

## **The Prelude**

**The Hymn**The strife is o'er

Hymnal 208

### The Word of God

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known and from you no secrets are hid: 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.* 

#### **Gloria in Excelsis**



## **Collect of the Day**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

The First lesson Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders it has become the cornerstone.

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks to be God

<u>Psalm 23</u> Please recite the Psalm responsively by half verse.

The Lord is my shepherd therefore can I lack nothing.

You Lord make me lie down in green pastures and lead me beside the waters of peace.

You revive my spirit and guide me in right pathways for your names sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil for you are with me, your rod and your staff are my comfort.

You spread a table for me in the sight of my enemies

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is overflowing.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever

1 John 3:16-24

A reading from first John

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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People Thanks to be God

**The Hymn** The Easter day with joy Hymnal 193 V 1-3

The Holy Gospel John 10:11-18

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People Glory to you Lord Christ

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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

Please be seated.

#### The Prayers of the People

Layreader: Loving God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kindom.

God of liberation, we pray for all your children who enslaved by human trafficking;

Free them from their bondage, heal them of their wounds, and protect them from future harm.

We pray for all retirees, that may know community, health, and peace in their daily lives. (pause)

We give thanks for the members of our Vestry. I invite your prayers of thanksgiving. (pause)

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially our companion dioceses of Nzara, Brechin, and Swaziland and those in need of prayer, Fr. Steve, David H., Jose, Caryl, Cherilyn, Sandra, Andrea Jo, John T., Bill, Ben, Courtney, Liz S., Tom S., Ann, Will, Diane, William, Jerry, Rorie, Beatriz, Gaye, Spencer, Scarlett, Jonas, Danielle, Irene, Sean, John, Rick, Jade, and Amanda. Are there others? (pause)

We invite all those with birthdays or anniversaries, to come forward at this time.

O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer now and for ever. **Amen**.

#### **The Peace**

Celebrant The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Please be seated.

### **Announcements**

Celebrant Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to

the Lord.

<u>The Offertory</u> Sing ye Faithful Hymnal 492

(Donations may be made online at <u>www.saintpetersbettendorf.org/donate</u> or in the alms basin)

When the offering is brought up

Celebrant All things come of you, O Lord

People And of your own we have given you.

We believe that Christ is present with us as we share in the sacrament of Communion. We invite all who are drawn by this faith to join us.

#### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

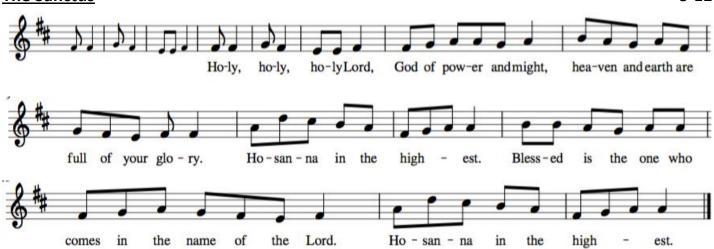
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People It is right to give thanks and praise.

We praise you, God of freedom, for you breathed life into the void and showed yourself as the one who loves in freedom. From the nothingness of slavery, you called a people into being and led them to springs of life; the presence of your glory went with shattered exiles into strange and distant lands and gathered from the valley of despair the flesh and blood of living hope.

In Jesus, you confronted the powers that killed and oppressed you spoke to those considered dead and helped them stand again; he taught us to die that we might live. He gave himself for us tortured and forsaken, but he could not be confined by death; in the garden he speaks our name, in the breaking of the bread he shows himself among us; by the lakeside in the new day, he calls us to take up his work.

Therefore, with all who lost faith, all who walked away in sadness, with the women at the tomb, and the men who hid in fear we confess ourselves surprised by the suddenness of dawn and join the undying song of heaven:





We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.' In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.' As on that night, so here and now, he offers himself to touch and taste beyond all words can hold.

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, we come to him in whom all is created in heaven and on earth, who's cross and resurrection make all things new. We offer this to you, asking you to smile upon the gift we bring, for you alone are the Giver and Christ's the gift through which we live once and for all. Through him who was emptied to bear your fullness we make our prayer with all created life to the glory of the God who fills all in all now and forever. **Amen.** 

# **The Lord's Prayer**

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died

for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Approach the altar rail as directed by the usher. Stand or kneel as you wish. The priest will distribute the bread and then the lay minister will bring a chalice, you may dip the wafer or share from the common cup. The chalice bearer will wipe the cup between each person. If you want only a blessing, you may approach the alter rail with your hands crossed over your chest.

#### The Communion Hymn

Christ is alive (blue hymnal)

Hymnal 182

#### **Post-Communion Prayer**

Risen Christ, whom we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands; the word of life in whom our joy is complete: send us out to declare your truth, your unshakable faith in the world you love. Amen.

## The Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

May the living God remove the suffocating shroud that lies upon our world; may the risen Savior draw the sting of death, bringing all to life in him; May the flowing Spirit set us and all creation free and seal our hearts with faith; and the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us all, now and forever. **Amen.** 

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# The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

# The Postlude

## **Our Servers This Morning**

Celebrant ......The Rev. Dr. Elaine Caldbeck Guest Musician ......Xin-Yan

Lay reader.....Jeremy Gray Acolyte/Chalice.....Jeremy Gray

Usher ......Rick Leuthauser

Coffee Host .....Kitty McAndrews

#### **Announcements**

• We invite you to join us for coffee, snacks, and conversation after this morning's service.

### **Calendar of Events**

April 28 9:30 am Holy Eucharist Pentecost Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> 9:30am Holy Eucharist May 12<sup>th</sup> 9:30am Holy Eucharist

May 19 9:30 am Holy Eucharist

### Vestry 2024

Warden: Jane Heesch

Vestry Members: Carolyn Krenos-Bodnar, Jennifer Busch, Kitty McAndrews, Bob Petrie, Mary

Jo Huddleston, Amanda Smith

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