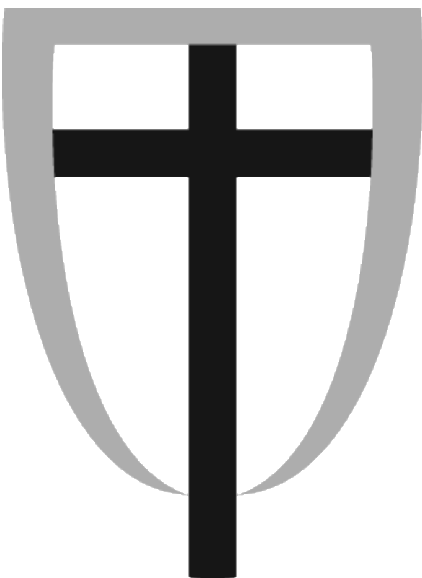


# **HOLY EUCHARIST**

## **RITE II**

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 26, 2023  
5:00 p.m.



ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
BATON ROUGE, LA

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Thank you for worshipping with us, today. This order of service for our liturgy — meaning “work of the people” — is meant to help you participate as fully as you desire. As one is able, we sit to listen to the scripture and the sermon, and we stand to sing, recite the Nicene Creed or Baptismal Covenant, and hear the Gospel proclaimed. When it comes to prayer, both standing and kneeling are ancient and accepted practices, so please feel free to stand or kneel during our prayers, as you are able. Before we begin, it is our custom to observe quiet for prayer and meditation. Please silence any electronic devices. Congregational responses are printed in boldface type.

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## THE WORD OF GOD

### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

*All kneel*

### The Decalogue

*Celebrant* Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not make for yourself any idol.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* Honor your father and your mother.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not commit murder.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not commit adultery.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not steal.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not be a false witness.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

### The Summary of the Law

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

### The Confession of Sin

**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.

## The Absolution

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.**

## Kyrie eleison

*Celebrant* Lord have mercy.  
*People* **Christ have mercy.**  
*Celebrant* Lord have mercy.

## The Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated for the lessons.*

## The First Reading *Ezekiel 37:1-14*

*Lector* A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalm *Psalm 130*

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;  
LORD, hear my voice; \*  
**let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.**
- 2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, \*  
**O Lord, who could stand?**
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; \*  
**therefore you shall be feared.**
- 4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; \*  
**in his word is my hope.**
- 5 My soul waits for the LORD,  
more than watchmen for the morning, \*  
**more than watchmen for the morning.**
- 6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, \*  
**for with the LORD there is mercy;**
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, \*  
**and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

## The Second Reading *Romans 8:6-11*

*Lector* A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel *John 11:1-45*

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

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and

Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

## The Sermon

*The Rev. Dr. Mark Jefferson*

*The people are seated for the sermon*

## The Nicene Creed

*The people stand*

**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** *Form IV*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the clergy and people of St. Alban's Chapel, Baton Rouge. Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Richard, Fred, Martha, Annie Cate, The Berry family, and Maw Pat and Tate family, give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

We also pray for expectant mothers, especially Juliet, Alexis, Caroline, Vicki, Jane, Charlotte, Martha, and Ashley, that they may happily come to the time of birth, and serving you in all things, may rejoice in your providence. We thank you, Lord, for the birth of Thomas Bourgeois, III, Thomas Anthony Rhodes, Rebecca Jane Boudreaux, and Mercer Catherine Tuminello. Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Bobby McCall and Stephen Selby, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

*The people may add their own petitions. The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## **The Peace**

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

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

## **Welcome & Announcements**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **The Great Thanksgiving:** *Eucharistic Prayer D*

*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.**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks...and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

## **Sanctus**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love...and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us...through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

### **The Fraction Anthem**

*Celebrant* Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

*People* **Have mercy on us.**

*Celebrant* Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

*People* **Have mercy on us.**

*Celebrant* Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

*People* **Grant us peace.**

## **Invitation to Communion**

### **The Postcommunion Prayer**

*The people may stand or kneel*

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Blessing

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.

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

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