

Rogation Sunday

May 9, 4:00 p.m. & May 10, 2026, 10:30 a.m.
Mass ~ Rite II ~ 6th Sunday of Easter



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THE ROGATION PROCESSION

Please gather in the Memorial Garden (if able) for the beginning of the service.
(10:30 a.m. service only)

Introit: *WITH a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, alleluia;
utter it even unto the ends of the earth: the LORD hath deliverèd his people, alleluia, alleluia.
O be joyful in God, all ye lands: sing praises unto the honor of his Name;
make his praise to be glorious. Glory be....*

Opening Salutation

Presider: *Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.*

People: *Glory to God for ever and ever.*

Bountiful God of heaven and earth: By your gracious providence give and preserve the harvests of the land and sea for the good of all creatures, that those who receive good things from your hand may always give you thanks and praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Presider: Let us go forth in peace.

People: *In the name of Christ. Amen.*

Rogation Hymn

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Insert

Isaiah 56:6b-7 [At the door of the church is read]

.All who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

Presider: *Let us pray.*

Holy God, you give your people a desire to know and to worship you: bless all who gather here in your name, that they may find a welcome and lift their hearts and voices in praise of you, who makes us a new creation in Jesus Christ, through whom we pray. **Amen.**

THE ENTRANCE RITE

The Great Litany

[Said at 4:00 p.m., Sung at 10:30 a.m.]

Opening Salutation

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

O God, from whom all good proceeds: You established your covenant with all creation. Guide us and all your people, that we may walk upon the earth in righteousness and peace, and honor you in our kinship with all your creatures; through our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

[seated]

The First Lesson The Acts of the Apostles 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Celebrant and People

Faithful God in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. We thank you for feeding us with this bread. May it strengthen us that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may embody your desire and be renewed for your service through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Easter Blessing [Stand]

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn

“All creatures of our God and King”

Hymnal 400

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

Concluding Voluntary

Memorial Acclamation Therefore we proclaim the mystery the faith:

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Book 364 / Hymnal S119

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem: "Christ our Passover"

(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

If you have been baptized with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; you are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Hymn

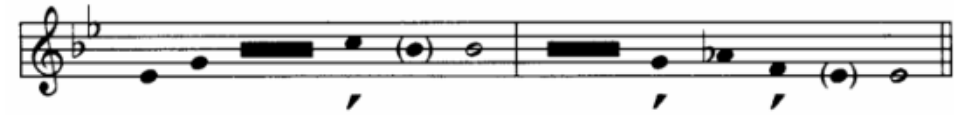
"Bread of heaven, on thee we feed"

Hymnal 323

The Postcommunion Prayer *[Kneeling]*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Psalm 66:7-18 *Jubilate Deo*



- 7 Bless our God, you péoples; *
make the voice of his práise to bé heard;
- 8 Who holds our sóuls in life, *
and will not allow our féet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have próved us; *
you have tried us just as sílver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens úpon óur backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and wáter; *
but you brought us out into a place óf refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay yóu my vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I wás in tróuble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smóke of rams; *
I will give you óxen ánd goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who féar God, *
and I will tell you what hé has dóne for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my móuth, *
and his práise was ón my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my héart, *
the Lord would nót have héard me;
- 17 But in truth God has héard me; *
he has attended to the vóice of mý prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my práyer, *
nor withhéld his lóve from me. *[Ant.]*

The Epistle 1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

The Sequence Hymn "O Jesus, crowned with all renown" Hymnal 292



✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Saint John 14:15-21

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

The Sermon *[seated]*

The Nicene Creed *[Stand as able.]*

Dr. Victor Matthews

Prayer Book 358

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: *And also with you.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Anthem:

Hymn:

"Beautiful Savior"

"Joyful, joyful, we adore thee"

Robert E. Lee

Hymnal 376

The Great Thanksgiving

The Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer A)

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 him thanks and praise.*

[kneeling]

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus: Holy, holy, holy

Hymnal S128

[Kneel as able, stand]

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, 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 stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words the Celebrant holds or lays a hand upon the bread; and at the words concerning the cup, he holds or lays a hand upon the cup or any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and 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."