

The Order for  
the Administration  
of the Ante-Communion  
On the Wednesday of the  
Second Sunday after Easter

April 29th, 2020 at 10 a.m.

*Where it is desired to have a very short and simple service (as when children are taking part), it shall suffice to say the Collect, the Epistle, and Gospel, for Easter Sunday, together with the Nicene Creed, and the Lord's Prayer.*

*In the absence of opportunities to administer the sacrament, please note the rubric in the Communion of the Sick, p. 323 in the 1928 Book of Common Prayer:*

*¶ But if a man, either by reason of extremity of sickness, or for want of warning in due time to the Minister, **or by any other just impediment**, do not receive the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood, the Minister shall instruct him, that if he do truly repent him of his sins, and stedfastly believe that Jesus Christ hath suffered death upon the Cross for him, and shed his Blood for his redemption, earnestly remembering the benefits he hath thereby, and giving him hearty thanks therefor, he doth eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ profitably to his soul's health, although he do not receive the Sacrament with his mouth.*

*The Ante-Communion is preceded by the Litany, at 9:45 a.m. , on page 54 of the Prayer Book.*

# THE ANTE-COMMUNION

## THE INTROIT PSALM Psalm 33. *Exultate, justi.*

*One of the psalms of Eastertide, it celebrates the “good shepherding” of God – the almighty wisdom of the providence by which he shepherds, rules and governs all things according to his gracious will (named as “loving-kindness” or “goodness”), both in the creation of the world and in the redemption of his people.*

**Antiphon (all together):** The loving-kindness of the Lord filleth the whole world, alleluia: by the word of the Lord the heavens were established, alleluia, alleluia.

*A call to praise.*

**R**EJOICE in the LORD, O ye righteous;  
\* for it becometh well the just to be thankful.

2 Praise the LORD with harp;  
\* sing praises unto him with the lute,  
and instrument of ten strings.

3 Sing unto the LORD a new song;  
\* sing praises lustily unto him with a good courage.

4 For the word of the LORD is true;  
\* and all his works are faithful.

*God’s power as Creator, that is victorious over all powers of evil that rebel against him.*

5 He loveth righteousness and judgment;  
\* the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made;  
\* and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it were upon an heap;  
\* and layeth up the deep, as in a treasure-house.

8 Let all the earth fear the LORD:

\* stand in awe of him, all ye that dwell in the world.

9 For he spake, and it was done;

\* he commanded, and it stood fast.

10 The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought,

\* and maketh the devices of the people to be of none effect,  
and casteth out the counsels of princes.

11 The counsel of the LORD shall endure for ever,

\* and the thoughts of his heart from generation to generation.

*The security and happiness of his people under his protective rule and government.*

12 Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord JEHOVAH;

\* and blessed are the folk that he hath chosen to him,  
to be his inheritance.

13 The LORD looketh down from heaven, \*

and beholdeth all the children of men;

from the habitation of his dwelling,

he considereth all them that dwell on the earth.

14 He fashioneth all the hearts of them,

\* and understandeth all their works.

15 There is no king that can be saved by the multitude of an host;

\* neither is any mighty man delivered by much strength.

16 A horse is counted but a vain thing to save a man;

\* neither shall he deliver any man by his great strength.

17 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him,

\* and upon them that put their trust in his mercy;

18 To deliver their soul from death,

\* and to feed them in the time of dearth.

*The response of the faithful – faith expressed in confession and prayer.*

19 Our soul hath patiently tarried for the LORD;

\* for he is our help and our shield.

20 For our heart shall rejoice in him;

\* because we have hoped in his holy Name.

21 Let thy merciful kindness, O LORD, be upon us,

\* like as we do put our trust in thee.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen.

**Antiphon (*all together*):** The loving-kindness of the Lord filleth the whole world, alleluia: by the word of the Lord the heavens were established, alleluia, alleluia.

*Minister.* Alleluia, the Lord is risen

*Answer.* He is risen indeed, alleluia.

*Minister.* the Lord be with you.

*Answer.* And with the spirit.

*Minister.* Let us pray.

## **OPENING PRAYERS**

*said by the priest alone*

**O**UR 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. Amen.

### **The Collect for Purity**

**A**Lmighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## PREPARING IN PENITENCE.

*Priest.* Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.

**T**HOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

¶ *Here shall be said,*

The Lord be with you.

*Answer.* And with thy spirit.

*Minister.* Let us pray.

## The Collect.

**A**Lmighty God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life; Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*The Epistle.* 1 Corinthians 15:22-28 *The resurrection of Christ makes certain the resurrection of Christians also.*

**B**RETHREN: as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. <sup>24</sup> Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must

reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup> For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. <sup>28</sup> And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

**The Gospel:** St. Matthew 9:14-17 *The necessity of the body's resurrection.*

*Priest.* The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, in the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter, beginning at the 14<sup>th</sup> verse

*Answer:* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

**A**T that time: came to Jesus the disciples of John, saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast oft, but thy disciples fast not? And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast. No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment, for that which is put in to fill it up taketh from the garment, and the rent is made worse. Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved.

*Answer:* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

**The Address – The Rector**

## **THE OFFERTORY**

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. Revelation 5:12

## **The Biddings**

## **The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed**

*Minister.* I bid your prayers for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed:

Rest ✕ eternal grant unto them, O Lord;  
*Answer.* and let light perpetual shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. *Amen.*

### **The Prayer for Christ's Church.**

¶ *Then shall the Priest say,*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church.

**A**LMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our [alms and] oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian Rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy People give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless ✕ thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service, and to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

And now, as our Saviour Christ hath 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.

### Closing Prayers

**Antiphon** (*said together*)

The crucified hath risen from the sepulchre, and redeemed us, alleluia, alleluia.

*Minister.* Tell it out among the heathen, alleluia.

*Answer.* That the Lord hath reigned from the tree, alleluia.

ALMIGHTY God, who for our sakes didst send thy Son to suffer death upon the Cross, that thou mightest deliver us from the power of the enemy: mercifully grant to us thy servants; that we may attain unto the grace of his resurrections; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

*And the Blessing, or if there be no priest to pronounce the blessing, then:*

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all ever more. Amen.

