

**A Celebration of the Holy Eucharist with Spiritual Communion**  
**Saint Luke the Evangelist**  
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**Prelude:** Piece d'Orgue BWV 572 - J.S. Bach

**The Gathering of the Community**

*Words of welcome and introduction.*

**Bishop:** 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.**

**Bishop:** 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.**

**The Collect**

**Bishop:** Let us pray.  
Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel,  
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit  
and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,  
give your Church the same love and power to heal;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All:** **Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN:** How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds (#620 Common Praise)

1. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
in a believer's ear!  
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,  
and drives away his fear.
2. It makes the wounded spirit whole  
and calms the troubled breast;  
'tis manna to the hungry soul,  
and to the weary, rest.
3. Dear Name! the Rock on which I build,  
my Shield and Hiding Place,  
my never-failing Treas'ry filled  
with boundless stores of grace!
4. Jesus! my Shepherd, brother, Friend,  
my Prophet, Priest, and King;  
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,  
accept the praise I bring.
5. Weak is the effort of my heart,  
and cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see Thee as Thou art,  
I'll praise Thee as I ought.

## The Liturgy of the Word

### A Reading: 2 Timothy 4:5-13

Reader: As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments.

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### The Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

We sing together: (#715CP)

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Reader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Reader: Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

We sing together: (#715CP)

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **The Sermon**

*Words of reflection or teaching are offered.*

## **The Prayers of the People**

*The response in the prayers is:*

One: Lord in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

## **Confession and Absolution**

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

*Silence is kept.*

Bishop: Most merciful God,  
**All: 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 neighbours 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.**

Bishop: 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.

**All: Amen.**

## **The Peace**

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

**All: And also with you.**

## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **The Prayer over the Gifts**

Bishop: Blessed are you Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have these gifts,  
which earth has given and human hands have made, they will become for us,  
our spiritual food.

**All: Blessed be God forever!**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Bishop: Lift up your hearts in adoration.

**All: We lift them to our God.**

Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Living God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Bishop: It is indeed right to thank you and praise you,  
holy and gracious God, creator of all things,  
ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life,  
for you are the source of all goodness,  
rich in mercy and abounding in love;  
you are faithful to your people in every generation,  
and your word endures for ever.  
Therefore with angels and archangels,  
with the fellowship of saints and the company of heaven,  
we glorify your holy name, evermore praising you and saying,

**All: 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.**

Bishop: We praise you, merciful Father, not as we ought, but as we are able,  
because in your tender love you gave the world your only Son,  
in order that the world might be saved through him.  
He made you known by taking the form of a servant,  
healing the sick, liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost.

Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross,  
he confronted the power of sin and disarmed it for ever.  
In his offering of himself, he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice  
for the sins of the whole world.  
Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted as your children;  
by your pardon you have made us worthy to praise you.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends,  
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said,  
"Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks,  
he gave it to them, and said,  
"Drink this all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Bishop: In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table, remembering our Saviour's sacrifice, and rejoicing in his victory. Confident in his sovereign purpose, we declare our faith.

**All**            **Christ has died.**  
                  **Christ is risen.**  
                  **Christ will come again.**

Bishop: Send your Holy Spirit on us that as we receive this bread and this cup we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving. May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love, and strengthened in our will to serve others; and make of our lives, we pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you, knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever.

**All:**            **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Bishop: As our Saviour 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**

Bishop: "I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.  
**All:**            **Give us this bread for ever.**

Bishop: "I am the vine, you are the branches."  
**All:**            **May we dwell in Christ, as Christ lives in us.**

Bishop: The gifts of God for the People of God.  
**All:**            **Thanks be to God.**

### **Invitation to Spiritual Communion**

Bishop: Dear friends, I invite you in this moment, wherever you may be, to receive Christ, in communion with the saints, and the gathering of God's people, unseen and yet present with us now.

Many are made one.

Bishop: We receive you Lord Jesus Christ,  
**All: we welcome your presence in us,  
and together proclaim our love for you;  
with our hearts, minds, our souls and our strength,  
with the saints we worship you,  
with the angels we adore you,  
with your whole Church we proclaim your reign.  
Come to us, though many,  
and make us one in you. Amen.**

Bishop: I invite you in the silence of your own hearts  
or using one or more of the prayers in the service sheet  
to make your own act of Communion with Christ.

