray,

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of

trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

(1: All other Sundays except those shown below):

Celebrant: "I am the bread which has come down from

heaven," says the Lord.

All: Give us this bread for ever.

Celebrant: "I am the vine, you are the branches."

All: May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

(2: *Advent*)

Celebrant: God of promise, you prepare a banquet for

us in your kingdom.

All: Happy are those who are called to the

Supper of the Lamb.

(3: Incarnation)

Celebrant: We break the bread of life, and that life is

The light of the world.

All: God here among us, light in the midst

of us, bring us to light and life.

(4: Lent & Holy Week)

Celebrant: We break this bread,

All: Communion in Christ's body once

broken.

Celebrant: Let your church be the wheat which bears

Its fruit in dying.

All: If we have died with him, we shall live

with him; if we hold firm, we shall

reign with him.

(5: Easter Season)

Celebrant: Lord, we died with you on the cross. **All:** Now we are raised to new life.

Celebrant: We were buried in your tomb.

All: Now we share in your resurrection.

Celebrant: Live in us, that we may live in you.

## **Invitation to Communion**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

(All are welcome to come and receive Holy Communion, at the front of the church, either standing or kneeling. Please note that due to health concerns the dipping of bread into the wine (intinction) is not advised).

## **Communion Hymns** (please see the Bulletin)

(Please stand, as you are able)

## **Prayer after Communion** (please see the Bulletin)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

## The Doxology (Glory)

All: Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Blessing

**The Recessional Hymn** (please see the Bulletin)

#### Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

(Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost – **Alleluia** is added to the Dismissal and the response).