

# Worship Booklet

Sunday Eucharist – Fall 2020



**Rembrandt, The Supper at Emmaus (1629)**

“When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him ...” – Luke 24:3-31

**The Parishes of Waterford and St. Mark**

### Opening Prayers

The Grace and the Collects are prayers that gather us together in God's presence. Each Sunday there is a different collect of the day paired with the readings and sermon message.

## WELCOME

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*A special welcome to those who are visiting today. All that you will need for the service can be found in this worship booklet and the bulletin with readings, prayers and music.*

## OPENING PRAYERS

### *The Grace*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### *The Collect for Purity*

Almighty God,  
**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.**

### *Collect of the Day*

(see bulletin)

## Proclamation of the Word

This is a time to quiet our hearts and minds and to listen to the scriptures read aloud from the Old and New Testaments. As you listen, try to notice the way that the readings, each in their own way, point us to Jesus, the fulfillment of all God's promises.

## The Gospel

The Gospel is God's word that speaks to us of what God has done in Jesus. The Gospel calls us to an active, Spirit-filled life, and standing is a way to recognize that we are ready not just to hear the words but to live them out.

## Sermon

When we explore the scriptures together during the sermon time, we are looking for God's leading in our lives. As you listen, pray to be open to the Spirit's work of encouragement, conviction and healing.

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### *First Reading*

A reading from ... (see bulletin)

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The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

### *Second Reading*

A reading from ... (see bulletin)

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The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

### *Appointed Psalm*

(see bulletin)

### *Gospel*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to ... (see bulletin)

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

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The Gospel of Christ.

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

## SERMON

## Confession of Faith

An English translation of the Nicene Creed which dates to the 4<sup>th</sup> century. Standing together with Christians throughout the ages and throughout the world, we affirm our faith by saying these ancient words together.

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

Let us confess our faith, as we say,  
**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.  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshipped 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.**

#### **Prayers of the People**

The prayers of the people are the response of the whole community to the proclamation of the word. Baptized into Christ, and made one in his body, we pray with Jesus, who constantly prays for us and for all of creation (Hebrews 7:25).

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

God of light and power and glory, we rejoice in your light, we live by your power, we look for your glory. Open our eyes to behold your presence, that we may give ourselves to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord have mercy.**

For peace from on high and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world,  
for the welfare of the holy Church of God,  
and for the unity of all,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For bishop David,  
and for all clergy and people,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For Elizabeth our Queen,  
for the leaders of the nations,  
and for all in authority,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For this place where we live,  
for every city and community,  
and for those who live in them in faith,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who are affected by coronavirus,  
through illness or isolation or anxiety,  
that they may find relief and recovery,  
let us pray to the Lord,

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our own needs and the needs of others,  
for the lonely, the sick and the suffering ...  
(silent prayer)

Together we pray, **Lord have mercy**

Remembering all the saints,  
we commit ourselves, one another,  
and our whole life to Christ our God.

**To thee, O Lord.**

O Lord our God,  
you call us in the depths of our being:  
open our ears to your call, open our hearts to  
your love, open our minds to your will,  
that we may know you and give ourselves fully  
in your service, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
he welcomes sinners  
and invites them to his table.

Let us confess our sins,

### **Most merciful God ...**

The Confession is a prayer that frees us and gives us words that help us be fully honest with God, knowing He hears us, delights in us and longs for us to open our lives to his forgiving, reforming love.

### **Almighty God have mercy ...**

The Absolution, with the word 'absolute' tucked inside it, reminds us that God forgives us 'absolutely' - fully and entirely. Not only that, he steps alongside us to strengthen us and to guide us in walking down a new path.

### **The Peace**

Having confessed our sins and been assured of God's forgiveness, we offer each other a word of peace, dramatizing the unity and reconciliation that is ours in Christ. At this time, we will make eye contact rather than shake hands.

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

In this prayer, we are joining with all creation and the unseen heavenly hosts in giving praise and thanksgiving to God.

confident in God's forgiveness.

**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 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.**

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.  
**Amen.**

### **THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

### **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

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

Father, we spread this table to remember the loving sacrifice of Jesus Christ, your Son.  
Accept all we offer you this day.  
Bind us together in his love and in the love he has commanded us to bring one another;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Eucharistic Prayer

In this prayer, we give thanks to God for his work of creation and redemption which has culminated in the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Life as we know it has been completely transformed in Christ, and we are opening our lives to the renewing work of the Spirit as we pray together.

