

A Celebration of the Holy Eucharist with Spiritual Communion

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Prelude What A Friend We Have In Jesus, arr. T. Price

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.
God, the giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ
and make us eager to do your will,
that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life;
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: Ye Servants of the Lord (#93 Common Praise)

1. Ye servants of the Lord,
each in his office wait,
observant of his heavenly word,
and watchful at his gate.
2. Let all your lamps be bright,
and trim the golden flame;
attentive stand as in his sight,
for awesome is his name.
3. Watch! 'tis your Lord's command,
and while we speak, he's near;
mark the first signal of his hand,
and ready all appear.
4. O happy shall we be
if in his service found!
we shall the Lord with rapture see,
and be with honour crowned.

5. Christ shall the banquet spread
with his own royal hand,
and raise that faithful servant's head
amid the angelic band.

The Liturgy of the Word

A Reading: Job 38:1-7

Reader: Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:
'Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?
Gird up your loins like a man,
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.
'Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.
Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?
On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone
when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

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 Saint Mark.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader: James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.' When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

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.

Bishop: 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: Creator, you bless us with many good gifts returned to you from your creation.
Feed us with the Bread of Life, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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: Eternal God, Source of all being,
we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love.
You call us into friendship with you and one another
to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world.
When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us.
When we injure others, you confront us in your love
and call us to the paths of righteousness.
You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone,
whom you have always welcomed home,
making the first last, and the last first.

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: Blessed are you, O Holy One:
when Hagar was driven into the wilderness
you followed her and gave her hope.
When Joseph was sold into bondage,
you turned malice to your people's good.
When you called Israel out of slavery,
you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land.
When your people were taken into exile
you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.
At the right time you sent your Anointed One to stand with
the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed.
Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.
He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life.
Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity
into the redemption of your reconciling love.

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."

Bishop: 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."

Loving and Holy One,
recalling Christ's death and resurrection,
we offer you these gifts,
longing for the bread of tomorrow
and the wine of the age to come.

All: Therefore we proclaim our hope.
**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Bishop: Pour out your Spirit on these gifts
that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace.
We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering,
our sisters and brothers.
When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours,
O Source of all life, now and for ever.

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.¹

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.²

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.

¹ Based on a prayer by St. Alphonsus Maria de' Liguori

² 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 I Come with Joy, a Child of God (Common Praise #65)

1. Here, Lord, we take the broken bread
and drink the wine, believing
that by your life our souls are fed,
your parting gifts receiving.

2. As you have giv'n, so we would give
ourselves for others' healing:
as you have lived, so we would live,
the Father's love revealing.

Prayer After Communion

Bishop: Let us pray...

All: Father of 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.³

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.

³ Adapted from Common Worship, Church of England, Holy Communion Order One.

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: All Praise to Thee (#387 Common Praise)

1. All praise to thee, for thou. O King divine,
didst yield the glory that of right was thine,
that in our troubled hearts thy grace might
shine: Hallelujah; hallelujah!
2. Thou cam'st to us in lowliness of thought;
by thee the outcast and the poor were
sought,
and by thy death was God's salvation
wrought: Hallelujah; hallelujah!
3. Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
who wast a servant that we might be free,
humbling thyself to death on Calvary:
Hallelujah; hallelujah!
4. Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, thou
art high exalted o'er all creatures now,
and given the name to which all knees
shall bow: Hallelujah; hallelujah!
5. Let every tongue confess with one accord
in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is
Lord;
and God eternal be by all adored:
Hallelujah; hallelujah!

Dismissal

Bishop: 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 Just A Closer Walk With Thee, arr. T. Price