*Silence is kept during which time the congregation prays one or more of the following prayers of reception.*

## Prayers of Reception

**One: I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
present in bread and wine, and present in your people,  
who are gathered in spirit.  
In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart, and in our community.  
May you, enthroned on the altar, be now enthroned in my heart,  
may you, present in bread and wine, feed and renew my soul,  
may you, who gives yourself to us again,  
fill us with grace, and heavenly blessing.  
Even as I am fed, may my hunger for you  
and for your reign of justice and peace increase,  
that I may, with your Spirit, work for that day  
when your kingdom shall come on earth as it is heaven. Amen.**

*Or*

**One: Come Lord Jesus and make in my heart your dwelling place and home.  
I seek to love you with all my heart, mind, soul and strength,  
and so, through your presence in bread and wine  
I receive you afresh and praise you for you are my God.  
As you fill me, so may my love for you and for all your people,  
rise and overflow, that with joy and thanksgiving,  
I may serve you in the world you love. Amen.**

*Or*

**One: Jesus, I believe that you are present with us in the sacrament of bread and wine.  
I love you and I desire your presence afresh in my life.  
Since I cannot now receive the bread and wine of the altar,  
come spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace you and unite myself to you; never let me be separated from you.<sup>1</sup>**

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<sup>1</sup> Based on a prayer by St. Alphonsus Maria de' Liguori

Or

**One:** Holy Jesus we receive you in this moment,  
giving you thanks and praise that you make yourself present  
to all your people in the bread and wine of the Eucharist.  
Transform our hearts that we may shine as your light in dark places;  
*Where there is hatred, let us sow love;*  
*Where there is injury, pardon;*  
*Where there is doubt, faith;*  
*Where there is despair, hope;*  
*Where there is darkness, light;*  
*Where there is sadness, joy.*  
And this all, in love for you.  
Amen.

Or

**One:** O Loving God,  
in union with Christian people throughout the world  
and across the centuries gathered to make Eucharist,  
hearing your holy Word  
and receiving the Precious Body and Blood of your dear Son,  
I offer you praise and thanksgiving.

Even while separated from tasting the Bread of Heaven and drinking the Cup of Life,  
I pray that you will unite me with all the baptised  
and with your Son who gave his life for us.  
Come Lord Jesus, dwell in me and send your Holy Spirit  
that I may be filled with your presence.

Jesus, as the hem of your garment, touched in faith,  
healed the woman who could not touch your body,  
so may the soul of your servant be healed,  
for though I cannot receive you in the sacrament I can,  
through this offering of my prayer, receive you in my heart;  
grant this for Christ's sake. Amen.<sup>2</sup>

*Prayers recommended for use by children:*

**One:** Holy Jesus, thank you for loving us,  
and thank you for the holy bread and wine  
that reminds us that you are always with us.  
Come and live in our hearts, so we may know your love,  
and love others too. Amen.

Or

**One:** Jesus, you remind us in bread and wine that you are near to us.  
Bring me nearer to you every day, and let me carry you in my heart,  
to share your love with the world you made. Amen.

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<sup>2</sup> Adapted from a service of Spiritual Communion, Diocese of Chelmsford, Church of England

Or

**One:** Lord Jesus, thank you that you are always with me,  
I pray that you would remind me to welcome you to share every day with me.  
Thank you for loving me. I want to say that I love you too. Amen.

Or

**One:** Jesus, I want to follow you:  
to see you more clearly;  
love you more dearly;  
and follow you more nearly.  
So come into my heart,  
so that we may share life together. Amen.

*After a time of prayer, we sing together....*

**COMMUNION HYMN:** Eat This Bread (#63 Common Praise)

**Refrain:** Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
trust in me and you will not thirst.

*1 I am the bread of life, the true bread sent from  
the Father*

*2 Your ancestors ate manna in the desert,  
but this is the bread come down from heaven*

*3 Eat my flesh and drink my blood,  
and I will raise you up on the last day*

*4 Anyone who eats this bread, will live forever*

*5 If you believe and eat this bread, you will have  
eternal life*

### Prayer After Communion

Bishop: Let us pray...

Father of all,

**All:** we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off,  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared you love,  
gave us grace and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who receive Christ's presence,  
live his risen life and bring life to others,  
and may we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Adapted from Common Worship, Church of England, Holy Communion Order One.



## **An Act of Praise and Thanksgiving**

Bishop: Glory to God,  
**All: 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.**

*Closing remarks and announcements.*

## **The Blessing**

Bishop: The peace of God which passes all our understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God  
and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you, this day and always.  
**All: Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN: The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy (#631 Common Praise):**

1. The kingdom of God is justice and joy;  
for Jesus restores  
what sin would destroy.  
God's power and glory  
in Jesus we know  
and here and hereafter  
the kingdom shall grow.
2. The kingdom of God  
is mercy and grace;  
the captives are freed,  
the sinners find place,  
the outcast are welcomed  
God's banquet to share;  
and hope is awakened  
in place of despair.
3. The kingdom of God  
is challenge and choice:  
believe the good news,  
repent and rejoice!  
His love for us sinners  
brought Christ to his cross:  
our crisis of judgement  
for gain or for loss.
4. God's kingdom is come,  
the gift and the goal;  
in Jesus begun,  
in heaven made whole.  
The heirs of the kingdom  
shall answer his call  
and all things cry 'Glory!'  
to God all in all.

## **Dismissal**

One: Having received Christ by faith, let us go to live in that faith,  
transformed by hope and proclaiming God's love.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** Carillon (from Piece en style libre) - Louis Vierne