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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

PRELUDE

THE OPENING HYMN *Hymnal 547*
"Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,"

THE WORD OF GOD

THE SALUTATION *BCP 355*
Please stand, as you are able.

THE GLORIA *BCP 356*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you
And also with you
Let us pray

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

Old Testament 2 Samuel 18:5-9,15,31-33

The king, David, ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that

day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David.

Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on.

And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you." The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man."

The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 130 *De profundis*

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done miss, *
O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.

- 5 My soul waits for the Lord,
 more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, *
for with the Lord there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
**and he shall redeem Israel from all their
 sins.**

The Epistle Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL HYMN *Hymnal 294*
“Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit”

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel John 6:35, 41-51

Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and

whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Rev. Robert Leaverton, ELCA

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand, as you are able.

**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 and the
Son.
With the Father and the Son he is
worshiped 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

In our trouble and need, we look to the Lord, the
giver of our daily bread, saying:
God of abundant grace, hear our prayer.

We pray for the church . . .
As Christ has given himself in love for us, help
us to give ourselves for others, a fragrant
offering and sacrifice of praise.
God of abundant grace, hear our prayer.

We pray for the world . . .
Give wisdom to the leaders of the world, that
they pursue peace instead of war and show
compassion in their decisions.
God of abundant grace, hear our prayer.

We pray for this community . . .
Put away all bitterness and anger among us;
teach us to be kind and tenderhearted, ready to
forgive and live in love.
God of abundant grace, hear our prayer.

We pray for loved ones . . .
Listen to the voices of those who cry to you;
deliver them from every trouble, so that they
may taste and see your goodness.
God of abundant grace, hear our prayer.

Generous God, as you provide for us each day,
nourish and strengthen us in faith and
faithfulness, so that we may share your grace in
a hungry world; through Jesus Christ, the bread
of life. **Amen**

PRAYER FOR A NEW DEAN

**Almighty God, look graciously on the people
of St. Peter's Cathedral. Be with us and lead
us as we seek the next Dean for our church.
Enlighten with your grace the Search
Committee. We ask for discernment,
wisdom, and guidance. We pray for whom
you guide to our parish, that they hear your
calling and join our congregation swiftly,
with joy in their hearts. We pray for the life
of our parish, that we may joyfully continue
to be strengthened in our mission to "Love
God and Our Neighbor and Make Disciples
for Christ." Give us courage to respond and
act as you lead us. We pray this through
Jesus Christ our Lord.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN **BCP 360**
Please kneel or sit reverently, as you are able.

THE PEACE **BCP 360**
Please stand, as you are able.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS
Please be seated.

PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS **BCP 830**
***Watch over your children, O Lord, as their
days increase; bless and guide them
wherever they may be. Strengthen them
when they stand; comfort them when
discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if
they fall; and in their hearts may your peace
which passes understanding abide all the
days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.***

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY *Hymnal 302*
“Father, we thank thee who has planted”

THE DOXOLOGY

Please stand, as you are able.

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below; praise
him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A *BCP 361*

THE SANCTUS *BCP 362*

THE CONSECRATION *BCP 362*

Please kneel or stand, as you are able.

THE LORD’S PRAYER *BCP 364*

BREAKING OF THE BREAD *BCP 364*

**THE PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL
COMMUNION** *(for those attending remotely)*

In union, O Lord, with thy faithful people at every altar of thy Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to thee praise and thanksgiving. I remember thy death, Lord Christ; I proclaim thy resurrection; I await thy coming in glory. Since I cannot receive thee today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with thy grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from thee. May I live in thee, and thou in me, in this life and in the life to come. ***Amen***

THE COMMUNION HYMN *Hymnal 335*
“I am the bread of life;”

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *BCP 365*

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING HYMN *Hymnal 51*
“We the Lord’s people,”

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

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