### Lift up your hearts ...

This line is called the *Sursum Corda* (Latin for 'lift up your hearts') and reminds us that we are entering the Lord's presence to bring our whole selves - all we hold dear and precious, our souls, minds and bodies - to God in thanksgiving and praise.

### Holy, holy, holy Lord...

The *Sanctus* reminds that our praise joins the praise of angels that is already happening. In an echo of Isaiah 6 and Matthew 21, its words stretch across time and place, holding both the power of the Holy, mysterious, unseen God and the earthy, full presence of his Son as he entered Jerusalem on a donkey.

## ***Eucharistic Prayer***

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God,

for you created all things.

You formed us in your own image:

male and female you created us.

When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people.

You made a covenant with Israel,

and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.

Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom;

through the prophets

you renewed your promise of salvation.

Therefore, with them, and with all your saints

who have served you in every age,

we give thanks and raise our voices

to proclaim the glory of your name.

**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.**



**On the night he freely  
gave himself ...**

This begins a section called the Institution. The bread is an outward sign of Jesus' body lifted up on the cross and broken for us, the wine an outward sign of Jesus' blood that was shed for us. Past, present and future come together in this shared meal. We not only remember an event of history, but we participate in a new reality. Jesus has opened up a new life for us, just as we share this bread and wine together.

Holy God, source of life and goodness,  
all creation rightly gives you praise.  
In the fullness of time,  
you sent your Son Jesus Christ,  
to share our human nature,  
to live and die as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you,  
the God and Father of all.  
He healed the sick  
and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;  
he opened the eyes of the blind  
and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom  
to the poor and to those in need.  
In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death,  
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread,  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,  
and said, " Take, 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."

Gracious God,  
his perfect sacrifice  
destroys the power of sin and death;  
by raising him to life  
you give us life for evermore.

### Therefore, we proclaim ...

Three simple phrases summarize the heart of our faith. Imagine yourself tucked in between 'Christ is risen' and 'Christ will come again'. We live in this in-between space, held firm in the promise of what has already happened and continually made ready in the renewing work of the Spirit for what is yet to come.

### Send your Holy Spirit ...

This section is known as the Epiclesis or Induction. It asks the Holy Spirit to come upon the bread the wine and upon all those who eat and drink at the Lord's Table that we might be one with God and with each other in the presence of Christ. This prayer takes us to the heart of communion in all its senses.

### The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer is a gift from our Lord Jesus Christ himself. It reminds us of who the Father is and who we are in relation to him, and it acknowledges what we actually need day to day (forgiveness, nourishment, protection, etc.). It is a prayer that grounds us in the strength of God and in our own daily dependence on Him.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Recalling his death,  
proclaiming his resurrection,  
and looking for his coming again in glory,  
we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these gifts,  
that all who eat and drink at this table  
may be one body and one holy people,  
a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory is yours, almighty Father,  
now and for ever. **Amen**

### *The Lord's Prayer*

Let us pray as our Savior taught us:

**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,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

The bread is broken so that all may share together, but we do this to remember Jesus' own practice of blessing and breaking the bread in table fellowship. Just like the disciples at Emmaus, we are meant to recognize our risen Lord in the breaking of the bread.

### ***The Breaking of the Bread***

"I am the bread of life," says the Lord.  
"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;  
Whoever believes in me will never thirst."

**Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
happy are they who trust in him.**

### ***The Communion***

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*If you have been baptized in any denomination in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, please join us at the Lord's Table for communion. All are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest at the communion rail.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**All your works praise you, O Lord.  
And your faithful servants bless you.**

**Gracious God  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son  
Jesus Christ.**

**May we, who share his body,  
live his risen life;  
we, who drink his cup,  
bring life to others;  
we, whom the Spirit lights,  
give light to the world.**

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before  
us, so that we and all your children shall be  
free, and the whole earth live to praise your  
name; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

### **Blessing**

These words of blessing come directly from St. Paul's letter to the church at Philippi while he was in prison (cir. 60 CE). They are for us too, even this far along, half a world away.

### **Dismissal**

The service is over, the work begins. God has given us everything we need for life and godliness, and he has called us in Christ to take part in his mission to renew all things.

## **BLESSING**

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and your minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always.

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve your risen Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

