

The Order for  
the Administration  
of the Ante-Communion  
on the

Feast of Saint John in Eastertide

May 6th, 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

## THE INTROIT

Psalm 92 *Bonum est confiteri.* (Prayer Book p. 455)

*The greatness of God's works, and especially his righteous government of the world, as manifested in the overthrow of the wicked and the final triumph of his saints.*

IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD,  
\* and to sing praises unto thy Name, O Most Highest;

2 To tell of thy loving-kindness early in the morning,  
\* and of thy truth in the night season;

3 Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the lute;  
\* upon a loud instrument, and upon the harp.

4 For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy works;  
\* and I will rejoice in giving praise for the operations of thy hands.

5 O LORD, how glorious are thy works!  
\* thy thoughts are very deep.

6 An unwise man doth not well consider this,  
\* and a fool doth not understand it.

7 When the ungodly are green as the grass,  
and when all the workers of wickedness do flourish,

then shall they be destroyed for ever;  
but thou, LORD, art the Most Highest for evermore.

8 For lo, thine enemies, O LORD, lo, thine enemies shall perish;  
\* and all the workers of wickedness shall be destroyed.

9 But my horn shall be exalted like the horn of an unicorn;  
\* for I am anointed with fresh oil.

10 Mine eye also shall see his lust of mine enemies,  
\* and mine ear shall hear his desire of the wicked  
that arise up against me.

11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm-tree,  
\* and shall spread abroad like a cedar in Lebanon.

12 Such as are planted in the house of the LORD,  
\* shall flourish in the courts of the house of our God.

13 They also shall bring forth more fruit in their age,  
\* and shall be fat and well-liking;

14 That they may show how true the LORD my strength is,  
\* and that there is no unrighteousness in him.

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.

*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*

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. Amen.

## The Collect for Purity

ALMIGHTY 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.
<i>Answer.</i>	And with thy spirit.
<i>Minister.</i>	Let us pray.

## The Collect.

**M**ERCIFUL Lord, we beseech thee to cast thy bright beams of light upon thy Church, that it, being illumined by the doctrine of thy blessed Apostle and Evangelist Saint John, may so walk in the light of thy truth, that it may at length attain to everlasting life; through 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:** Ecclesiasticus 15:1-6

*Clerk.* The Lesson for the Epistle is written in the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book Ecclesiasticus, beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

He that feareth the Lord will do good,  
and he that hath the knowledge of the law shall obtain Wisdom.  
2.And as a mother shall she meet him,  
and receive him as a wife married of a virgin.  
3.With the bread of understanding shall she feed him,  
and give him the water of wisdom to drink.  
4.He shall be stayed upon her, and shall not be moved;  
and shall rely upon her, and shall not be confounded.  
5.She shall exalt him above his neighbours,  
and in the midst of the congregation shall she open his mouth.  
6.He shall find joy and a crown of gladness,  
and she shall cause him to inherit an everlasting name.

**The Gospel:** St. John 21:19-25

*Priest.* The Holy Gospel according to St. John, in the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter,  
beginning at the 19<sup>th</sup> verse.

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

**A**T that time: Jesus saith unto Peter, Follow me. <sup>20</sup> Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee? <sup>21</sup> Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do? <sup>22</sup> Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me. <sup>23</sup> Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that that disciple should not die: yet Jesus said not unto him, He shall not die; but, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? <sup>24</sup> This is the disciple which testifieth of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his testimony is true. <sup>25</sup> And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written.

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

### **The Nicene Creed** *said by all*

**I**BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection ☩ of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

**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,

**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. 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.

**A**LMIGHTY 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.