THE HOLY EUCHARIST LENT 1 (YEAR B)

ENTRANCE HYMN

THE GREETING

The grace and peace of our Saviour Jesus Christ be with you, and also with you.

Dear friends in Christ, since early days Christians have observed with great devotion the time of our Lord's passion and resurrection and prepared for this by a season of penitence and fasting. By carefully keeping these days, Christians take to heart the call to repentance and the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel, and so grow in faith and in devotion to our Lord. I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy word.

THE KYRIES

O God, you know our foolishness and our sins are not hidden from you: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Let not the flood overwhelm us nor the depths swallow us up; let not the pit shut its mouth upon us. Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Hear us, O Lord, as your loving kindness is good; turn to us as your compassion is great. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us. Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray for grace to keep Lent faithfully.

God of our salvation, your bow in the clouds proclaims your covenant with every living creature. Teach us your paths and lead us in your truth, so that by your Holy Spirit, we may remember our baptismal vows and be keepers of your trust with earth and its inhabitants. Amen.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth." **GENESIS 9:8-17**

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church, **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25 Refrain: The paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemy's triumph over me. Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. **R**.

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long \mathbf{R} .

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord. \mathbf{R}

Gracious and upright are you, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners in your way. You guide the humble in doing right and teach your way to the lowly. **R**.

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER

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.**1 Peter 3:18-22**

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HYMN

THE HOLY GOSPEL The Lord be with you, **and also with you.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." MARK 1:9-15

The Gospel of Christ **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE SERMON

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Let us declare our faith in God, We believe in God the Father,

from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With confidence and trust, let us pray to the Father.

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church (especially...) let us pray to the Father: Lord of compassion, in your mercy, hear us.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, let us pray to the Father: **Lord of compassion, in your mercy, hear us.**

For peace in the world (especially...) that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, let us pray to the Father: **Lord of compassion, in your mercy, hear us.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer (especially...) for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, let us pray to the Father: Lord of compassion, in your mercy, hear us.

In communion with all those who have walked in the way of holiness (. ...) let us pray to the Father. Lord of compassion, in your mercy, hear us.

God our Father, in your love and goodness you have taught us to come close to you in penitence with prayer, fasting and generosity; accept our Lenten discipline, and when we fall by our weakness, raise us up by your unfailing mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us call to mind our sin and the infinite mercy of God.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us. For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE God has called us to live in peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you, **and also with you.** Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS God of our journey, as we walk with you on your path of obedience, sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING 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 right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

But we turn against you and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Therefore, we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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. Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, 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."

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord. **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER As our Saviour taught us, let us pray, 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD We break this bread, **Communion in Christ's body once broken.** Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying. **If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

THE COMMUNION The gifts of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION HYMN

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION AND BLESSING Let us pray,

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

May God the Father, who does not despise the broken spirit, give to you a contrite heart. **Amen.**

May Christ, who bore our sins in his body on the tree, heal you by his wounds. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth, speak to you words of pardon and peace. **Amen.**

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN

THE DISMISSAL

Let us continue in our Lenten journey. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** Acknowledgements: (a) the collect of the day, 'Trial Use Collects for Years A, B, and C etc. Anglican Church of Canada', and the psalm, 'A Liturgical Psalter. General Synod 2016 Edition. For trial use within the Anglican Church of Canada.' Also, from "Becoming the Story We Tell,' 31, 32 – introduction to confession, confession and absolution, (alt.), and Eucharistic prayer (S2). (b) from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), prayer after communion, 65; (c) from the Church of England's *Common Worship: Times and Seasons* (2006) greeting, 223; introduction from Ash Wednesday (alt), 223; kyries (alt), 260 B1; an affirmation of faith, 100; prayers of the people (alt), 215; prayer over the gifts, 217 K3; and final blessings and dismissal, 235, and Lord's Prayer; and (d) *New Patterns for Worship* (2016) peace, 351, and introduction to the Lord's Prayer, 183, F29

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